

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 July 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs A Peet (Chair), K Almond, C Gibbons, J Forrest, J Kearton, S Mosalski, S Parkinson, B Thompson.

79.09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor S Thompson and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

80.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Forrest, as an employee of Villages in Partnership, and B Thompson, as a member of the Town Twinning Association, declared personal interests in Agenda Item 11 (Village Green).

81.09 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 10 June 2009

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

82.09 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

Lancashire County Council advised there was no suitable location on Town Road for an additional bus stop as requested by a resident.

83.09 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Resolved: the financial update be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillors considered a grant request from Vitalise towards the cost of respite breaks for disabled people and subsidy costs for volunteers. There was no proposer for the request.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

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| £ 322.79 | Employee 1 | Salary |
| £ 317.48 | Employee 2 | Salary |
| £ 79.40 | HM Revenue & Customs | Tax |
| £ 445.44 | Employee 2 | Salary |
| £ 37.50 | Croston Old School | Room hire |
| £ 37.89 | Galaxy Print | Lengthsmans safety boots |
| £ 360.00 | B & C Norris | Wayside seat painting and repair |
| £ 90.00 | A P Griffiths | Repairs to noticeboards |
| £ 322.79 | Employee 1 | Salary |
| £ 317.58 | Employee 2 | Salary |
| £ 79.40 | HM Revenue & Customs | Tax |

84.09 Planning Matters

The following application was considered:

09/00413/FUL Sub division of existing dwelling to form two dwellings, including demolition of link and external alterations Sumners Moss Farm, Carr Lane.

Councillors had no comments regarding the application.

85.09 Annual Return 2008-2009

Councillors considered the report of the External Auditor and the finalised Annual Return.

Resolved: the Annual Return be accepted and approved.

86.09 Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings

Councillors considered a request from the Community Beat Manager to facilitate a quarterly PACT meeting prior to Parish Council meetings.

Resolved: the Parish Council will cover the costs of a half hour meeting on a quarterly basis.

87.09 Neighbourhood Action Plan

Details of Chorley Council's Western Parishes Neighbourhood Action Plan were considered.

Resolved: details of the Action Plan be noted.

88.09 Bus Shelters

The provision of a bus shelter by Bishop Rawstone School, under the Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Bus Shelter Grant, was considered. A consultation process, taking around nine months to complete, will be necessary and, once in place, the shelter will become the property of the Parish Council and cleaning, maintenance, repairs, insurance and electricity costs will be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Resolved: a request for a shelter, under the Parish and Town Council Bus Shelter Grant be submitted and Chorley Council be requested to cover the cleaning and maintenance.

89.09 Village Green

A request, from Villages in Partnership, for use of the Village Green on Sunday 19 July 2009, for a daytime barbecue in conjunction with Help Direct, was considered. Councillors discussed potential impact on neighbouring businesses and it was felt the nearby pubs would benefit.

Resolved: permission be granted subject to completion of a risk assessment by Villages in Partnership and confirmation of insurance cover.

Useage of the existing electricity supply for the Christmas lights, by users of the Green was discussed. The Clerk is to investigate the possibility with the electricity supplier.

Councillors considered a request from Villages in Partnership to permit the siting of a display board for the Croston Heritage Walk adjacent to the Parish Council noticeboard, and for the Parish Council to adopt this, and two further boards, for insurance purposes.

Resolved: permission for the siting be granted and the Council will adopt the three boards.

90.09 North West in Bloom

The brochure is almost complete and the route for the Judges, which will incorporate meeting with residents and project workers, finalised.

91.09 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

92.09 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 September 2009.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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