

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 March 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

24.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Kearton and S Thompson.

25.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

26.09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2009

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

27.09 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

Open gates, protecting unsecured sewer inspection covers on Jubilee Way, were reported. The river wall on Grape Lane appears to be unsafe due to trees growing out of it and the public footpath from The Orchard to Out Lane is in poor condition. A resident expressed concerns regarding potential damage to property by a tree on the Village Green. Permission to remove the tree had been declined by Chorley Council. A resident reported problems on Back Drinkhouse Lane with HGV's visiting Drinkhouse Farm.

A meeting of interested parties regarding the rerouting of public footpath FP1 is to be arranged.

28.09 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

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

£ 322.79	Employee 1	Salary
£ 316.61	Employee 2	Salary
£ 79.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 145.51	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 100.00	North West Air Ambulance	Donation
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 215.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 40.00	North West in Bloom	Entry fee
£ 15.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village	Entry fee
£ 420.00	A P Griffiths	Supply of, and repairs to noticeboards
£ 34.80	Euxton Parish Council	Fixings for litter cart

£ 20.64 Galaxy Print

Safety clothing

29.09 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00107/FUL Erection of conservatory to rear of property at 46 Grape Lane.

09/00148/FUL Single storey rear and side extension at 102 Moor Road.

Resolved: no comments be made relating to the applications.

30.09 Appointment of the Internal Auditor

The appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year was considered.

Resolved: the appointment of Mr John Lawson as Internal Auditor be confirmed.

31.09 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2009

Councillors considered entries for the Certificate of Merit categories.

Resolved: St Michaels Church, Croston Old School, Croston Community Centre, St Michael's Terrace, Jubilee Alms Houses, Croston Park Care Home, Croston Corn Mill, the Grapes, the Black Horse, noticeboards on the Village Green and Station Car Park, the War Memorial, Croston Subscription Bowling Club, the Black Horse Bowling Green and Croston Cricket Club be entered into their respective categories.

32.09 North West in Bloom 2009

Councillors considered entries into the Neighbourhood Awards Category. Residents of Church Street and The Orchard had expressed a wish to take part.

Resolved: Church Street and The Orchard be entered into the Small Neighbourhoods category.

33.09 Litter/Dog Fouling Campaign

Councillors considered a joint litter and dog fouling campaign with neighbouring parish councils. Initially the campaign would take the form of raising public awareness via leaflets, posters and stickers for litter bins. Some funding may be available from Chorley Council.

Resolved: the Council is to join the campaign and the Clerk is to move the initiative forward and investigate the availability of the funding.

34.09 Village Green

A request, from the Town Twinning Association, to use the Village Green on 11 July 2009 for the Bastille Day Fair, was considered.

Resolved: permission be granted subject to completion of a risk assessment by the Association and confirmation of insurance cover.

Work on the seating areas has commenced. The Town Twinning Association is to delay installation of its seat until early September.

35.09 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

36.09 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 April 2009.

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

..... (Chairman)