

## CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 14 October 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon.

### 106.09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor C Gibbons and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

### 107.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Almond and Forrest, as Trustees of Croston Community Centre, declared prejudicial interests in items forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters).

### 108.09 Minutes of Meeting held 9 September 2009

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

### 109.09 Public Participation

#### i) Police Report

No report.

#### ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

#### iii) Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

### 110.09 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 Croston Community Centre towards the cost of refurbishment of the toilet block.

Resolved: a grant of £500 be awarded.

Councillors considered a request from Lancashire County Council for the Parish Council to administer the funds for the Japanese Knotweed Eradication Scheme.

Resolved: the Parish Council is to administer the funds.

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

£ 324.61	Employee 1	Salary
£ 339.84	Employee 2	Salary
£ 85.00	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 18.75	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 200.00	Croston Community Centre	Grant - Tots Group
£ 100.00	Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team	Grant
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 100.00	Cash	Remembrance Day donation
£ 73.31	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area inspection

### 111.09 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

112.09 Internal Audit

Councillors carried out the annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson be appointed and the fee be set at £60.

113.09 Boundary Stone

A suggestion to purchase a boundary stone, from a farm in Heapey dealing in reclaimed stone, was considered. The stone would be sited on Bretherton Road, at the parish boundary with Bretherton. The bona fide status of the supplier is to be ascertained prior to an approach to Lancashire County Council for consent to site the stone.

114.09 Entrance to Jubilee Way

Councillors considered a suggestion to remove the stone pillars at the entrance to Jubilee Way as they wrongly describe the estate as Croston Bank, provide an advert for the developer and, allegedly impair the line of sight for vehicles. A resident had mentioned one of the pillars was causing damp in an outside wall. Chorley Council is in the process of adopting the area.

An article is to be included in the next newsletter to gauge resident opinion.

115.09 Policies and Protocols

Existing policies and protocols were reviewed and found to be in order. Further policies are to be introduced on a meeting by meeting basis.

116.09 Village Green

Councillors considered a request, from Croston Village Festivities Group, for use of the Village Green on Sunday 13 December 2009, for the Christmas Festivities Event.

Resolved: permission be granted subject to completion of a risk assessment by the Croston Village Festivities Group and confirmation of insurance cover.

A request, from the Festivities Group, for support for the Event was considered. As the request was not for a particular tangible item there was no proposer however the Council is happy to support the event by allowing the use of the Village Green.

117.09 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

118.09 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Lancashire Local - Syd Brook Lane, between Grape Lane and Tincklers Lane in Eccleston is to benefit from permanent pothole patching under the Additional Highways Allocation budget.

119.09 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2009.

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

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