

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 7 April 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor D Dickinson and S Clarke (Chorley Council).

40.10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from S Bentley.

41.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Forrest, as an employee of Villages in Partnership, declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 (Online Community Diary), Cllr Peet, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of agenda item 6 (Planning Matters).

42.10 Minutes of Meeting held 10 March 2010

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

43.10 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough and County Councillors

No reports.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

Simon Clarke, Head of Environment at Chorley Council, provided information regarding the mechanics of setting up a Community Flood Plan for the village. Chorley Council is responsible for dealing with the aftermath of flooding and Lancashire County Council provides a multi agency flood plan involving emergency services however, householders are personally responsible for the flood defences for their property. The Community Flood Plan would involve volunteers on a local basis. The matter is to be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Concerns were raised regarding the siting of a road sign on Town Road, by the river wall, at the narrowest point of the pavement, and also on the narrow pavement by Coffee Cottage

A resident advised of litter problems on The Moss. Councillors advised the area had been tidied up in March and Quantil farms had assisted with the disposal of large items.

The closure of the waste recycling facility at Rufford was mentioned.

44.10 Financial Matters

The Clerk provided evidence of submission of the precept request to Chorley Council.

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:

£ 326.73	Employee 1	Salary
£ 320.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 80.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 18.75	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 71.79	Chorley Council	Dog waste bin emptying

45.10 Planning Matters

10/00096/TCON Crown reduction and crown thinning to Silver Birch at 3 Hall Cottages, Grape Lane.

10/00129/FUL Proposed double garage and insertion of a window to the first floor of the south east elevation at 43 Town Road.

10/00142/FUL Amendment to approved plans (09/00692/FUL) to form 1st floor extension at 102 Station Road.

10/00171/FUL Conversion of barn into residential dwelling at 43 Town Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

An open day for viewing of preliminary plans for the erection of social housing on the site of the former orchard on Moor Road was announced.

46.10 Village Green

Councillors considered a request from the organisers of Croston Arts Day to use the Village Green and car park on Sunday 25 April 2010.

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

Cllr Thompson declared a personal interest in the following item.

Councillors considered a request from the Town Twinning Association to use the Village Green and car park on Saturday 10 July 2010 or the Bastille Day Celebrations.

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

47.10 J Kearton Memorial

Family members would prefer the Parish Council to be involved and further suggestions provided included a raised garden or flowerbed and a paved area in the vicinity of the existing signpost on the Village Green. A request was made by a Councillor for the installation of a lighting column on the Green, to replace the signpost and a further suggestion to locate a column by the seating area was made. Costings for installation of a power supply are to be obtained from Lancashire County Council for both locations. Indications of costs for a raised garden are also to be obtained.

48.10 Chorley Civic Society Awards

Councillors considered nominations for the Civic Society Awards.

Resolved: the Methodist Church extension and car park, Croston Community Centre Stables and the Heritage Trail be nominated.

49.10 Skate Park Equipment

Councillors considered the sale of the half pipe and grind rail to South Ribble Borough Council, for £500, with dismantling and removal of the equipment and reinstatement of the ground to be carried out by the purchaser.

Resolved: the sale of the half pipe and grind rail be agreed.

50.10 Online Community Diary

A suggestion to subscribe to an online community diary was considered. Councillors felt the general idea was a good one but alternatives may be available at no cost. Councillors are to investigate the alternatives and report back.

51.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

52.10 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, in accordance with Part 1(section 1) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: Members of the public be excluded for the consideration of the following item.

53.10 Code of Conduct

Councillors considered a possible breach of the Code of Conduct by a County Councillor.

Resolved: a complaint be made to Lancashire County Council's Monitoring Officer.

54.10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 18 May 2010.

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

..... (Chairman)