

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 26 July 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 4 Members of the Public

### 87.10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Baker, S Bentley and B Thompson and County Councillor K Iddon.

### 88.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 89.10 Minutes of Meeting held 15 June 2010

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

### 90.10 Public Participation

#### i) Police Report

No report.

#### ii) Borough and County Councillors

No reports.

#### iii) Residents Points of Interest

Residents advised of problems with a hedge on Castle Walks, which has been allowed to grow in height and obscure light to the extent that many residents are not comfortable using the public footpath. The Clerk is to report the hedge to Lancashire County Council's Countryside Officers.

A resident advised of problems on Shevington Causeway during the recent heavy rain. Improvements to the concrete retaining barrier were suggested. Councillors advised this had been discussed at the inaugural Community Flood Plan meeting.

### 91.10 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 Village Festivities Group towards the replacement of Christmas lights and electricity costs. The Council had assisted with the initial purchase of lights and Councillors were of the opinion that this request related to running costs. A proposal to contribute towards replacement lights was defeated.

Councillors considered the ratification of an the increased offer of £150, to Bretherton Parish Council, for the purchase of one half of its part share in the SpID, in line with an offer from Heskin Parish Council.

Resolved: the offer of £150 be ratified.

A recent review of the bank account had revealed that, when new signatories had been added, former Councillors were not removed.

Resolved: an instruction to remove former Councillors from the bank mandate be signed.

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	PAYE
£ 30.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 224.79	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 150.00	Bretherton Parish Council	Share of SpID
£ 300.00	A Powell	Grasscutting
£ 395.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 80.00	Croston Women's Institute	Grant
£ 277.30	S J Wignall	Japanese Knotweed treatment
£ 70.50	Ark Welding	Repairs to Play Area fence
£ 123.37	Ark Welding	Repairs to Play Area gate
£ 326.73	Employee 1	August Salary
£ 320.76	Employee 2	August Salary
£ 80.20	HM Revenue & Customs	August PAYE

#### 92.10 Planning Matters

10/00467/FUL Erection of play area enclosed by a 1.8m high fence at Trinity And St Michael's School, Out Lane.

10/00498/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of two-storey rear extension and erection of car port/store to side at Grape Cottage 52 Grape Lane

10/00559/LBC Works to Grade II public house to include external repairs, full redecoration and new signage proposals. Trade area works to include internal redecoration, new flooring, toilet refurbishment and modification to the bar counter at The Lord Nelson Inn, Out Lane.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

#### 93.10 Village Green

Following vehicular damage to two bollards on the Village Green car park, Councillors considered a suggestion to lengthen the bollards to allow more of the bollards to be buried underground in order to increase stability, at a cost of £160 (+VAT) per bollard.

Resolved: two bollards, at a cost of £320 (+VAT) be lengthened.

Councillors considered a request from Croston Village Festivities Group to use the Village Green and car park on Sunday 13 December 2010 for the Christmas Festivities. Any permission should be granted subject to receipt of a duly signed licence.

Resolved: permission be granted subject to completion of the licence.

#### 94.10 Recreation Ground Entrance Gate

A request to relocate the vehicle entrance gate to its former position on the boundary of the Recreation Ground had been received. In view of the new pedestrian access, installed as part of the Former Methodist School Development, Councillors also considered a suggestion to remove the existing pedestrian access, via the kissing gate, completely.

Resolved: a gate for vehicular access only, be installed on the boundary of the Recreation Ground.

95.10 Speed Indicator Device

Councillors considered a request from Charnock Richard Parish Council to purchase a part of the Council's share in the Device. Councillors preferred to retain the share in the device to provide increased usage within the Village.

96.10 Community Flood Plan

A report from the inaugural meeting held on 7 July 2010 was provided. The meeting, the first of four projected meetings, was attended by representatives of the Environment Agency and Chorley Council and was intended to form the basis for the Community Flood Plan. Residents in attendance provided information based on past experiences of flooding in the village.

97.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Council Clerks Meeting discussed issues relating to the devolution of services from County Council, improvements in the street cleaning regime, improved recycling, a play and open space strategy and the Play and Recreation Fund.

The Lancashire County Council Champion for Parishes attended the Borough Parish Liaison Meeting. Devolved services, locality working and speed indicator devices were discussed.

98.10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 September 2010.

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

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