

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 10 March 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present County Councillor K Iddon and 1 Member of the Public.

### 26.10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Baker and S Parkinson.

### 27.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 28.10 Councillors Vacancy

Councillors considered applications for co-option.

Resolved: Mr Stephen Bentley be co-opted.

### 29.10 Minutes of Meeting held 10 February 2010

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

### 30.10 Public Participation

#### i) Police Report

Two crimes had been reported. The local Pubwatch Scheme has been extended to include Bretherton, Ecclestone and Mawdesley.

#### ii) Borough and County Councillors

Lancashire County Council is to install a traffic control scheme on Town Road, where the road is particularly narrow, in the vicinity of Coffee Cottage, to prevent vehicles mounting, and driving along, the pavement. The 'Give Way' signs at the junction of The Orchard with Moor Road have not been replaced following resurfacing.

#### iii) Residents Points of Interest

Residents attending the Annual Parish Meeting had expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of available primary school places for the forthcoming year's intake.

Concerns were raised regarding disparaging comments made by a Member of Lancashire County Council, towards a member of the Parish Council, during a recent radio interview.

### 31.10 Financial Matters

The Clerk provide 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
£ 190.08	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 6.36	E.on	Christmas lights electricity
£ 143.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing

£	15.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry
£	40.00	North West in Bloom Competition	Entry

### 32.10 Planning Matters

10/00041/FUL Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land as domestic curtilage at Folly Cottage, Syd Brook Lane.

10/00104/FUL Demolition of the existing attached garage and the erection of a single storey side/rear extension. Erection of a detached double garage to the side of the dwelling, alterations to the front elevation incorporating a new chimney and porch and erection of a porch to the side of the dwelling at 43 Grape Lane.

10/00117/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension to create conservatory at 66 Drinkhouse Road.

10/00127/FUL Erection of single storey extension to create additional living accommodation and garage at 23 Drinkhouse Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

### 33.10 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

### 34.10 J Kearton Memorial

At the February meeting the Council resolved to have its suggestions of naming the proposed picnic area on the Recreation Ground or renaming the Recreation Ground in memory of John, and providing a large plaque for the entrance put to the family. It was reported that the family would prefer a light on the Village Green. At the February meeting Councillors were advised that, following enquiries with Chorley Council's Conservation Officer and Lancashire County Council's Lighting Section, the likely cost for the installation of a conservation style lamp and power supply would be in excess of £2500.

Councillors considered suggestions to either have the monies paid over to the Parish Council, as per the original intention, which would then decide upon a suitable tribute or for the Family to be advised to utilise the funds for a tribute without the involvement of the Parish Council.

It was proposed that the Family, with the Council's blessing, be invited to arrange the tribute of their choice without the involvement on the Parish Council.

A request for a recorded vote was made, by Cllr Almond, under Council Standing Order 6(b):

For: Cllrs Forrest, Gibbons, Mosalski, Peet and Thompson.

Against: None.

Abstentions: Cllr Almond.

Resolved: the family are to be advised to arrange a tribute without the involvement of the Parish Council approached with the Council's suggestions.

### 35.10 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2010

Councillors considered entries for the Certificate of Merit categories.

Resolved: St Michael's Church, the Methodist Church, Croston Old School, Croston Community Centre, St Michael's Terrace, Jubilee Alms Houses, Croston Park Care Home, Trinity and St Michaels Primary School, Croston Corn Mill, Westhead Road Chip Shop, Favourites, the Grapes, the Black Horse, Cock Fight Barn, Yarrow Cottage, noticeboards on the Station Car Park and the

Heritage Trail noticeboard on The Croft, the War Memorial, Croston Subscription Bowling Club, the Black Horse Bowling Green, Croston Cricket Club, Bishop Chester's Wood and the WI Garden be entered into their respective categories.

#### 36.10 Boundary Stone

Lancashire County Council's Traffic and Safety Team had declined the Council's request for a stone to be placed on the boundary with Bretherton and had, instead, suggested a post mounted sign. As this alternative is not acceptable Councillors did not wish to take the matter further.

#### 37.10 Castle Walks

A suggestion to request the redesignation of Public Right of Way FP5 (Town Road to Turflands) as highway was considered. The surface of the path, which is more than adequate for a public right of way but may not be so for a path designated as highway, at the approach to the bridge over the River Yarrow has lead to complaints.

Resolved: the County Council be asked to consider the redesignation of the path as highway.

#### 38.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Councillors attending a forum on guidance for developing local play areas reported there is little funding available at present. What is available is aimed at creative play and natural play environments. Several agencies are available to provide advice.

Chorley Council Clerk's Meeting - a draft application for S106 monies bids was presented and information on the Commons and Greens Act provided.

#### 25.10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7 April 2010.

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

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