

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held 18 May 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

55.10 Election of Chairman for 2010 - 2011

Resolved: Cllr Peet be re-elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Peet signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Resolved: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

56.10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S Mosalski.

57.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Thompson, as a member of the Town Twinning Association, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of agenda item 12 (Village Green). Cllr Peet, as an employee of an applicant, declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 (Planning Matters).

58.10 Election of Vice Chairman for 2010 - 2011

Resolved: Cllr Parkinson be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

59.10 Appointment of Planning Committee

Resolved: the following be appointed:

The Chairman and Councillors Almond, Forrest and Parkinson.

60.10 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Peet.

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond.

61.10 Minutes of Meeting held 7 April 2010

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

62.10 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough and County Councillors

No reports.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A vehicle, displaying "For sale" signs was reported as being parked on the Village Green car park for over two weeks. It was thought to belong to a resident of Moor Road. Discussions regarding the prevention of long term parking were discussed.

Resident had queried the provision of a seat by the Chemist.

63.10 Financial Matters

The Clerk provided evidence of receipt of the precept.

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 Scout Group towards the purchase of new tents.

Resolved: a grant of £400 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant request from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the purchase of safety clothing.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant request from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility towards operating expenses. There was no proposer for the request.

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

£ 420.00	A P Griffiths	Noticeboard
£ 326.73	Employee 1	Salary
£ 320.96	Employee 2	Salary
£ 80.00	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 382.64	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 60.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£ 554.60	S J Wignall	Japanese Knotweed treatment
£ 1249.35	Broker Network	Annual insurance premium

64.10 Planning Matters

10/00221/FUL Improvement to outdoor play area used by Croston Pre - school at The Old School, Church Street.

10/00227/FUL Retrospective application for the formation of 3 no. permeably surfaced off road parking spaces at 10m South Of 19 Brookfield.

10/00234/TCON Crown raise by 4 meters a Horse Chestnut tree to provide more light and a better shape to the tree at 31 Yarrow Close

10/00250/FUL Erection of a lean to greenhouse to the side of the property at Park View, 38 Grape Lane

10/00264/FUL Installation of cycle storage shelter and concrete base at Bishop Rawstorne C Of E International Language College Out Lane.

10/00277/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension to create a conservatory at 38 Jubilee Way.

10/00289/FUL Demolition of the exiting attached double garage and the erection of a two storey side extension to create additional living space and a single storey attached garage at 10 Coniston Way.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

65.10 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

Councillors considered the Annual Return and report of the Internal Auditor (as circulated).

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the report of the Internal Auditor be noted.

66.10 Village Green

Councillors considered the introduction of a formal agreement for applicants requesting to use the Village Green. Applicants should be properly constituted local organisations.

Resolved: the draft agreement, as circulated, be approved with minor amendments.

Cllr Thompson declared a personal interest in the following item.

A request to fly the Tricolore on the Village Green flagpole, during the Bastille Day Celebrations on Saturday 10 July 2010 was considered.

Resolved: permission be granted.

67.10 Community Flood Plan

Councillors considered the timing and venue for a public meeting for the development of the Community Flood Plan. Early July was suggested, to allow for inclusion in the June newsletter, and The Old School was suggested as a venue. The Clerk is to liaise with representatives from Chorley Council and the Environment Agency regarding the date.

68.10 J Kearton Memorial

An additional suggestion for a three-sided raised garden had been mentioned by family members. Designs are to be prepared by a local resident.

69.10 Youth Shelter

Following recent problems with the Shelter, including the building of fires inside, Councillors considered the removal of the shelter from the Recreation Ground. South Ribble Borough Council is willing to remove the shelter and reinstate the ground at the same time as the skatepark equipment is removed.

Resolved: South Ribble Borough Council be instructed to remove the shelter.

70.10 Noticeboard

A request, from a small number of residents, for the relocation of the new noticeboard on The Orchard was considered. Councillors commented that the noticeboard was installed with the permission of the landowner, replaced a previous one, located in the same place, which was removed when it fell into disrepair and matches existing Parish Council noticeboards.

71.10 Speed Indicator Device

Bretherton Parish Council had enquired as to whether the Council wished to buy out its share of the jointly owned SpID for around £320. Councillors felt, given the age and condition of the device, a lower figure was more appropriate.

Resolved: an offer of £100 be made.

72.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

73.10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15 June 2010.

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

..... (Chairman)