

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 16 November 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, G Stubbs and B Thompson.

Also present County Councillor K Iddon, Borough Councillor D Dickinson, Chorley Council Officers P McAnespie and S Lamb, PCSO M Fetherstone and 1 Member of the Public.

132.10 Apologies for Absence

None received.

133.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

134.10 Minutes of Meeting held 19 October 2010

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

135.10 Public Participation

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow Members of the Public to speak

Officers from Chorley Council's Planning Policy Department provided information on the forthcoming Site Allocations and Development Management Policies consultation. Many suggested sites have not been carried forward due to their location within the Green Belt, Flood Zone or size as no site smaller than .4 hectare is to be included.

Police Report

The monthly crime figures, showing an 80% reduction over the same period in 2009, were presented. Local Police Officers have initiatives ongoing aimed at persuading young cyclists to wear helmets and raising awareness of lead theft from buildings.

Borough and County Councillors

The location of the proposed bus stop on Town Road has been moved towards the War Memorial. The road markings intended to reduce problems with vehicles mounting the pavement in this vicinity have not worked and other measures will be looked into.

Residents Points of Interest

No issues raised.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

136.10 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 for the hire of a Children's Road Train for the Christmas Festivities.

Resolved: a grant of £625.00 be awarded.

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

£ 334.06	Employee 1	Salary
£ 320.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 80.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

£ 30.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 100.00	Cash	Remembrance Day donation
£ 375.00	D W Groundwork	Spring bedding
£ 36.06	Euxton Parish Council	Waste sacks, brushes
£ 17.50	Euxton Parish Council	Councillor training
£ 52.88	Wicksteed Leisure	Play Area safety inspection
£ 625.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant

137.10 Planning Matters

10/00999/FUL Proposed replacement dwelling (repositioned) following demolition of existing dwelling and adjoining agricultural building at Moss Farm, Moss Lane.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

138.10 Moor Road Traffic Issues

Councillors discussed traffic issues on Moor Road, including the possible need for traffic calming/speed reduction measures. The traffic calming road markings are worn out at the approach to the mini roundabouts by the Jubilee Estate. Accident statistics for the area do not support further measures. It was suggested that the closed circuit television system could be used to record incidents and for the Parish Council to consider including the purchase of a speed indicator device which logs speeds in next years precept discussions.

139.10 Hybrid Poplar on Town Road Verge

Councillors consider a suggestion to remove a Hybrid Poplar Tree, and replace it with a more suitable variety, on the verge opposite the War Memorial. Lancashire County Council has agreed to arrange contractors and pay for the removal of the tree.

A consultation letter had been hand delivered to properties in the immediate vicinity and no objections to the removal and replacement had been received.

As the tree lies within the Croston Conservation Area Chorley Council's Development Control Department is required to be notified.

Resolved: an application to remove the tree be submitted.

140.10 Meeting Schedule

Councillors considered a suggestion to revert to the original date of the second Wednesday of each month for Council meetings.

Resolved: meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month.

141.10 North West in Bloom

A report was provided by Councillors who had attended the Awards Ceremony. The village received a Silver Gilt Award, in the Large Village category. In the Neighbourhood Awards Church Street received a 'Thriving' and 14 - 24 The Orchard received an 'Improving'. The Station was also complimented and Northern Rail is to be approached for permission to work on the platform.

Councillors commended residents and groups for their efforts.

142.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting received information on the 2011 Census, Locality Working and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies consultation.

A site meeting had taken place with Chorley Council's Green Spaces Officer, who had offered to assist with the development of the Recreation Ground. Ideas are to be obtained from companies who have carried out work for Chorley Council.

143.10 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.

144.10 Personnel Matters

Councillors considered a form of recognition for the efforts of the Village Lengthsman in attracting the comment 'the Village had a high standard of cleanliness throughout' in the Judge's Report for the North West in Bloom 2010 Competition.

Resolved: the efforts of the Village Lengthsman be recognised.

145.10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 December 2010.

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

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