

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 April 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, J Forrest, G Stubbs and B Thompson.

Also present Borough Councillor D Dickinson and 1 Member of the Public.

40.11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Gibbons and S Parkinson and County Councillor K Iddon.

41.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Almond and Forrest, as members of the Friends of Croston Station, declared personal interests in an item forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters). Cllr Thompson, as a member of the Town Twinning Group, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 10 (Village Green).

42.11 Minutes of Meeting held 9 March 2011

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

43.11 Public Participation

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

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

44.11 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 application from the Friends of Croston Station towards the purchase of summer planting for the barrels and planters.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from Lancashire Constabulary towards the purchase of cycle lights for young riders. Councillors requested the application contains a specific amount for the grant.

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

£ 350.39	Employee 1	Salary
£ 325.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 75.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 71.79	Chorley Council	Dog bin emptying
£ 376.09	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 100.00	North West Air Ambulance	Grant
£ 20.00	Chorley Civic Society	Annual subscription
£ 10.00	SELRAP	Annual subscription
£ 6.15	E.On	Christmas lights electricity
£ 100.00	Friends of Croston Station	Grant

45.11 Planning Matters

11/00204/FUL and 11/00205/FUL Replacement agricultural livestock building at Barbers Moor Farm, Moor Road.

11/00247/FUL Erection of two storey side extension at 24 Lonsdale Drive.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

46.11 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2011

Councillors considered the Annual Return.

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 Asset Register be approved and signed by the Chairman.

47.11 Summer Planting

Councillors discussed provision of summer planting and replacement shrubs.

Resolved: the summer planting is to be contracted out and prices obtained for the supply and planting and planting only.

48.11 Speed Indication Device

Councillors considered the purchase of a Clever SID, which will log traffic speeds, at a discounted price of £2550 (+VAT and delivery). Councillors are to identify additional sites.

Resolved: a Speed Indication Device, at a cost of £2550 (+VAT and delivery) be ordered.

Councillors also considered the disposal of the Parish Council's share in the existing Device to Charnock Richard and Heskin Parish Councils.

Resolved: offers be invited from Charnock Richard and Heskin Parish Councils.

49.11 Village Green

Requests to use the Village Green for Croston Arts Festival, on Sunday 15 May 2011, and for Bastille Day Celebrations, on Saturday 9 July 2011, were considered.

Resolved: permissions be granted subject to applicants holding Public Liability insurance cover for events in the sum of £5m and agreeing to make good any damage to The Green and its fixtures and fittings.

50.11 Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Charter

Councillors considered a Lancashire County Council review questionnaire on the Charter.

Resolved: the Clerk is to respond on behalf of the Council

51.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee agreed to nominate seven representatives to the Three Tier Forum, as opposed to the single nomination invited.

52.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 May 2011.

Prior to closing the meeting the Chairman thanked Councillors Baker, Gibbons and Thompson, who are not standing for election, for their past service to the Council.

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