

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 February 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, C Gibbons S Parkinson, G Stubbs and B Thompson.

Also present County Councillor K Iddon, Borough Councillor D Dickinson and 2 Members of the Public.

12.11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors R Baker and J Forrest.

13.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

14.11 Minutes of Meeting held 12 January 2011

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

15.11 Public Participation

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

A resident provided information relating to the Mill Wier and an article for inclusion in the next Parish Council newsletter.

Borough Councillor Dickinson advised of recent flooding on Ridley Lane.

A letter, from a resident of Grape Lane, regarding flooding to an area of land adjacent to the Croft Field, was circulated. Councillors were of the opinion this was a matter for the Parochial Church Council.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

16.11 Financial Matters

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:

£ 334.06	Employee 1	Salary
£ 320.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 80.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 32.00	Croston Old School	Room hire

17.11 Planning Matters

No matters for discussion.

18.11 Highfield Road Bus Shelter

Lancashire County Council has agreed to provide a bus shelter at the entrance to Bishop Rawstorne International Language College under its Parish and Town Bus Shelter Grant. Under the scheme the Parish Council would be responsible for ongoing maintenance, repairs, cleaning and the cost of the electricity used, which is minimal. Councillors discussed the terms of a Partnership Agreement, the type of glazing material to be used and the colour of the shelter.

Resolved: the Partnership Agreement be signed, the colour is to be Moss Green and glass is to be used for the glazing.

19.11 Locality Working - Three Tier Forum

Councillors consider the nomination of a representative to represent Chorley Parish Councils on the proposed Lancashire County Council Three Tier Forum.

Resolved: Cllr Parkinson be nominated.

20.11 Croston United Charities

Councillors considered the appointment of a Parish Council Nominee.

Resolved: Cllr Almond be nominated.

21.11 Reorganisation and Restructure of the Lancashire Young People's Service

Councillors considered the consultation document. Suggestions were made that the age range should increase to 11 - 19 years, a satellite should be established for Croston and that the proposed geographical structure would spread resources too thinly.

A suggestion was also put forward to investigate provision of a minibus to transport juveniles to the Youth Club at Eccleston. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

22.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting received information on the provision of grit bins by parish councils and an update on Neighbourhood Working.

23.11 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 Section 1 (2) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: members of the public be excluded for the consideration of the following item.

24.11 Personnel Matters

Councillors considered a revision to the hourly rate of pay.

Resolved: the hourly rate of pay for the Village Lengthsman be revised.

25.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 March 2011.

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