

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 12 January 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, J Forrest, S Mosalski, S Parkinson and G Stubbs.

Also present Borough Councillor Laura Lennox (Chorley Borough Standards Committee Member) and 2 Members of the Public.

01.11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Gibbons and B Thompson and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

02.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.11 Minutes of Meeting held 8 December 2010

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

04.11 Public Participation

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

Borough Councillor Lennox, the Chorley Standards Committee Mentor, provided information on matters relating to standards. The Standards Board for England is to be abolished this year. Changes will be made to the process of dealing with complaints and it is possible the local Standards Committee could be dissolved.

A resident requested support for him to set up a group to look into problems with drainage and flooding within the village. The resident would like to bring this up at the next Community Flood Plan meeting.

The Croston District of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is to receive a First Runner Up certificate for achieving the highest percentage increase in monies raised over a three year period for sums up to a maximum of £10,000.

Network Rail has installed a camera on the crossing off Riverside Crescent to catch people who fail to close the crossing barrier.

A tree was recently removed from Pear Tree Road as it was in a dangerous condition.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

05.11 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
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 513.72	Wicksteed Leisure	Play equipment repairs
£ 600.00	A Powell	Grasscutting

06.11 Planning Matters

10/00996/FUL Application to extend opening hours to 12.00am Monday - Sunday at Rendezvous, 24 Town Road. The current opening hours were approved in 2007, to safeguard the amenities of local residents, and nothing was felt to have changed from that application.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds of impact on the amenities of local residents.

Lancashire County Council had requested the Parish Council's views on a request to place parking restrictions outside 24 Town Road. The suggestion was not supported.

10/01058/FUL Replacement agricultural livestock building, original building burned down at Littlewood Hall Farm, Ridley Lane.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

07.11 2011-2012 Precept

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Suggestions for items for consideration during the setting of the precept were discussed. Suggestions included a speed indicator device which logged data and traffic speeds and additional litter bins.

Resolved: the Precept for 2011 - 2012 be set at £20840, a reduction of over 4% on last year's Precept figure.

08.11 Sites for Chorley Issues and Options Discussion Paper

Councillors considered the Discussion Paper. Concerns were expressed regarding the sifting process introduced into the consultation. Sites of less than .4 hectare are not carried forward and Councillors were of the opinion that these small pieces of land are often the only sites available for the provision of village amenities.

Resolved: an objection to the sifting criteria be lodged as the .4 ha threshold removes valuable areas within the village from the process.

09.11 Central Lancashire Core Strategy

The consultation document was considered. Councillors had no comments.

10.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

11.10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 February 2011.

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

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