

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

26.11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors R Baker and C Gibbons.

27.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

28.11 Minutes of Meeting held 9 February 2011

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

29.11 Public Participation

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

A resident provided further information regarding flooding and sewage issues and suggested planning applications outside the village which may contribute to the issues should be opposed.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

30.11 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Resolved: the financial update be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk provided evidence of receipt of the parish precept request by Chorley Council.

Councillors considered a grant application from North West Air Ambulance towards the costs of provision of the service.

Resolved: a grant of £100 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
£ 193.58	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 16.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 409.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 20.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village	Competition Entry
£ 40.00	North West in Bloom	Competition Entry

31.11 Planning Matters

11/00012/COU Sub-division of existing dwelling to form two dwelling houses including the change of use of office accommodation to residential to form part of the newly created dwelling at 83 Drinkhouse Road.

11/00056/FUL Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and extension to existing detached garage at 66 Drinkhouse Road.

11/00077/FUL Re-establishment of two domestic properties and rationalisation and extension of rear ground floor parts to form dining rooms for the two dwellings at 74/76 Station Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

32.11 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

33.11 Community Right to Challenge/Community Right to Buy

Councillors discussed two consultations from the National Association of Local Councils. Councillors will advise the Clerk of any comments for submission.

34.11 Casual Vacancy

Councillors considered whether, given the proximity to the next election, it would be expedient to fill the casual vacancy by co-option. There was no proposer to fill the vacancy.

35.11 Subscriptions/Memberships

A review of current memberships and subscriptions was carried out. Councillors also considered invitations to join the Chorley Civic Society and the Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership (SELRAP), which is campaigning to reinstate the line between Colne and Skipton.

Resolved: Current memberships and subscriptions be continued, with the addition of Chorley Civic Society and SELRAP.

36.11 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors considered nominations for entry in the Certificate of Merit categories.

Resolved: St Michael's Church, Croston Old School, Croston Community Centre, St Michael's Terrace, Jubilee Alms Houses, Croston Park Care Home, Trinity and St Michaels Primary School, Bishop Rawstone, Croston Corn Mill, Hair 21, Favourites, the Grapes, the Lord Nelson, Cock Fight Barn, noticeboards on the Village Green and Station Car Park, the War Memorial, Croston Subscription Bowling Club, the Black Horse Bowling Green, Croston Cricket Club, and the WI Garden be entered into their respective categories.

37.11 Recreation Ground Field Drain

Councillors discussed occasional flooding in the south eastern corner of the Recreation Ground, which appears to be caused by a pipe (culvert) installed close to the boundary. It was suggested the problem may be due to a blockage on Out Lane.

38.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Information on the forthcoming borough and parish elections, neighbourhood working and planning issues was provided to the Borough Council/Parish Clerks meeting

39.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 April 2011.

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