

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 September 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, P Fenemore, J Forrest, K Iddon, S Parkinson, G Stubbs, P Walmsley.

Also present M Murphy (Chorley Community Housing), M Mather (Chorley Council) and 10 Members of the Public.

97.11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

98.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

99.11 Minutes of Meeting held 13 July 2011

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

100.11 Public Participation

Mr M Murphy (Chorley Community Housing) and Ms M Mather (Chorley Council) provided information on the lettings criteria for the new development of affordable homes off Moor Road. A legal agreement attached to the planning permission prioritises applicants with a demonstrable Croston connection. In response to questions regarding single persons applications residents were advised that the homes were family style homes and under occupancy was not appropriate, however this may be looked into. The Parish Council's assistance in advertising availability once the properties become available was requested.

A resident asked whether the Parish Council intends to do anything to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

A resident mentioned rumours surrounding the closure of the Library car park. Enquiries will be made with Lancashire County Council.

Reports were provided regarding two recent road accidents in the village where a pedestrian was struck by the wing mirror of a bus, near to the War Memorial, and a cyclist, waiting to turn into Station Road, was struck by a vehicle. A suggestion was made to include an article in the next newsletter advising residents to report all traffic related accidents.

101.11 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 Lancashire Constabulary towards the provision of cycle helmets for young cyclists.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

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

£ 341.00	DWG (NW)	Replacement of shrubs
£ 47.00	DWG (NW)	Supply of bark mulch
£ 350.39	Employee 1	Salary
£ 325.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 75.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 16.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 283.20	Wignalls Landscapes	Japanese Knotweed project
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£ 409.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 246.24	Chorley Council	Election fee
£ 14.36	Chorley Council	VAT (dog waste bin emptying)
£ 278.52	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 600.00	Clive Barbour	Grasscutting
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 342.00	BDO LLP	Annual audit
£ 25.00	DWG (NW)	Weed spraying - play area
£ 100.00	DWG (NW)	Maintenance - summer bedding
£ 29.00	CPRE	Subscription

102.11 Planning Matters

11/00578/FUL Removal of wooden shed and replace with brick garage at 63 Town Road.

11/00726/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension at 114 Station Road.

11/00758/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension at 88A Station Road.

Councillors had no comments on these applications.

The possible impact of proposed alterations to the planning system on local services, including school places and drainage and sewerage, was questioned. Discussions will be held following publication of the alterations.

103.11 Annual Return 2010-2011

The report of the External Auditor was presented.

Resolved: the Annual Return be accepted and approved.

104.11 Lettings Policy for the Development on the Former Orchard, Moor Road

The lettings policy for the allocation of properties on the development had been fully dealt with during the Public Participation agenda item. Councillors had no further comments.

105.11 Cross on Church Street

A suggestion for the Parish Council to take on responsibility for the Cross was discussed. Prior to any decision Lancashire County Council is to be asked to investigate methods of protecting the Cross.

106.11 Litter Bins

Councillors considered the purchase of a litter bin to be located at the entrance to the Public Footpath at the Station Bridge and the replacement of bins on the Village Green and Grape Lane, with the existing concrete bins to be relocated to the Recreation Ground.

Resolved: 3 Wybone BMB MK3 steel litter bins, in black, be purchased.

107.11 Winter Planting

Requirements for bulbs and winter bedding plant were considered.

Resolved: planting similar to last years be ordered.

108.11 Devolved Maintenance

Councillors considered an invitation to take on the maintenance of Chorley Council assets on a contract basis.

Resolved: an expression of interest to cut grass verges along Highfield Road and Shevington Causeway be lodged.

109.11 Peter Lathom's Charity

The existing Parish Council Nominee's term of office expires 1 November 2011. Councillors considered the appointment of a Local Representative Nominee.

Resolved: Cllr Almond be nominated.

110.11 U3A Tree

A request from Mawdesley and Surrounding Villages U3A to plant a tree on Parish Council controlled land was considered.

Resolved: permission be granted.

Following the granting of permission an appropriate location for the tree was discussed. Suggestions included the Village Green and the Recreation Ground.

Resolved: the planting to be carried out as part of the Recreation Ground project.

112.11 Queens Diamond Jubilee

Councillors considered the involvement of the Parish Council in an event to mark the Diamond Jubilee. Councillors suggested that representatives from other local organisations should be invited to take part in the discussions and arrangements for any events.

113.11 Lancashire Constabulary

A consultation from Lancashire Constabulary regarding the future of local police premises was considered.

Resolved: a response be submitted advising that the Parish Council is disappointed at the loss of the local Police presence.

114.01 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service - Performance Report and Action Plan 2011

Councillors considered details of a consultation from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services. The details were noted.

115.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

116.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 October 2011.

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

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