

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present 1 Member of the Public.

146.11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon, P Walmsley and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

147.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

148.11 Minutes of Meeting held 9 November 2011

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

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

149.11 Public Participation

The lack of Christmas lights opposite the War Memorial was mentioned.

Problems with parking on the double yellow lines at the bottom of Station Road had been reported by a bus driver. Councillors suggested any request for assistance with the problem should be co-ordinated with the bus company

Suggestions for protection for the base of the Cross on Church Street were provided.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

150.11 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:

£ 350.39	Employee 1	Salary
£ 325.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 75.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 354.72	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 28.80	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 409.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 354.00	Ark Welding	Installation of litter bins
£ 162.00	Ark Welding	Christmas tree socket
£ 307.80	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree

151.11 Planning Matters

11/00960/ADV One internally illuminated, wall mounted display unit to go on side wall of shop at Co-op Village Store and Post office, 6 Station Road.

11/00965/FUL Erection of a garden shed at 83 Drinkhouse Road.

Councillors had no comments regarding these applications.

152.11 Former Library Car Park

Councillors considered an application to Lancashire County Council for the Community Asset Transfer of the car park to the Parish Council.

Resolved: an application be lodged.

153.11 2012 -2013 Precept

Councillors provided suggestions for possible major items for inclusion in the Precept, to enable prices to be obtained for the precept discussions. Funding towards the Diamond Jubilee celebrations was suggested.

154.11 Flooding Issues

A report from a meeting with Rufford and Holmeswood Parish Council and the Northern Parishes was provided. An Environment Agency Strategy Document, proposing reducing or stopping the operation of the pumping stations which drain the mosses between the Lower Alt and Crossens had been discussed.

A request for support for Rufford and Holmeswood Parish Council and the Northern Parishes’s campaign against the alterations to the pumping regime by was considered.

Resolved: the Parish Council’s support for the campaign be submitted.

155.11 Village Security

As a result of recent increases in crime, a suggestion to install CCTV cameras, and possibly ANPR cameras, on the main exit routes from the village, was made. Lancashire Constabulary is to be contacted for information and advice.

156.11 Best Kept Village Plaques

Councillors considered appropriate sites for displaying the plaques. Suggestions included the Cairn on the Village Green, the side wall of the house adjoining the Village Green and the railings on the river wall.

Resolved: the plaques be located on the river wall railings near the Parish Council seat.

157.11 Recreation Ground Working Group

A report from the meeting held on 7 December 2011 was provided. The meeting was very well attended and a consultation process discussed. Improvements are to be carried out on a phased basis of allotments, followed by works to the pitch and finally the play area. Possible sources of funding are to be investigated. A scale drawing of the area is to be provided by a resident.

158.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Borough Council/Parish Clerks Liaison meeting received information regarding changes to the Standards regime brought about by the Localism Act. The current Model Code of Conduct is to be revoked. Parish Councils will be required to adopt a new code of conduct.

159.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 January 2012.

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

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