

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present 1 Member of the Public.

131.11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr P Walmsley and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

132.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Fenemore, as a resident of Grape Lane, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8.

133.11 Minutes of Meeting held 12 October 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.

134.11 Public Participation

A resident provided details of a proposed project to increase the number of trees. The Council's support for the initiative was requested.

The locations for the proposed new bus stops were queried, further damage to the Cross on Church Street was reported and numerous plants have been pulled out of the river wall planters and thrown in the river.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

Resolved: Agenda Item 7 be brought forward.

135.11 Tree Spree for Croston

Councillors considered a request for support for an initiative to plant trees throughout the parish, and for the Council to be the named applicant in a bid to Awards for All for funding towards this.

Resolved: the Tree Spree initiative be supported.

Resolved: the Parish Council be the named applicant in the funding bid.

136.11 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
£ 16.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 100.00	Cash	Remembrance Day donation
£ 375.00	DW Groundwork	Winter planting
£ 824.83	Wybone	Litter bins
£ 625.00	Croston Village Festivities Goup	Grant

137.11 Planning Matters

11/00788/FUL Erection of a detached single garage at Glebe Cottage, 23 Grape Lane.

11/00929/FUL Section 73 application to vary conditions 1 and 6 of planning approval 10/00999/FUL to allow amendments to be made to the design of the previously approved dwelling to include alterations to the attached garage, changes to fenestration, chimney, front porch, roof lights and removal of rear dining room at Moss Farm Moss Lane.

Councillors had no comments regarding these applications.

138. Flooding Issues

A request for the Parish Council to officially request copies of minutes of meetings of the Making Space for Water Group was considered.

Resolved: minutes of meetings of the Making Space for Water Group be requested.

A request for support for a list of issues and questions submitted to the Making Space for Water Group, the Flooding Overview Group, was considered.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for the list of issues and questions be submitted.

The replacement of the gauge board on Town Bridge was discussed.

139.11 20mph Speed Limit Areas

Councillors considered proposals from Lancashire County Council to introduce Sign Only 20mph speed restrictions on various roads throughout the village.

Resolved: the proposals be supported.

140.11 Christmas Tree and Lights

Arrangements for the fitting of the lights were confirmed.

141.11 Recreation Ground Working Group

A report from the meeting held on 2 November 2011 was provided. The constitution for the "Friends of" Group was confirmed. Members are to look at other local recreation facilities and look into the possibility of start up grants. Croston Juniors FC is to become involved.

142.11 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 Schedule 12A Part 1 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

143.11 Council Procedures

The process of dealing with Councillor resignations, declarations of interests and the minuting of the Public Participation section of meetings, had been called into question. Evidence that the Council's procedures in respect of these issues were in order was provided.

144.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

145.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 December 2011.

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

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