

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 April 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, P Fenemore, K Iddon, B Paillusson, S Parkinson, and G Stubbs.

Also present 3 Members of the Public.

41.12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Baker and P Walmsley and Borough Councillor Dickinson.

42.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Fenemore and Paillusson, as members of the Town Twinning Association, declared personal interests in Agenda Item 9 (Village Green).

43.12 Minutes of Meeting held 14 March 2012

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.

44.12 Public Participation

Complaints were received regarding the forthcoming closure of Station Road for sewer works relating to the Dalton Fold Development. The proposed three week period seems excessive and there were concerns regarding inconvenience to residents and the Co-op. A resident complained that a public meeting had been cancelled at very short notice. Employees of the main contractor for the development have been parking on the Station car park.

Timetables have been removed from bus stops.

Information was provided regarding the problems encountered using the Jubilee Way roundabout onto Moor Road.

The new 20mph signs, at the start of the zone, were felt to be too small.

A resident queried the availability of allotments in the village and was advised the new designs for the Recreation Ground should contain some provision.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

45.12 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation for the financial year end.

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

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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
£ 32.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 86.15	Chorley Council	Dog waste bin emptying
£ 325.51	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 100.00	North West Air Ambulance	Donation
£ 15.00	SELRAP	Annual subscription
£ 20.00	Euxton PC	Councillor training

46.12 Planning Matters

12/00074/FUL Retrospective application for the replacement of a hedge with a wooden fence incorporating opening gates, formation of a hardstanding area and erection of a shed for storage of garden furniture, tools and bicycles at 7 Drinkhouse Road.

12/00289/ADV Removal of existing signage and installation of replacement, converting the current Royal Bank of Scotland to Santander, at 23 Town Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

47.12 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2012.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Asset Register be approved and signed by the Chairman.

48.12 Flooding Issues

Croston Sports Club has agreed to take part in the Community Flood Plan Flood.

49.12 Village Green

A request, from the Town Twinning Association, to use the Village Green for Bastille Day Celebrations, on Saturday 14 July 2012, was considered.

Resolved: permission be granted.

50.12 Cross on Church Street

Lancashire County Council is unwilling to assist with the protection of the base of the Cross. Alternative suggestions were put forward, including parking restrictions. The drawings describing the protective sleeve are to be discussed with County Council Officers.

51.12 Working Group Reports

Diamond Jubilee - a Big Picnic Lunch is to take place on Sunday June 3rd in the Church Grounds. Croston Sports Club is looking at holding a Mini Olympics and a wheelbarrow race has been suggested.

Recreation Ground - suggestions are being put into the form of a plan and grant funding is now being sought. An event is being organised to raise awareness of the improvement project and also to raise funds.

52.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

53.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 May 2012.

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