

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 12 December 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, P Fenemore, E Norris, B Paillusson, and S Parkinson.

151.12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon and R Baker and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

152.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Norris, as an employee of an applicant, declared an interest in an item forming part of agenda item 6 (Planning Matters).

153.12 Minutes of Meeting held 14 November 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.

154.12 Public Participation

Information was provided on recent gritting activity. Little Lane was gritted this time but the path by the garages on Pear Tree Road and one side of approach to the bridge on Castle Walks were not.

A resident had advised of problems with drainage in the area in the vicinity of the Former Woodyard site.

Issues with inconsiderate parking at school times were reported on Rectory Close.

A request was made for the Council to consider provision of a grit bin for Little Lane. Councillors advised of the requirement for a local organisation to take on responsibility, similar to the arrangement with the bin at the entrance to the Jubilee estate.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

155.12 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:

£ 360.53	Employee 1	Salary
£ 368.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 72.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 17.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 100.00	Cash	Remembrance Day expenditure
£ 462.00	DWG (NW)	Spring planting
£ 720.00	Gill Otterburn	Forest School sessions
£ 175.00	Croston Old School	Grant
£ 150.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant

156.12 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

12/01000/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension at 105 Station Road.

12/01066/FUL Single Storey rear extension Location at 1 Lonsdale Drive.

12/01107/FUL Change of use of land to fishing lakes (including the enlargement of the southern existing lake) and car parking for anglers, including upgrading of access, creation of eco WC facilities, equipment storage containers, fishing platforms and pegs and extended track at Land Between Sollom Lane & The River Douglas Accessed From Eyes Lane.

12/01129/NNMA Application for a minor non-material amendment to permission ref: 10/00659/FULMAJ (which was for the erection of 24 two-storey affordable houses) at Land Adjacent 32 Moor Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

157.12 2013-2014 Precept

Information was provided on dispensations required to allow Councillors to set the precept. Suggestions were put forward for generators and fuel to be incorporated with a general budget for flood contingency.

Councillors were asked to advise the Clerk of any suggestions for inclusion in the 2013-2014 precept, which will be set at the January meeting.

158.12 Community Public Accessible Defibrillator

A fund raising event raised £858 towards the purchase of a Community Public Accessible Defibrillator. Councillors considered funding the balance to enable the purchase.

Resolved: the balance of £200 is to be funded, together with installations costs.

Councillors also considered the passing of responsibility for the defibrillator to the North West Ambulance Service.

Resolved: responsibility for the defibrillator be passed to the North West Ambulance Service.

159.12 Flooding Issues

The Flood Action Group thanked the Council for funding for leaflets and cost of room hire. At the public meeting a number of new members came forward and a committee will be formed.

The Making Spaces for Water Group has invited the Study Group to its next meeting.

The format for any future meetings was discussed.

160.12 Neighbourhood Working Arrangements

Information was provided on revisions to Neighbourhood Working arrangements which will include a representative from each parish council. Councillors considered the nomination of a representative.

Resolved: Cllr Peet be nominated.

161.12 Register of Interests

Information was provided on the new Register of Interests and Councillors supplied with a new form.

162.12 Consultation

A consultation from Lancashire County Council - Strategy for the Provision of School Places and Schools' Capital Investment 2013/14 to 2015/16 was considered. Councillors had no comments.

163.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting - information was provided on a review of Neighbourhood Working, Public Realm work now undertaken by Chorley Council, including grass cutting and overgrown hedges, an Open Space Study, the new Code of Conduct. The colour of paint used in repainting of bus shelters in rural areas was also discussed

163.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 January 2013.

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

148.12 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 Section 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

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

149.12 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.