

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, B Paillusson and S Parkinson.

Also present 6 Members of the Public.

85.12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Fenemore, K Iddon, G Stubbs and P Walmsley.

86.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

87.12 Minutes of Meeting held 20 June 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.

88.12 Public Participation

Information was provided on an impending planning application for a commercial greenhouse on Meadow Lane. Queries including possible local jobs and routes taken by vehicles to and from the site were answered.

A representative from Wymott Community First Responders provided an update on the provision of a Community Public Access Defibrillators for the village. Prices are between £1600 and £1900, including training, and possible methods of fundraising were discussed.

A resident of Yarrow Close reported issues which arose during the recent flooding. Some residents were not able to obtain sandbags. Councillors advised the Community Flood Plan was in the process of being finalised, which may help in the future.

A resident of Pear Tree Road mentioned being inconvenienced by the flooding of Little Lane.

Complaints were made regarding the Drop in session arranged after the flooding. Some residents were unaware of the session. Councillors advised the properties most affected had been leafleted and it was suggested Chorley Council staff should be thanked for their efforts during the flooding.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

89.12 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 Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the purchase of insulated jackets for volunteers.

Resolved: a grant of £150 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from Vitalise towards the costs of respite care for disabled people.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

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

£ 350.39	Employee 1	Salary
£ 368.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 72.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 37.40	Croston Old School	Room hire

£ 59.70	DWG (NW)	Strimming/weeding
£ 170.05	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 325.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant
£ 350.39	Employee 1	August Salary
£ 368.66	Employee 2	August Salary
£ 72.40	HM Revenue & Customs	August PAYE

90.12 Planning Matters

12/00464/FUL Erection of a single storey living room and porch extension at 83 Drinkhouse Road.

12/00579/FUL Application for a temporary change of use of an existing detached garage to a residential dwelling for a period of twenty four months at Oldfields, Railway View.

12/00594/FUL Single storey rear extension to provide new kitchen, dining and morning room (amendment to approved application no. 12/00393/FUL) at 7 Jubilee Way.

12/00662/TCON Felling of beech tree at Coffee Cottage, 74 Town Road.

12/00671/FUL Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of new stables with associated access lane, yard and ménage at Land 95m North West of The Highfield Restaurant at Junction between Highfield Road, Southport Road and Moor Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

91.12 Code of Conduct

The adoption of a new Code of Conduct for Members was considered. Councillors discussed Codes provided by Chorley Council and the National Association of Local Councils.

Resolved: the Code of Conduct, as provided by the National Association of Local Councils, be adopted.

92.12 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Provision

A consultation on the current taxi service across the borough was considered. Councillors felt the consultation was not appropriate for rural areas.

93.12 North West in Bloom

Judging will take place on 23 July. A tidy up of the Village Green was arranged. As the judging falls between the contracted times for mowing Councillors discussed arranging an additional cut.

Resolved: an additional cut of the grass be ordered.

94.12 Recreation Ground Working Group

Potential designs for the improvement scheme were displayed at an event held in The Old School, which also raised around £900. The Working Group will be consulting with directly affected neighbours to obtain views on the proposals.

95.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

96.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 September 2012.

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