

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 20 June 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present Borough Councillor D Dickinson and 6 Members of the Public.

72.12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor P Walmsley and Borough Councillor J Dalton.

73.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Parkinson, with family connections to a local business, and Councillors Fenemore and Paillusson, with relatives attending Trinity and St Michael's School, declared personal interests in items forming part of Agenda Item 8 (Village Green).

74.12 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 9 May 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.

75.12 Public Participation

The consultant for the redevelopment of the former builder's yard on Station Road advised he has attempted to accommodate Councillors requests from a previous meeting including home/work properties, rainwater harvesting and floodwater attenuation and adequate car parking provision, but is unable to incorporate bungalows in the proposals.

Representatives of businesses in the vicinity of the Village Green advised of concerns regarding a request for use of car parking spaces for the siting of a burger bar and ice cream van for the Raft Race. The closure of the A581, for the bridge works, is affecting trade.

Overgrown hedges on Castle Walks and Town Road, by Rectory Farm, were reported, together with a fence overhanging Grape Lane.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

76.12 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Evidence of receipt of the precept was presented.

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Croston Village Festivities Group towards the Land Train, costing £625, for this years' Christmas Festivities. Councillors discussed whether funds should be allocated from a limited budget to a regular application for the same item, and queried charges for riding on the train. Councillors were advised the fare is £2.00 per journey.

Resolved: a grant of £325 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from Sue Ryder towards the costs of a bath. There was no proposer.

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

£ 368.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 72.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 216.20	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 37.40	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 108.00	Croston Pre-school	Diamond Jubilee flyer printing
£ 114.00	Ark Welding	Litter bin bases/repairs to sign

£ 340.10	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 660.00	DWG (NW)	Summer bedding planting
£ 410.39	C J Otterburn	Forest Schools expenses
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 409.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing

77.12 Planning Matters

12/00182/FUL Application for external rendering to front and side elevations at 3 Castle Walks.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

12/00530/OUT Outline application for the development of one detached residential dwelling and double garage at Land Adjacent to 195 Moor Road. Councillors queried the Greenbelt location.

Councillors expressed disappointment at Chorley Council's refusal of application 12/00225/FUL, New agricultural dwelling house at Home Farm, Grape Lane.

78.12 Cross on Church Street

Chorley Council's Conservation Officer and a representative from Lancashire County Council have suggested the installation of a bollard to protect the base of the Cross from vehicle damage. Details and costings of the proposed bollard will be provided at a future meeting.

79.12 Village Green

Councillors considered a request from Trinity and St Michaels PTFA for use of the Village Green on 21 June 2012 for an event.

Resolved: permission be granted

Councillors considered a request from Friends of the River Yarrow for use of car park spaces for the siting of a burger bar and ice cream van on 8 July 2012 during the Raft Race. As Councillors wished to protect the trade of the local businesses, there was no proposer for the request.

80.12 Recreation Ground Working Group

A request to the use of the Recreation Ground, on 23 June 2012, for a Mini Olympics and Village Fayre, at which examples of potential designs for the improvement scheme will be displayed for residents to express views upon was considered.

Resolved: permission be granted.

81.12 Christmas Lights Switch On

Councillors considered a request from Croston Village Festivities Group to switch on the Christmas Lights on Sunday 2 December 2012, to enable a 'Switch On' event to be arranged.

Resolved: the request be granted.

82.12. Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework

A consultation on a proposed major modification to the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document was considered. Councillors had no comments to make.

83.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

84.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 July 2012.

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