

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 March 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 3 Members of the Public.

27.12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

28.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Parkinson, as an immediate neighbour of a site which is subject to a planning application, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 6 (Planning Matters).

29.12 Minutes of Meeting held 8 February 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.

30.12 Public Participation

A representative of the Village Festivities Group suggested the holding of an event to mark the 'switch on' of the Christmas lights. The Festivities Group would coordinate the event, which would be held before the Christmas Fair on 9 December 2012.

Information was provided regarding the potential redevelopment of the former builder's yard on Station Road. Councillors provided views on what was felt to be required in the village, including bungalows for elderly residents and home/work properties and requested the impact on parking in the area and the effect of flooding and sewage system be taken into account.

A resident thanked the Council for assistance with the provision of the new bus stops.

Reports of dirty road and pavement surfaces, caused by agricultural vehicles, were received.

Problems with disabled residents being unable to travel along pavements due to refuse and recycling bins and inconsiderately parked cars were mentioned, along with difficulties crossing Town Road.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

31.12 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:

£ 350.39	Employee 1	Salary
£ 325.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 75.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 193.16	Employee 2	Salary
£ 48.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 6.77	E.on	Christmas lights electricity
£ 409.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 700.00	A Powell	Grasscutting
£ 20.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village	Competition entry
£ 40.00	North West in Bloom	Competition entry

32.12 Planning Matters

12/00140/FUL Erection of a two storey rear extension at 38 Town Road.

12/00166/FUL Insertion of new ground floor window in side gable wall at 8 The Hillocks.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

12/00136/OUT Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling house at Land Rear of 9 - 23 Out Lane. Councillors expressed concerns regarding road safety issues, particularly as the access is directly opposite the Primary School.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the ground of inadequate access and adverse impact on road safety, given the proximity of the Primary School to the access.

12/00146/FUL Erection of a 2 storey detached dwelling (substitution of house type previously approved as part of application 08/01107/FUL) at 1A Bramblewood. The number of parking spaces and the addition of chimneys were discussed, along with the impact of the first floor extension on Plot 1 and the addition of a bay window on Plot 2.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds that the addition of a first floor above the garage of plot 1 will result in a property much larger than neighbouring properties and will have a terracing effect due to its close proximity with plot 2. As there are no bay windows on Bramblewood the bay window proposed for plot 2 is not in keeping with existing properties.

33.12 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

34.12 Flooding Issues

The report from the Croston Flood Overview Study Group, as previously noted at the February meeting, was presented for endorsement.

Resolved: the report of the Study Group be endorsed.

The report is to be forwarded to relevant parties nominated by Cllr Fenemore.

35.12 Community Infrastructure Levy

A consultation on the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was considered. Councillors provided comments for submission.

36.12 Sports Facilities

A request for support for the provision of an all weather sports pitch at Bishop Rawstone C of E Academy was considered.

Resolved: the Council's support be offered.

37.12 Working Group Reports

Diamond Jubilee - a public meeting was held and it was decided to hold a Big Picnic lunch on Sunday June 3rd in the Church Grounds and ideas for additional events during the day are to be put forward. The local Churches are arranging an Afternoon Tea for the Over 60's, at the Community Centre, on 2nd June and the WI is holding a Jubilee exhibition, at The Old School, on 4th June.

Recreation Ground - questionnaires asking what residents would like to see on the area have been distributed to homes around the village. The response has been disappointing. A meeting with a playground equipment supplier has been arranged to get ideas of what may be possible for the site.

A Mini Olympics event has been suggested to raise funds and awareness of the project.

38.12 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors provided suggestions for entries into the Certificate of Merit Section.

39.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

40.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 April 2012.

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