

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held 9 May 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present Borough Councillor J Dalton and 4 Members of the Public.

54.12 Election of Chairman for 2012 - 2013

Resolved: Cllr Peet be elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

55.12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors B Paillusson and P Walmsley.

56.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Fenemore, as a neighbour of a site subject to a planning application, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 10 (Planning Matters).

57.12 Election of Vice Chairman for 2012 - 2013

Resolved: Cllr Parkinson be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

58.12 Appointment of Planning Committee

Resolved: the following be appointed:

The Chairman and Councillors Almond and Parkinson.

59.12 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2012 - 2013

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllrs Parkinson and Peet.

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond.

Appointments to Croston United Charities and Peter Lathom's Charity are to be made as and when vacancies arise.

60.12 Minutes of Meeting held 11 April 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.

61.12 Public Participation

Information was provided regarding a national effort, organised by the British Heart Foundation and ambulance services throughout the country, to install 'community Public Accessible Defibrillators' (known as 'cPADs') in local areas where the community can raise funds to have them issued. The devices will be placed in a centrally located area, with residents train in their use. Councillors suggested the telephone kiosk by the Former Methodist School may be suitable. The Parish Council's support for the scheme was requested. Councillors offered in principle support.

A representative from Chorley Council provided information on a scheme to allow young residents from rural villages to access managed sports facilities. This would involve providing transport to allow 14 - 18 year olds access to leisure centres in Chorley and the use of local facilities on Saturdays. Chorley Council will be looking for local groups and organisations who may support the scheme. Councillors welcomed the suggestion as the village is desperately short of facilities for young people.

The applicants for a planning application for Home Farm advised the new agricultural dwelling house was necessary to keep the farm operating as a local, family owned business with workers living on site.

Plants in a planter are obscuring a street nameplate on The Orchard.

Problems have arisen with the bus service as a result of the closure of Station Road for sewer works relating to the Dalton Fold Development. Buses have not been able to turn around in Lonsdale Drive due to parked vehicles and has, instead been turning at Westhead Road. Councillors reaffirmed concerns regarding the inconvenience to residents and businesses.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

62.12 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
£ 411.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 69.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 17.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 60.00	J Lawson	Internal Audit fee
£ 170.05	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 280.00	A P Griffiths	Notice board repairs
£ 350.39	Employee 1	June Salary

63.12 Planning Matters

12/00225/FUL New agricultural dwelling house at Home Farm, Grape Lane.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for the application be lodged.

12/00343/FUL Erection of a two storey rear extension and single storey side extension at Finney Lane Cottage, Finney Lane.

12/00340/FUL Application for change of use from NHS offices to children's nursery at Lancashire Care NHS Trust, Dob Bridge Cottage, Brickcroft Lane.

12/00349/HDG Temporary removal of hedges adjacent to Great Hanging Bridge and Little Hanging Bridge to facilitate works to the two structures (hedges to be reinstated upon completion of the work) at Great Hanging Bridge, Meadow Lane.

12/00354/ADV Advertising boards to the front and side of proposed nursery (non-illuminated) at Lancashire Care NHS Trust, Dob Bridge Cottage, Brickcroft Lane.

12/00366/FUL Erection of a first floor rear extension at 46 Westfields.

12/00384/FUL Proposed Replacement Detached Garage, Partial Demolition of Existing Barn with Erection of New Stables (part retrospective) and Menage (resubmission of application 11/00851/FUL) at Finney Lane Farm, Finney Lane

12/00393/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension at 7 Jubilee Way

12/00403/LBC Structural repair and strengthening works to bridge at Great Hanging Bridge, Meadow Lane.

12/00416/FUL Erection of a first floor rear extension and first floor rear dormer at 25 Coniston Way.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

64.12 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

Councillors received the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report be noted.

65.12 Recreation Ground Working Group

The Group has secured a grant of £1000 from Aviva.

Groundwork Pennine Lancashire provided a price of £1959 for design work for the Recreation Ground redevelopment project. The design plan will provide support information for grant applications and form the basis for consultation with residents.

Resolved: payment of £1959 be approved.

66.12 Cross on Church Street

Chorley Council's Conservation Officer is to be contacted regarding the installation of a metal collar to protect the base of the Cross.

67.12 Diamond Jubilee Working Group

Arrangements are in place for the celebrations, which will include the Churches Together Afternoon Tea for Over 60's, a Big Picnic, Fancy Dress Wheelbarrow Race and a display by Croston WI.

Councillors considered a request to cover the costs of production for a flyer to publicise the event.

Resolved: payment of £100, for production of the flyer, be approved.

68.12 Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework

Councillors considered a consultation on the Effect of National Planning Policy Framework and its Technical Guidance on the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD and Proposals Map. Councillors had no comments to make.

69.12 Central Lancashire Draft Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation

A consultation on documents relating to Affordable Housing, Controlling Re-Use of Employment Premises, Rural Development, Access to Healthy Food and Design Guide was considered. Councillors had no comments to make, other than the documents were found to be difficult to read.

70.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A report was provided from a meeting at Bishop Rawstorne regarding the all weather pitch. The costs will be high and a large amount of external funding will be required if the project is to proceed.

71.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20 June 2012.

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