

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

Also present 6 Members of the Public.

### 138.12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon and E Norris and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

### 139.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 140.12 Minutes of Meeting held 10 October 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.

### 141.12 Public Participation

A report was provided regarding improvements to the Almshouses and painting of lighting columns. The Methodist Church has a group to tidy up the car park area. A discussion concerning the recent flooding took place. A comment was made that the pump at Croston Park performed adequately but The Old School pump did not. The pump controlled by Croston Community Links is to be passed to the Flood Group

Representatives from Bishop Rawstone's Governing Body provided information on the proposed admissions policy for 2014, which has been amended to address concerns regarding the faith commitment being diminished. Councillors expressed concerns that students from Croston may not get a place due to the favouring of students from other areas who can demonstrate a faith commitment. There is to be a formal consultation on the proposed policy.

Additional information was provided on the community public accessible defibrillator. Funding from the British Heart Foundation is no longer available however a lower priced unit is available costing £1095 (+VAT). A pub crawl quiz has raised £858 and a suggestion was put forward for the Council to fund the shortfall and pass responsibility for the equipment onto the North West Ambulance Service.

An increase in dog fouling in Brickcroft Lane and Town Road was reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

### 142.12 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 Croston Tots Group towards the cost of furniture and toys.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from Marie Curie Cancer Care towards the costs of specialist overnight home care for patients.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

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

#### 143.12 Planning Matters

12/00830/FUL and 12/00831/LBC Demolition of flat roofed kitchen extension, replacing with a pitched roof kitchen/laundry room extension, removal of first floor ceiling and installation of new ceiling/second floor, installation of additional staircase to run from first to second floor, repositioning of bathroom on first floor and installation of additional shower room and roof lights on second floor and Listed Building Consent for same at 14 Church Street.

12/00964/FUL Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions at 32 Westfields.

12/00987/TCO Application for selective tree works including thinning, coppicing, crown lifting and the removal of poor specimens of 2 areas of woodland to the rear and side of No's 36 and 54 Grape Lane.

12/00966/FUL Single storey rear extension at 1 Lonsdale Drive.

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

12/01013/FUL Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of replacement single storey rear extension at 34 Town Road.

12/01014/CON Demolition of existing single storey rear extension at 34 Town Road.

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

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

#### 144.12 Internal Audit

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson be appointed and the fee be set at £60.

#### 145.12 Cross on Church Street

Councillors felt bollards, approved by the Conservation Officer, were not suitable. An alternative design, from Coupe's Foundry, is to be provided for the Conservation Officer.

#### 146.12 Flooding Issues

A public meeting has been arranged for 19 November 2012 and the Flood Action Group will arrange a leaflet drop for the village. Funding for the printing of the leaflets was requested.

Resolved: funding for the printing of leaflets be approved.

#### 147.12 Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy Proposed 2014 Admissions Policy

In view of the information provided by representatives of the Governing Body Councillors agreed to discuss the issue further once the consultation document is available.

#### 148.12 Consultations

Chorley Local Plan 2012-2016 - issues were raised regarding policies HS3, HS7 and HS8.

Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedules Consultation - a suggestion that consideration be given to assist local businesses was put forward.

Chorley Council: Litter Bin Improvement Project - suggestions were put forward for the replacement of litter bins outside Londis, the Co-op, the junction of Moor Road and Station Road, additional bins on Castle Walks and Carvers Brow and the resiting of the bin outside the former Police Station.

Electricity North West: Investment in the Local Electricity Network.

Department for Communities and Local Government: Making it easier to set up new town and parish councils.

Councillors had no comments relating to these consultations.

#### 149.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A report was provided by Councillors attending the North West in Bloom Awards Ceremony. The village had been awarded a Silver Gilt Medal in its category and Church Street and Croston Station received Neighbourhood Awards. No reports.

#### 137.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 December 2012.

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