

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 12 September 2012 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present Borough Councillor D Dickinson and 3 Members of the Public.

97.12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors, K Iddon and B Paillusson.

98.12 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

99.12 Minutes of Meeting held 11 July 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.

100.12 Councillor Vacancy

No applications received.

101.12 Public Participation

A handrail has been installed, by Lancashire County Council, on the Little Lane public footpath.

Improvements have been noticed on the public footpath running along the rail line from Station Bridge.

Overgrown hedges on Highfield Road, in the vicinity of Butterfly Farm, were reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

102.12 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
£ 368.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 72.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 187.00	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 23.80	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 150.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grant
£ 100.00	Vitalise	Grant
£ 1149.55	Broker Network	Annual insurance premium
£ 170.05	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
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£ 849.60	Wignalls Landscapes	Japanese knotweed treatment
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration
£ 342.00	BDP LLP	Audit fee
£ 29.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 50.00	North West in Bloom	Awards ceremony tickets

103.12 Planning Matters

12/00628/FUL and 12/00629/CON To demolish the existing dwelling (127a) and other out buildings situated on the site and construct a replacement dwelling fronting Station Road and also five further dwellings to form a small residential street on the rest of the application site, with associated access road, driveways, private gardens and communal landscaping at 127A Station Road - a request for conditions to be applied to ensure the Work Pods (offices) annexed to each property remain as such and that all roofs should be pitched to match the roofs of the main body of the dwellings has been submitted, under the Clerk's delegated powers to respond to planning applications, together with a request for the Work Pods and feature walls to be finished in matching brick.

12/00716/FULMAJ Erection of 26 No. dwellings at Croston Woodwork Ltd, Station Road - an objection to the proposed 2.5 storey properties has been submitted under the Clerk's delegated powers to respond to planning applications. Concerns regarding the siting of the access, adjacent to the service road for the Co-op and a request for the development to include some provision for public parking, to replace the current informal parking by the De Trafford have also been submitted.

A request that any possible action should be taken to avoid a repeat of problems arising from the sewer works for the Dalton Fold development, for both applications, was also made.

12/00745/COU Change of use from class A1, retail ground floor with ancillary offices on the first floor, to sui generis, beauticians on the ground and first floor, at 74A Station Road.

12/00779/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension at 96 Station Road.

12/00807/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension at 28 Rectory Close.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

12/00794/OUT Re-submission of Outline application 12/00530/OUT for the development of one detached residential dwelling and double garage at Land 20m East Of 195 Moor Road. Councillors commented an application for a rural business to extend a car park in this area had been refused.

12/00840/FUL Erection of detached two storey house within the side garden area of 15 Riverside Crescent (resubmission of application 11/01068/FUL).

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the ground of overlooking neighbouring properties, loss of light to the neighbouring properties and contravention of Chorley Council's policy on Development in Residential Gardens.

104.12 Annual Return

The report of the External Auditor was presented.

Resolved: the Annual Return be accepted and approved.

105.12 Peter Lathom Charity

The term of office, as a Local Representative Trustee, of Mrs Beatrice Fairclough is due to expire on 7 November 2012. Mrs Fairclough has expressed a willingness to continue in office.

Resolved: Mrs Beatrice Fairclough be re-appointed as a Local Representative Trustee.

106.12 North West in Bloom Awards 2012

Croston has been nominated to receive an award at the Awards Ceremony to be held on 25 October 2012.

Resolved: Cllrs Almond and Peet are to attend to collect the award

107.12 Flooding Issues

A report concerning the flooding in June was provided.

The Croston Flooding Study Group has been invited to address the next meeting of the Making Spaces for Water Meeting. The Group has requested the Council to endorse representations which are to be presented to the Making Spaces for Water Meeting.

Resolved: the representations be endorsed.

108.12 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

The Recreation Group are to consult specifically with all immediately affected neighbours.

109.12 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 October 2012.

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