

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 10 July 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, K Iddon, E Norris, B Paillusson, S Parkinson, and G Stubbs.

### 79.13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor P Fenemore.

### 80.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 81.13 Minutes of Meeting held 12 June 2013

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 82.13 Councillor Vacancy

An application for co-option from Mr Mark Cowley was considered.

Resolved: Mark Cowley was be co-opted.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

### 83.13 Public Participation

United Utilities and Chorley Council's Environmental Health Officers are investigating a plague of Window Gnats believed to be emanating from the treatment works.

Information was provided that Lancashire Constabulary may not handle road closures for events in the future.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 84.13 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

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

£ 383.63	Employee 1	Salary
£ 423.16	Employee 2	Salary
£ 58.00	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 17.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 870.00	DWG (NW)	Summer planting/replacement tubs
£ 528.00	DWG (NW)	Strimming/weed spraying/ planting
£ 231.42	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 460.00	C Norris	Wayside seat repair/painting
£ 240.00	BDO LLP	Audit fee
£ 100.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grant
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 383.63	Employee 1	August salary
£ 422.96	Employee 2	August salary
£ 58.20	HM Revenue and Customs	August PAYE

### 85.13 Planning Matters

13/00442/FUL Proposed replacement dwelling (repositioned) following demolition of existing dwelling and adjoining agricultural building at Moss Farm, Moss Lane

13/00551/FUL Replacement of one stable with three stables, tack room, store, midden and sand paddock at Stables and Land 150m North of Dob Bridge Cottage, Bretherton Road.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

#### 85.13 Annual Return for the Year ended 31 March 2013

The report of the External Auditor was presented.

Resolved: the Annual Return was accepted and approved.

#### 86.13 Adoption of BT Kiosk on Town Road

The adoption of the payphone kiosk as a location for the community defibrillator was considered. The Conservation Officer has advised the proposal is acceptable. BT has advised broken panes of glass will be repaired. Confirmation of a power supply is to be so obtained.

#### 87.13 Additional Wayside Seats

Councillors considered a suggestion for the installation of additional wayside seats. The Council is occasionally asked for locations for memorial seats. Suggested locations were somewhere between the Village Green and Station Road, the junction of Station Road and Bramblewood and the roadside edge of the Sports Club car park. Councillors are to check with the Sports Club and an article included in the September newsletter looking for suggestions.

#### 88.13 Bishop Rawstorne Admissions Policy

A suggestion for the submission of an objection to schools admissions arrangements in respect of the revised Bishop Rawstorne C of E Academy admission policy was discussed. The Council had lodged an initial objection to the revision and it was felt there was no case for a further objection.

#### 89.13 Validation Criteria for Planning Applications

Councillors considered a consultation on proposed revisions to Chorley Council's Planning Application Verification Checklist. Councillors had no comments.

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

Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group - the offer of funding for the pumps may be withdrawn. The acquisition of a wireless camera to provide real time images of the river levels is being progressed.

Details of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils AGM were provided.

#### 91.13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 September 2013.

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