

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 12 June 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, K Iddon, E Norris, S Parkinson.

Also present Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

66.13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Fenemore, B Paillusson, and G Stubbs.

67.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

68.13 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 8 May 2013

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

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

69.13 Public Participation

A query was raised regarding the planning monies from the Orchard Mill development and the provision of pumps to alleviate flooding was mentioned. Councillors advised the Flood Group is working with the relevant authorities.

An overgrown hedge on Grape Lane was reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

70.13 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Trust towards the costs of operational expenses. It was mentioned the request was not for specific items for use in rescue but was for the cost of fuel.

Resolved: a grant of £100 was awarded.

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

£	383.63	Employee 1	Salary
£	422.96	Employee 2	Salary
£	58.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	154.30	Employee 2	Salary
£	17.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	409.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£	231.42	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
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71.13 Planning Matters

13/00448/FUL Construction of detached building to accommodate English Department following demolition of existing building at Bishop Rawstorne C of E Academy, Out Lane.

13/00450/REM Reserved matters application for the erection of one detached dwelling and double garage at Land 20m East of 195 Moor Road.

13/00477/FUL Erection of single storey rear/side extension, side car port and rear patio canopy at 16 Lostock Road.

13/00485/TCON Felling of Blossom Tree within the Conservation Area at 129 Station Road.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

13/00496/FUL Residential development to land at 127A Station Road to include conversion of the existing bungalow to form two new dwellings and the erection of five new dwellings with associated access road, driveways, private gardens and communal landscaping.

Resolved: an objection to the change of use of the existing garden area is to be submitted as the permission for the Former Methodist School included a condition that this area should be implemented in accordance with the site plan. This condition should be maintained. The Parish Council's concerns that the positioning of the car parking spaces at the entrance to the site may represent potential for vehicular accidents are also to be submitted.

13/00501/FUL Extension to existing house at Home Farm, Grape Lane.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support to this application is to be submitted

72.13 Land between 71 - 81 Station Road

Councillors considered a suggestion to improve to the area for use as an informal car park as possible parking for customers of local businesses. Councillors discussed a low key improvement including levelling with crushed stone and the provision of drooped kerbs. It was mentioned that the area is used by residents for parking.

73.13 Village Green

A request for the use of the Village Green and car park, by the Town Twinning Association, on Saturday 13 July 2103 for the Bastille Day celebrations was considered.

Resolved: permission was granted.

74.13 Village Clean Up

The clean up event was arranged for Monday 8 July 2013.

75.13 Lancashire County Council Consultation

A consultation on proposed changes to the County Council's Application Verification Checklist, associated guidance and application form relating to mineral and waste developments and associated guidance was considered. Councillors had no comments.

76.13 Agenda Items for Meetings

Suggestions for the agendas of the Borough/Parish Councils Liaison Meeting and the Chorley Three Tier Forum were discussed. Parking provision, including possible use of the former Gasworks site, and integration of bus and train services are to be put to the Three Tier Forum.

77.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - Chorley Council is working with the Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group on flooding issues. Social inclusion is being looked at. A Time Credits scheme is being introduced rewarding volunteers with vouchers to spend on various activities including swimming, adult education, Chorley Little Theatre visits and others. Information on the impact of the Dirty Dog campaign was requested.

Friends of Croston Rec - the Group is working on promotion and funding bids. Stalls are being arranged for Coffee Day.

78.13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 July 2013.

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