

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 March 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, P Fenemore, K Iddon, E Norris, B Paillusson and S Parkinson.

Also present Borough Councillor J Dalton and 4 members of the public.

27.13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor G Stubbs.

28.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

29.13 Minutes of Meeting held 13 February 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.

30.13 Public Participation

Information was provided on the possible provision of a small number of bungalows in the village. The bungalows are built from structurally insulated panels which can be faced with materials to match their surroundings and would incorporate rainwater harvesting, photo voltaic cells and sedum roofs and are highly energy efficient. Councillors mentioned the lack of available building land in the village.

A suggestion was made to mount the case for the Community Defibrillator on the wall of the Wheatsheaf in readiness for the arrival of the defibrillator.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

31.13 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

A grant request from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility, towards the purchase of a heavy duty scooter, was considered. There was no proposer for the request.

Resolved: the following payments were 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
£ 161.32	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 17.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 1290.00	Ken Linford Gardencare	Tree Spree planting
£ 54.00	Wicksteed Playscapes	Play equipment inspections
£ 409.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 120.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 354.93	North West in Bloom Competition	Entry

32.13 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

33.13 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

34.13 Recreation Ground

Councillors considered approval of the fee for the submission of a planning application for the redevelopment of the Recreation Ground. Chorley Council has advised the cost would be £192.50 which includes a 50% discount for parish councils.

Resolved: the planning fee was approved.

35.13 North West in Bloom

Councillors confirmed entry into the competition and suggested Church Street, Dalton Fold Croston Station should be entered into the Neighbourhood Awards.

36.13 Flood Issues

A report was provided on a site meeting with the MP and representatives from United Utilities, the Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council, the Parish Council and the Flood Action Group. A consultation is to take place with partner bodies to ascertain how best to utilise the funding which has been set aside for the village, with a public consultation to follow,

The Environment Agency's River and Coastal Flood Director has confirmed the funding is to be spent by the end of 2015. Lancashire County Council is to look at some form of pumping provision involving local farmers being contracted. Representatives of the Flood Action Group will be attending a meeting of Holmeswood Parish Council and the MP and will encourage clearance of rivers downstream.

37.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting - Chorley Council is to look into the introduction of a policy to govern commercial wind turbine planning applications. Parish Councils were invited to look after bus shelters in rural areas.

38.13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 April 2013.

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