

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also Present 3 members of the Public.

123.13 Apologies for Absence

None received.

124.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Norris declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 (Chorley Community Housing Lettings Policy).

125.13 Minutes of Meeting held 9 October 2013

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

126.13 Public Participation

A resident raised concerns regarding noise from the all weather facility at Bishop Rawstorne and application to extend the hours of use to 10:00pm.

Damage to the parapet on Fishery Bridge was reported.

A handrail for the bridge on Castle Walks was suggested.

Issues had arisen between a resident of Castle Walks and people delivering items to the Community Centre. Enquiries are to be made regarding vehicular access.

Parking issues, including the pavements outside the Old Police Station and in the vicinity of the Bank being obstructed, were raised.

Representatives from Chorley Council and a partner company, Isothane, provided information and answered questions on a flood resilient cavity wall insulation product used in hard to treat walls. Funding, which is not means tested, is available for hard to treat walls in private, or private rented, properties.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

127.13 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	K Greenhalgh	Salary
£ 426.94	A Platt	Salary
£ 59.00	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£ 18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 510.00	DWG (NW)	Spring planting
£ 100.00	Cash	Remembrance Day expenditure
£ 300.00	St Michaels and All Angels PCC	Grant
£ 200.00	Lancashire Partnership Against Crime	Grant
£ 400.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant
£ 192.50	Chorley Council	Planning fee

128.13 Planning Matters

13/00928/FUL Erection of single storey extension to rear at 30 Station Road.

13/00948/TCON Felling of a fir tree located within the 'detached' rear garden area at 45 Town Road.

13/00989/FUL Change of use of land to the immediate south of 15 Westfields from an open grassed area to private garden curtilage.

13/00997/TPO Works to trees in a Conservation Area at 43 Grape Lane.

13/01048/FUL Provision of a mezzanine floor and construction of two new dormers in the administration block at Bishop Rawstone C Of E Academy, Out Lane.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

13/00962/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition 6 (permitted hours of use) of planning permission 13/00517/FUL to change the hours of usage on weekdays from 09.00 hours until 20.00 hours to 09.00 hours until 22.00 hours at Bishop Rawstone C Of E Academy, Out Lane.

Resolved: an objection to the time extension is to be submitted on the grounds of noise disturbance to neighbouring properties.

129.13 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

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

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

130.13 Chorley Community Housing Lettings Policy

Councillors discussed issues regarding the current lettings policy. It was reported that an elderly resident of a first floor flat, with a Doctor's letter advising of the need for a ground floor property, had been unsuccessful in bids for three local properties.

Resolved: a copy of CCH's Letting Policy is to be requested.

131.13 Precept 2014 - 2015

Councillors were reminded of the need to provide suggestions for inclusion in the Precept.

132.13 Christmas Tree and Lights

The lights are to be tested and put in the trees on the Village Green on 16 November, with the Christmas tree lights being put on the tree on 30 November.

133.13 Newsletter Advertising

Councillors reviewed the cost of adverts in the newsletter in the light of the revised A5 format.

Resolved: a new pricing structure of £20 per quarter page, £40 per half page and £60 per full page is to be introduced, with a 25% reduction for an annual subscription.

134.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

122.13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 November 2013.

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