

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 October 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 PCSO Fetherstone and 4 members of the Public.

107.13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor B Paillusson.

108.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

109.13 Minutes of Meeting held 11 September 2013

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

110.13 Public Participation

PCSO Fetherstone advised Town Road and Moor Road do not meet the required criteria for the Community Roadwatch to deploy speed guns. Information was provided regarding an initiative to raise awareness of speeding being undertaken with local schools.

A spokesperson for St Michaels PCC provided information regarding a project to improve the Croft Field in support of a grant application.

A representative from the Village Festivities Group provided information in support of a grant application for the Christmas Fair.

Public footpath 10, on Highfield Road, was reported as being overgrown.

Gullies outside the Almshouses were reported as being blocked following the recent resurfacing.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

111.13 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 Croston Village Festivities Group towards the costs of the Land Train. The request equated to around 40% of the grants budget and Councillors discussed whether the limited budget should be used to support this regular application and whether local businesses should be asked for donations.

Resolved: a grant of £400 was awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from St Michaels PCC towards the costs of employing a contractor to cut trees. A query was raised as the whether voluntary offers of time and materials should be taken advantage of as opposed to funding.

Resolved: a grant of £300 was awarded.

Councillors considered a grant application from Lancashire Constabulary towards the costs of a community initiative to raise awareness of traffic speed.

Resolved: a grant of £200 was awarded.

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

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| £ | 383.63 | K Greenhalgh | Salary |
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| £ 442.26 | A Platt | Salary |
| £ 59.00 | HM Revenue & Customs | Tax and NI |
| £ 18.00 | Croston Old School | Room hire |
| £ 231.42 | Countrywide Grounds Maintenance | Grass cutting |
| £ 120.00 | Croston Scout Group | Newsletter delivery |
| £ 100.00 | Chorley Council | Street naming |

112.13 Planning Matters

13/00825/TCON Felling of Laburnum tree next to river wall due to safety reasons as seeds poisonous. Not wanting to replant due to proximity of river wall at 13 The Hillocks.

13/00859/FUL and 13/00860/LBC Rear extension and internal alterations to 2 no. existing residential properties at 129 -133 Station Road.

13/00861/LBC New opening formed between lounge and bar area. Insert new steel beams, encase to 1hr fire protection. Make good all associated surfaces on completion at Lord Nelson Hotel, Out Lane.

13/00898/FUL Replacement windows to property (front, rear and side) and new front door and fanlight above at 26A Town Road.

13/00910/FUL Demolition of existing garage and shed and erection of detached garage at 201 Moor Road.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

Recent events and press coverage regarding the naming of the former Woodyard development were discussed. Evidence confirming the Parish Council had not received the original consultation was provided. It was suggested the development could remain named as St Aidan's Place, with the road reflecting the de Trafford name once the development was completed.

Resolved: Chorley Council is to be asked to reconsider the naming of the street..

113.13 Community Defibrillator

Alternative prices for a defibrillator and cabinet were considered.

Resolved: a defibrillator and cabinet, costing up to £1250 (+VAT) is to be ordered.

114.13 Village Green and Car Park

A request, from Croston Village Festivities Group, for use of the Village Green and car park on Sunday 8 December 2013, for the Christmas Fair, was considered.

Resolved: permission granted in February 2013 was confirmed.

115.13 Traffic Speed

Councillors discussed the 20mp speed limit through the village. Concerns were raised at the lack of impact the limit had had. Information on the results of a traffic survey had been obtained via a Freedom of Information request. The information is to be requested by the Parish Council.

116.13 Peter Lathom Charity

Details of proposed changes to the operating scheme were provided.

Resolved: the proposed changes were accepted.

117.13 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Councillors considered the amount to cover the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £100 is to be made.

118.13 Neighbourhood Priorities

Suggestions for Neighbourhood Priorities for consideration at the next Neighbourhood Group Meeting were discussed. The lack of available parking is to be put forward, with a suggestion to consider compulsory purchase of the former Library car park.

119.13 Lancashire County Council Consultation on a Claimed Public Bridleway

Councillors considered a claim for a Bridleway from Drinkhouse Road to Back Drinkhouse Lane.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for the claim is to be submitted.

120.13 Recreation Ground Working Group

A timescale has been drawn up for funding applications. A planning application is to be submitted. The Group is working to keep up the profile of the project. A decision is to be made as to whether community gardens or allotments should be created.

121.13 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.