

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 September 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

92.13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Fenemore, S Parkinson and G Stubbs.

93.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

94.13 Minutes of Meeting held 10 July 2013

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

95.13 Public Participation

Information was provided on the proposed naming of the former Woodyard development.

A resident of Jubilee Way had mentioned the overgrown entrances.

A resident had provided details of correspondence with Lorraine Fulbrook MP regarding problems caused by current pub opening hours

Details of proposed changes to the Peter Lathom Charity operating scheme were provided.

PCSO Fetherstone had provided a report on a recent spate of cycle thefts and warnings being issued to two drivers, one a resident, for driving in a manner likely to cause alarm or distress

Lancashire County Council has carried out a traffic survey to investigate the level of speeding in the village. The results are awaited.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

96.13 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 options for the renewal of insurance cover.

Resolved: a 3 year long term agreement, with a first year premium of £1124.84 is to be signed.

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

£ 383.63	K Greenhalgh	Salary
£ 442.26	A Platt	Salary
£ 62.80	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£ 140.75	A Platt	Reimbursements
£ 34.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 462.84	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Registration fee
£ 29.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 120.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 409.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 1124.84	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance premium
£ 90.00	North West in Bloom	Awards Ceremony tickets

97.13 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.

98.13 Adoption of BT Kiosk on Town Road

Councillors considered the adoption of the payphone kiosk from British Telecommunications and the purchase of the payphone kiosk for of £1.

Resolved: the adoption agreement is to be signed and the purchase agreed.

99.13 Community Defibrillator

Final prices are still awaited from North West Ambulance Service for an alternative defibrillator and secure case.

100.13 Naming of Little Lane

Councillors considered a suggestion to apply for the naming of Little Lane at a cost of £100.

Resolved: the application is to be submitted and the fee of £100 was approved.

101.13 Land Between 71 - 81 Station Road

Councillors considered the suggestion for improvements to the area to allow use as an informal car park. As a planning application would be required for both the access and for change of use of the area and the landowner had indicated they would not be willing to agree to the change of use the Council is unable to take this matter any further.

102.13 Newsletter

Due to problems with delivery of the June newsletter Councillors considered an alternative delivery service, Local Life. The service can only handle A5 size sheets/booklets and the printer can produce a full colour 12 page A5 booklet for the same cost as the existing newsletter. Councillors considered a change in format for the newsletter.

Resolved: the format is to be revised to an A5 full colour booklet style and Local Life is to be contracted to provide the delivery service.

103.12 North West in Bloom Awards 2013

Croston has been nominated to receive an award at the Awards Ceremony to be held on 24 October 2013 and Church Street and Croston Station are to receive awards at the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Awards Presentation the previous day.

Resolved: Cllrs Almond and Peet are to attend the Awards Ceremony and Cllrs Almond and Norris the Neighbourhood Presentation

104.13 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Consultation

Councillors considered a consultation on the Performance Report and Action Plan 2013 - Incorporating Emergency Cover Review. Councillors had no comments.

105.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Borough/Parish Council Liaison - information was provided on the Community Infrastructure Levy, planning responses and consultations and a policy on wind turbine applications.

106.13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 October 2013.

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