

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 April 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 1 Member of the public.

35.14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Fenemore and E Norris.

36.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Paillusson, as a member of the Town Twinning Association, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9.

37.14 Minutes of Meeting held 12 March 2014

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

38.14 Public Participation

A letter of thanks to the Friends of Croston Station, for the improvement work on the platform, was read out.

39.14 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Resolved: the financial update for the year ended 31 March 2014 was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

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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:

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| £ 430.95 | Employee 1 | Salary |
| £ 419.34 | Employee 2 | Salary |
| £ 66.60 | HM Revenue & Customs | Tax and NI |
| £ 18.00 | Croston Old School | Room hire |
| £ 86.15 | Chorley Council | Dog waste bin emptying |
| £ 389.28 | Lancashire Association of Local Councils | Annual subscription |
| £ 15.00 | SELRAP | Annual subscription |
| £ 109.50 | T Blyth | Tree Spree expenses |
| £ 231.42 | Countrywide Grounds Maintenance | Grass cutting |

40.14 Planning Matters

14/00227/FUL Single storey extension to existing property consisting of lounge, bedroom and shower room at 83A Drinkhouse Road.

14/00247/FUL Dormer to side/rear at 99 Station Road.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

14/00315/FUL Residential development to land at 127A Station Road Croston to include retention of the existing bungalow and the erection of four new dwellings with associated access road, driveways, private gardens and communal landscaping (Resubmission of withdrawn application: 13/00496/FUL) at 127A Station Road.

Resolved: the following comments are to be submitted:

Having entered into discussions with the applicant's agent prior to the original application, which resulted in the incorporation of home/work into the original application the Parish Council is extremely disappointed that, having secured the Council's acceptance of the development on this basis the applicant now sees fit to remove the work pods.

The Parish Council objects to the change of use of the existing garden area adjacent the Former Methodist School. A condition of the permission for the conversion of the School stated that the pedestrian link between Station Road and the recreation ground was to be implemented in accordance with the approved site plan layout. The site plan layout included this garden area and the Council would request this condition be maintained. In addition the Parish Council has concerns that the positioning of the car parking spaces directly at the vehicular entrance to the site and the adjoining Recreation Ground may represent potential for accidents.

41.14 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2014

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

42.14 Lancashire County Council Pump

Following an informal meeting with representatives from Lancashire County Council at which issues relating to the contract were discussed a revised draft contract had been prepared, which required further amendment. An amended version had not been received and the matter was deferred to a future meeting.

43.14 Use of Village green and Car Park

A request from the Town Twinning Association to use The Village Green and car park on 12th July 2014 for the annual Bastille Day Fair was considered.

Resolved: permission was granted.

44.14 Chorley Civic Society Bi-annual Awards 2014

Councillors considered nominations for the Awards.

Resolved: the Croston Flood Alleviation Project was suggested as a project which brought together Lancashire County Council, Chorley Council, the Environment Agency, LYFAG and residents to achieve a beneficial outcome for the village is to be nominated.

45.14 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

A response to a Chorley Council consultation was considered. Whilst being generally supportive of initiatives for alternative energy Councillors have concerns regarding the impact of wind turbines on rural open spaces and the wildlife within them.

46.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A training session in the use of the flood alleviation pump for LYFAG Nominated Volunteers was held at Washington Hall.

47.14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 May 2014.

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