

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 10 December 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, B Paillusson, S Parkinson and G Stubbs.

125.14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley, P Fenemore and E Norris.

126.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

127.14 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 November 2014

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

128.14 Public Participation

A representative of the Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group provided an update on the Group's activities.

The Chairman of the Festivities Group queried a time to arrange next year's lights switch on.

Repairs to the base of the Cross on Church Street were mentioned.

An issue with a low bollard on Castle Walks was mentioned.

Confirmation of the village's entry, representing the North West, in next year's Britain in Bloom Competition was confirmed.

129.14 Planning Matters

14/01208/AGR Agricultural determination for the construction of an agricultural farm track at Drinkhouse Farm, Drinkhouse Road.

14/01158/FUL Proposed erection of a detached two storey dwelling at 5 The Orchard.

14/01230/PDE Single storey rear extension measuring 6m in depth, 3.5m in width, 2.3m high to the eaves and 3.8m to the ridge at 1A Bramblewood.

14/01235/FUL Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension at 26A Town Road.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

14/01188/TPO Removal of 3 Sycamore trees, 1 Fir tree, 1 Silver Birch tree and 1 Ash tree protected by TPO no 1 (Croston and Mawdesley) 1976, and their replacement by 25 standard fruit trees (mainly apple including old English varieties) to create an orchard at Keepers Cottage (formerly known as Moss Cottage), Carr Lane. Concerns were raised as the fruit trees planted as replacements cannot be protected from removal in the future in the event of further development of the site.

130.14 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:

£ 430.95	Employee 1	Salary
£ 445.17	Employee 2	Salary
£ 73.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£ 1514.88	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire

£	500.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant
£	490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	72.00	Ark Welding	Repair to Recreation Ground gate
£	250.00	Glenroyde Garden Nurseries	Christmas tree
£	20.00	Chorley Civic Society	Annual membership
£	60.00	L Ball (Village Courier)	Newsletter delivery

131.14 2015-2016 Precept

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

132.14 No Cold Calling Zone

A request for support to have the village designated as a no cold calling zone was considered. A small amount of financial support will be requested once the zone has been authorised.

Resolved: the Parish Council's full support for the initiative is to be offered.

133.14 Request for Copy of North West in Bloom Judge's Report

A request from Ribby with Wrea Parish Council for a copy of the Judge's Report for this year's North West in Bloom Competition was considered. A copy is to be provided.

134.14 Consultation - Central Lancashire Joint Biodiversity and Nature Protection SPD

Councillors considered a consultation on the draft Joint Biodiversity and Nature Protection Supplementary Planning Document. Councillors had no comments.

135.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Council/Parish Clerks meeting - discussions included the prior release of information to the local press in advance of notifying affected parish councils.

136.14 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in accordance with Section 1 (4) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

137.14 Personnel Matters

A review of staff salaries was carried out and revised salaries agreed.

138.14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 January 2015.

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