

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 January 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present 3 members of the Public.

01.14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Cowley and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

02.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.14 Minutes of Meeting held 11 December 2013

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

04.14 Public Participation

A representatives from the Coffee Day Committee advised the Police will not provide cover for road closures in future and asked for assistance.

The application for the proposed extension to the opening hours of the all weather sports pitch at Bishop Rawstone College was mentioned. The resident was advised the application is on the agenda for the next Development Control Committee at Chorley Council.

A member of the Village Festivities Group queried possible funding for the Christmas festivities.

It was reported a resident had been injured near the St Aidan's Place development.

The Environment Agency is arranging a public meeting regarding the flood management proposals.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

05.14 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:

£	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
£	40.00	Local Life 247	Newsletter delivery
£	912.00	Cardiac Science	Defibrillator

06.14 Planning Matters

13/01156/TCON Reduction in the height of the Silver Birch to rear garden by 33% to a maximum of 50% of its current height. with associated crown reduction at Park View, 38 Grape Lane.

Councillors had no comment to make relating to this application.

07.14 Precept 2014 - 2015

Current memberships and subscriptions were reviewed.

Resolved: the existing memberships and subscriptions are to be renewed.

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Additional funds were included for increased expenditure on Christmas celebrations and the watering of summer bedding plants.

Resolved: the Precept was set at £20030 (£21470 inclusive of Chorley Council's top up grant), resulting in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents

08.14 Bus Services - Budget Proposals

Councillors considered a response to a consultation from Lancashire County Council regarding the withdrawal of evening and Sunday subsidised bus services. Whilst Croston services are not directly affected by the withdrawals, Councillors were of the opinion that these buses provide a vital service to villages and rural communities.

Resolved: the Council's objections to the proposed withdrawals are to be submitted.

09.14 Newsletter Delivery

The replacement deliverer delivers six times per year which means two of the newsletters would not be delivered on a quarterly basis. Options were discussed including delivery by Councillors and attempting to find an alternative deliverer.

10.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

11.14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 February 2014.

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