

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 12 March 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.

### 24.14 Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 25.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 26.14 Minutes of Meeting held 12 February 2014

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

### 27.14 Public Participation

A representative of the Coffee Day Committee followed up a request for assistance with road closures following withdrawal of police coverage. Enquiries regarding training for marshalls had been made with Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary and both had advised they did not provide training. The representative was advised that, provided a road closure notice was obtained, it is possible for organisations to man road closures, subject to a documented risk assessment being in place and insurance cover provided.

Maintenance of the Rivers Douglas and Yarrow, including dredging and works to banks, was mentioned. This will be taken up by the Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group.

The current status of the Library car park on Out Lane was queried. It was confirmed the land remains under ownership of Lancashire County Council.

Problems relating to contractors vehicles on the Station car park were reported.

Problems contacting the local Police, regarding a suspicious vehicle on Grape Lane were mentioned.

The Tennis Club Committee had advised they may request a letter of support for a funding application.

A missing grid cover on Pear Tree Road was reported.

Councillors reported a positive response to the new format for the newsletter.

### 28.14 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	Employee 1	Salary
£ 426.94	Employee 2	Salary
£ 59.00	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£ 18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 192.94	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 7.27	E.On	Christmas lights electricity
£ 410.00	MCB Print	Newsletter printing
£ 50.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£ 2283.84	Everglades Nurseries	Trees/shrubs

£	144.00	Everglades Nurseries	Trees/shrubs
£	218.40	Everglades Nurseries	Trees/shrubs
£	40.00	North West in Bloom	Entry

#### 29.14 Planning Matters

Cllr Peet, as a relative of a neighbouring property owner, declared a pecuniary interest in the following item.

14/00238/FUL Proposed ground floor and first floor rear extension at 10 Victoria Court.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to this application.

A pre application consultation for 2 wind turbines on land north of Twin lakes Industrial Park was discussed. It was felt there was insufficient information provided as to how the unacceptable impact on the Greenbelt would be addressed.

#### 30.14 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual financial risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

#### 31.14 Lancashire County Council Pump

Councillors considered a draft contract, provided by Lancashire County Council, relating to the supply of a pump to be sited in the grounds of the Old School. The draft was not in accordance with what was requested at the December meeting. Lancashire County Council is to be advised the Parish Council is eager to take the project forward however clarification of some clauses and inaccuracies within the draft contract need to be addressed.

#### 32.14 CCTV Provision in Chorley

A response to a Chorley Council survey on the provision of closed circuit TV was discussed. Councillors felt unable to respond as little or no information regarding provision within the village was provided within the consultation document.

#### 33.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

#### 34.14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 April 2014.

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