

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held 12 May 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present Elizabeth Lowe (Lancashire County Council).

48.14 Election of Chairman for 2014 - 2015

Resolved: Cllr Peet was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

49.14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Fenemore and B Paillusson.

50.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

51.14 Election of Vice Chairman for 2014 - 2015

Resolved: Cllr Parkinson was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

52.14 Appointment of Lead Member (Planning)

Resolved: Cllr Parkinson was appointed Lead Member - Planning.

53.14 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2014 - 2015

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Chorley Three Tier Liaison Forum - Cllr Peet.

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Peet

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - there were no volunteers.

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond.

54.14 Minutes of Meeting held 9 April 2014

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

Agenda Item 11 was brought forward.

55.14 Lancashire County Council Pump

An inspection of the Spent Brook culvert revealed it would not support the weight of the pump for storage purposes so alternative arrangements are being considered.

The signing of the amended usage contract for the pump was considered.

Resolved: the contract was approved and the Chairman and Cllr Almond were authorised to sign on behalf of the Council.

56.14 Public Participation

Residents had approached Councillors regarding an incident on the Recreation Ground which had, allegedly, resulted in a person being taken into custody. There were concerns regarding the lack of a Police presence in the village.

A litter bin is missing from Castle Walks.

The future of the WI garden at the entrance to the Recreation Ground was queried. The meeting was advised the area formed part of the site of a planning application and the Parish Council has objected to the proposed change of use.

A local author has donated a copy of his book covering War Memorials in Chorley borough. The book will be held in The Old School.

The replacement of damaged bollards by the Village Green and Town Bridge was queried. The meeting was advised the bollard by the Village Green is awaiting the outcome of an insurance claim and the Town Bridge bollard has been damaged by contractors.

57.14 Planning Matters

14/00262/FUL Covered agricultural liquid fertilizer lagoon for agricultural use including associated earthworks and access track at Land 250m South Of Glynwood House, Eyes Lane, Bretherton.

14/00473/TCON Felling of Pine tree in rear garden at 15 Church Street.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

14/00321/FUL Installation of 2 x 225kW wind turbines with a hub height of 32m and height to blade tip of 45.5m at Land 250m North of Croston Brickworks, Brickcroft Lane.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the following grounds:

The site is in an area of low level flat land and a 105 feet hub height and almost 150 feet blade tip height will adversely impact on the visual amenity of the area. The site is in relatively close proximity to Martin Mere and the Council is concerned the siting of the turbines will have an adverse impact on wildfowl in the area. There are concerns regarding the impact on radio and TV signals and a request for OFCOM to be consulted is to be submitted.

58.14 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
£	419.34	Employee 2	Salary
£	66.60	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£	18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	60.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£	100.00	Ian Clements Electrical Services	Defibrillator installation
£	231.42	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£	27.90	Euxton Parish Council	Refuse sacks
£	192.50	Chorley Council	Planning fee

59.14 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2014

Councillors considered the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report was noted.

60.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

61.14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 June 2014.

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