

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 12 November 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.

111.14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley and P Fenemore

112.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

113.14 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 October 2014

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

114.14 Public Participation

The Chairman of the Festivities Group requested the Council considers a request for a grant towards the costs of the Christmas festivities.

The village was awarded a Gold Medal in the North West in Bloom Competition and has been nominated to represent the North West in the Large Village category in next year's Britain in Bloom Competition. The Black Horse also received a Gold Medal.

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

115.14 Planning Matters

14/01040/AGR Agricultural prior notification application for the erection of a building for the storage of hay and straw at Littlewood Hall Farm, Ridley Lane.

14/01055/FUL Single storey rear extension at Town Bridge Farm House, 8 The Hillocks.

14/01062/TCON Removal of Blue Spruce tree at Oakdene, Grape Lane.

14/01065/FUL Side and rear single storey extension at 33 Rectory Close.

14/01017/FUL External alterations to existing detached garage to facilitate the conversion of the building to a granny flat at 287 Moor Road.

14/01077/FUL Demolition of existing house and erection of a four bedroom detached dwelling and a detached garage at Keepers Cottage, Carr Lane.

14/01115/CLPUD Erection of single storey rear extension at 45 Rectory Close.

14/01131/FUL Partial demolition of existing Design and Technology block with a new extension at Bishop Rawstone Cof E Academy.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

116.14 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Resolved: the financial update was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

An application from Croston Village Festivities Group, for a further contribution towards the costs of the Christmas celebrations, was considered. The application is in the light of the Council receiving a donation of £1000 towards replacement lights.

Resolved: A contribution of £250 is to be made and the £250 towards the costs of the switch on event is to be paid to the Festivities Group.

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£	430.95	Employee 1	Salary
£	419.14	Employee 2	Salary
£	66.80	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£	474.00	DWG	Winter planting
£	18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	150.00	Cash	Remembrance Day expenditure
£	15.00	T and A Martland	Plant watering

117.14 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson is to be appointed and the fee set at £60.

118.14 Croston Flood Risk Management Scheme - Request for Contribution

A request from Chorley Council for a contribution towards the funding of the Flood Risk Management Scheme was considered. Concerns were raised that, as Chorley Council had decided not to proceed with a consultation on the levy, any contribution made in this manner, would deny residents the opportunity of an opinion. The request is to be denied and Chorley Council advised the Parish Council will include an article inviting residents to make personal voluntary contributions in the newsletter.

119.14 Neighbourhood Priorities

Items for inclusion in the next round of priorities for consideration at the Neighbourhood Group Meeting were discussed. A request for Public Footpaths 6 and 7 to be returned to their original condition, suitable for disabled access is to be submitted.

120.14 2015-2016 Precept

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

121.14 Protocol for Recording of Council Meetings

Following the introduction of Statutory Instrument 2014 No. 2095 (The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014) the recording of parish council meetings is now permitted. Members considered a draft protocol relating to the recording of meetings.

Resolved: the protocol was adopted.

122.14 Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 Schedule of Proposed Modifications October 2014

Councillors considered a consultation from Chorley Council regarding Gypsy and Traveller provision. Councillors had no objections to the proposed provision.

122.14 Lancashire County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan

A consultation from Lancashire County Council was considered. Councillors had no comments.

123.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

124.14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 December 2014.

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