

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, P Fenemore, E Norris, B Paillusson and S Parkinson.

Also present 2 members of the public.

100.14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Iddon.

101.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

102.14 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 September 2014

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

103.14 Public Participation

A resident queried why the Parish Council was not assisting the Village Festivities Group with its Christmas Fair. Councillors advised that, in response to the Group's request for assistance with the Christmas Lights Switch On, the Council had agreed to fund the costs of the event. The Chairman of the Festivities Group reiterated the willingness of the Group to work with the Parish Council.

Flooding is occurring on Riverside Close and Network Rail is constructing something on the line behind the houses.

A surface water gully, by the seat on Grape Lane is blocked and the streetlight nearby is permanently on.

The recent decision by Chorley Council to cover the funding shortfall of the Croston Flood Management Scheme was mentioned. A suggestion for residents to make voluntary contributions to Chorley Council towards the costs was made.

A petition from residents of Moor Road regarding traffic speed and inconsiderate parking had been received and referred to the relevant authorities.

It was mentioned some of the trees on Village Green may have developed Honey Fungus.

The Governing Body of Trinity and St Michael's CE and Methodist Primary School had advised the issue of academy status had been raised.

Agenda Item 9 was brought forward.

104.14 Christmas Tree

An offer of financial assistance, from a business owned by a Croston resident, to improve the lights and the tree was considered. The offer suggested replacement of the existing blue lights located in the row of trees along the boundary of the Village Green with white lights. A suggestion was made for the blue lights to be donated to the Village Festivities Group. The size of the tree socket is to be measured and a price for the Tree obtained.

Resolved: the offer was accepted and replacement lights are to be ordered.

105.14 Planning Matters

14/01000/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension to the side of the property with a pitched roof and a new chimney stack at 9 Shevington Causeway.

14/1004/TCON Removal of tree and roots and replacement with a tree more in scale with its location at 8 Town Road.

14/01043/TCON Works to various trees at The Willows, Grape Lane.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

14/00791/FUL Construction of six detached two bedroom bungalows and formation of access road at Land 60M West of No. 3 Castle Walks.

Resolved: an objection is to be lodged on the grounds that the land is designated as amenity open space in the Chorley Local Plan 2012-26, the proposed development fails to meet the criteria for rural infilling and several of the properties do not have the required number of parking spaces.

106.14 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
£ 231.42	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
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£ 65.00	T and A Martland	Plant watering
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 796.37	B Paillusson	Reimbursement of LYFAG expenditure

107.14 Croston Flood Risk Management Scheme

Chorley Council had confirmed it is to cover the £1.1m shortfall in funding without a levy on Croston council taxpayers.

Resolved: the Parish Council's thanks is to be expressed to the Members and Officers at Chorley Council for arriving at the decision. Thanks are also to be conveyed to Borough Councillors Iddon and Whittaker for their efforts on behalf of the village.

108.14 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Councillors considered the amount to cover the Remembrance Day expenses, wreath and the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: the amount was set at £150.

109.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Three Tier Liaison - items discussed included road surfacing and pothole repairs.

110.14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 November 2014.

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