

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 10 September 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 and S Parkinson.

Also present 6 members of the public.

86.14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor G Stubbs.

87.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Fenemore, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a personal interest in application 14/00860/FUL, to be considered under Item 5, Planning Matters.

88.14 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9 July 2014

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

89.14 Public Participation

Residents mentioned the proposition for the Parish Council to impose a levy on Croston council taxpayers for the flood defences. The meeting was advised nothing had been received from Chorley Council as yet and, until the Parish Council has been made fully aware of the details, no decisions can be made. The residents felt the cost should be borne by all Chorley council taxpayers. A resident advised of her willingness to contribute, despite living outside of the flood risk area. A resident mentioned many residents were not sure whether their properties are within the flood risk area.

A resident advised of issues with speeding vehicles along Moor Road.

A member of the Friends of Croston Recreation Ground provided an update on the improvement scheme.

The wall on Grape Lane, near the bridge, is in need of repointing.

The bin on Castle Walks has finally been replaced.

A resident advised of problems caused by cars parking on the double yellow lines at the junction of Station Road and Town Road.

An update was provided on the repairs to the base of the Cross.

90.14 Planning Matters

14/00761/OUT Outline application (specifying the access, layout and scale) for demolition of the Mill Hotel and Restaurant and erection of a 7 market and 3 affordable dwellings with associated parking at The Mill Hotel, Moor Road. The location was felt to be inappropriate for affordable homes.

14/00820/FUL Relocation of existing outbuilding (garden shed) at 83A Drinkhouse Road.

14/00860/FUL Demolition of existing porch and erection of a single storey rear/side porch at Home Farm, Grape Lane.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

91.14 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 contribution towards the costs of the Switch On Event (£250), costs of power for the Christmas lights (£150) and printing costs £100) was considered.

Resolved: The Council is to directly fund the costs of the switch on event (£250), to be paid from the Christmas budget.

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
£ 66.60	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£ 294.62	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£ 60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration
£ 36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 231.42	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
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£ 35.00	T and A Martland	Plant watering
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£ 98.00	North West in Bloom	Awards ceremony tickets

92.14 Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Councillors considered the renewal of the annual subscription to LALC.

Resolved: the subscription is to be renewed.

93.14 North West in Bloom Awards 2014

Attendance at the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Awards Presentations Dinner on Thursday 23 October and the North West in Bloom Awards Ceremony on Friday 24 October 2014 was discussed.

Resolved: two tickets for the Awards Ceremony, at a cost of £27 each, and two tickets for the Presentations Dinner, at a cost of £22 each, are to be purchased.

94.14 Consultation on the Union of Benefices

A request for views on a proposal by the Diocese of Blackburn for the union of the benefice of Croston St Michael and All Angels and Bretherton St John the Baptist and the benefice of Mawdesley with Bispham St Peter was considered. There were no objections to the proposal.

95.14 Lancashire Combined Fire Authority Performance Report and Action Plan 2014

A consultation from Lancashire Combined Fire Authority was considered. Councillors had no comments.

96.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - car parking in the village is one of the neighbourhood priorities.

A brief report on the judging for the North West in Bloom Competition was provided.

97.14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 October 2014.

98.14 Exclusion of the Press and Members of the Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in accordance with Section 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

99.14 Amendment to Planning Application Submission

A request to amend comments relating to the inclusion of work pods in planning application 14/00315/FUL was considered.

Resolved: the Parish Council will consider an alternative proposal containing specific and definable workplace areas incorporated into the dwellings, which could be conditioned to be retained as such.

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