

## CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 8 April 2015 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 G Stubbs.

Also present PCSO Turner and 3 members of the public.

### 39.15 Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 40.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Paillusson, as a member of St Michael's PCC, declared a personal interest in a grant application forming part of agenda item 6 (Financial Matters).

### 41.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 March 2015

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

### 42.15 Public Participation

Recent reported crime figures were provided. Councillors reported cut lengths of wood had been stolen from the station platform and a significant number of rose bowls had been taken from the cemetery.

A resident of Bretherton raised concerns regarding the suggestion to make Moor Road into the A road through the village. Bretherton already has serious problems with HGV's from local companies.

A resident of Moor Road expressed disappointment that the item was on the agenda and, if it were to go ahead, the suggestion would only move, rather than solve, the problem.

A resident of Moor Road expressed concerns regarding the amount of HGV traffic which would be transferred to Moor Road and felt one part of the village should not be pitted against the other.

Fly posting on the river wall railings was mentioned. It was felt items placed for a short term were not a problem.

A suggestion to include a cobbled surround to the weathervane on the Village Green was mentioned. The Conservation Officer is to be consulted for advice.

### 43.15 Planning Matters

15/00208/FUL Extension of front dormer and installation of pitched roofing to front and rear dormers at 31 Rectory Close.

Councillors made no comments relating to this application.

### 44.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement 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:

£	442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£	436.65	Employee 2	Salary
£	60.00	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£	27.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	15.40	Croston Pre-school	Croston in Bloom printing
£	300.00	St Michael & All Angels Croft Field Fund	Grant

£	86.15	Chorley Council	Dog bin emptying
£	456.59	Lancashire Assoc of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£	15.00	Selrap	Annual subscription

#### 45.15 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

As bank statements to the 31 March 2015 had not been received, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### 46.15 Former Library Site, Out Lane

As the site plan had not been received from Lancashire County Council, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### 47.15 Redesignation of Moor Road as an 'A' Road

A suggestion to request A road status to be transferred from Town Road/Westhead Road to Moor Road/Bretherton Road was considered. Residents' comments received via email were taken into account, together with the comments provided by residents earlier in the meeting. It was mentioned a weight restriction was needed.

A motion to request the transfer of A road status was not carried.

A suggestion was put forward to liaise with Bretherton and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils to raise the issue of traffic problems with the Chorley Three Tier Liaison meeting.

#### 48.15 Village Green Car Park

Marking of the car park, including the provision of disabled parking, was discussed.

Resolved: parking bays are to be marked, with the inclusion of one disabled bay.

#### 49.15 Replacement Dog Waste Bin

Councillors considered an offer from Chorley Council to replace the dog waste bin with a combined bin costing £250, which would save £71.79 per annum in emptying fees.

Resolved: a replacement bin is to be ordered, with a request for the bin to be re-sited near to the entrance gate.

#### 50.15 Croston in Bloom

Members of the Group completed an inspection walk around the village to identify areas in need of attention.

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

No reports.

#### 52.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 May 2015.

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