

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 December 2015 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 G Stubbs.

Also present 2 Members of the public.

124.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor S Laverick.

125.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Almond and Peet, as members of Croston in Bloom, declared non pecuniary interests in an item forming part of agenda item 6 (Financial Matters).

126.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 November 2015

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

127.15 Public Participation

It was reported contractors working on the Station Road development had been causing problems by pumping water containing silt from the site into with highway drains.

The replacement of the Out Lane sign was queried.

A suggestion was put forward to gauge resident's interest in some form of crowd funding to cater for funding required, at short notice, for items of benefit to the village. The suggestion is to be put on social media.

128.15 Planning Matters

15/01061/COU Change of use from A1 (retail) to A3 (shops and cafes) to provide a tea room at Thyme on the Yarrow, 68A Town Road.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for this application is to be submitted.

129.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

A request from Croston in Bloom, for a contribution towards the start up cost to begin the 2016 campaign, was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £250 was awarded.

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

£	442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£	436.45	Employee 2	Salary
£	60.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	516.41	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	300.00	Chorley Council	Replacement dog waste bin
£	20.00	Chorley Civic Society	Annual membership
£	490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	54.00	DWG (NW)	Replacement planter

130.15 Former Library Car Park, Out Lane

An update was provided. A number of bids for the remainder of the site are being considered by Lancashire County Council. The current usage of the car park area will remain unchanged until such time as the land is passed over to the Parish Council.

131.15 Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Priorities

Suggestions for inclusion in the priorities for 2016-17 were discussed. The issue of the narrowing of pavements along Moor Road, due to vegetation and general detritus from hedges, was raised. It was mentioned Highfield Road also suffers from this.

Resolved: a request for the inclusion of clearance of pavements is to be submitted.

132.15 Lancashire Parish Based Public Transport Scheme

Councillors considered a response to a consultation by Lancashire County Council. It was felt the requirements laid down made it impossible for the Parish Council to contemplate this.

133.15 Chorley Liaison Meeting

No items were put forward.

134.15 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Borough Council/Parish Clerks Liaison - topics included a Chorley Council project to improve digital inclusion in rural areas.

135.15 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

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.

136.15 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

137.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 January 2015.

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