

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 11 February 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present PCSO's M Fetherstone and S Swinscoe and 3 members of the Public.

### 12.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon and B Paillusson.

### 13.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Parkinson declared a personal interest in application 14/01272/OUT.

### 14.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14 January 2015

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

### 15.15 Public Participation

Residents expressed objections to a planning application for the Land between 71 and 81 Station Road. The proposed 2.5 storey properties are out of keeping with neighbouring properties and the additional height will lead to overlooking from velux windows. The loss of parking spaces on the land was also mentioned. The meeting was advised the parking spaces are informal and on private land. The application provides for 3 formal spaces.

The blocking of pavements by inconsiderate parking, was mentioned, as was dog fouling on Station Road. Residents were encouraged to send photos of vehicles blocking pavements to PCSO Fetherstone and report incidents of dog fouling to her.

The condition of the road surface by the mini roundabout on Station Road was mentioned. The meeting was advised this had been reported to Lancashire County Council.

A resident asked whether there was a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. Councillors raised the issue of the large amount of work involved in production of the Parish Plan

A resident queried whether land could be obtained for off street car parking.

PCSO Fetherstone provide details of crime figures.

A query was raised regarding whether Moor Road could replace Town Road as the 'A' road through the village to relieve congestion. The meeting was advised traffic speeds along Moor Road and Southport Road through Ulnes Walton are Chorley Neighbourhood Priorities for 2015/16.

Reports of increased dog fouling were received.

### 16.15 Planning Matters

14/01272/OUT Outline Application for up to 4 no. terraced houses and 3 no. public parking spaces at Land between 71 and 81 Station Road.

Resolved: an objection is to be lodged on the grounds that the height of the proposed dwellings is out of character with neighbouring properties and this, together with the proposed velux windows, would cause an unacceptable degree of overlooking and loss of privacy for the occupants of several neighbouring properties and is therefore contrary to policy BNE1 (a) and b)) of the Emerging Local Plan.

15/00039/FUL Erection of 6 no. affordable dwellings and associated landscaping, access and car parking at Land and garages adjacent 26 Pear Tree Road.

Resolved: an objection is to be lodged on the grounds that the density of the properties is inappropriate and the road layout may cause access problems.

15/00086/FUL Erection of a first floor rear extension over existing at 101 Station Road.

15/00113/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension at 32 Coniston Way.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

#### 17.15 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt, by Chorley Council, of the precept request was presented and noted.

A request for assistance from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility towards the cost of replacement mobility scooters was considered. There was no proposer for the request.

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
£	427.85	Employee 2	Salary
£	68.80	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£	18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire

#### 18.15 Croston United Charities

Councillors considered the appointment of a replacement for a trustee who has come to the end of his term of office and does not wish to re-stand.

Resolved: Cllr Cowley was appointed.

#### 19.15 Chorley Council Consultation

Chorley Council is considering providing support towards the upkeep of parish War Memorials.

Councillors suggested the cleaning of the Memorial and flagstones should be put forward.

#### 20.15 RHS Britain in Bloom Entry

A report from the Finalist's Seminar was provided. The Britain in Bloom entry is far more detailed than North West in Bloom and significant community involvement will be needed. Promotional assistance will be available. Judging is significantly more involved, with more emphasis placed on tree planting and less on floral displays. Chorley Council and CCH have offered assistance with the entry.

Councillors considered the costs of room hire for the public meeting.

Resolved: the £17.50 cost of room hire for the public meeting was agreed.

#### 21.15 Peter Lathom Charity

Cllr Almond's term of office as a Local Representative Trustee will expire on 30 October 2015 and the Clerk to the Charity has asked whether the appointment is to be renewed.

Resolved: Cllr Almond's term of office was renewed.

#### 22.15 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2015

Entry into this year's competition was discussed. There was no proposer for entry.

#### 23.15 Lancashire County Council Consultation

A consultation on the Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document was considered. Councillors had no comments.

#### 24.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting – from the current year the provision of off street car parking has not been completed due to the lack of available land. Chorley Council will assist with the Britain in Bloom entry in the normal course of business.

Priorities agreed for the coming year are improvements to public footpaths 6 and 7, to the rear of Brookfield and Lostock Road and a joint project for Croston and Ulnes Walton for traffic calming on Moor Road and Southport Road.

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

No reports.

#### 26.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 March 2015.

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