

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 14 January 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, P Fenemore, K Iddon, E Norris and B Paillusson.

Also present N Holt (Chorley Council).

### 01.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley, S Parkinson and G Stubbs.

### 02.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 03.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 December 2014

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

### 04.15 Public Participation

Natalie Holt (Chorley Council) provided information on the project to attempt to deal with issues of rural isolation, particularly amongst elderly residents. The Meals on Wheels service, trialled in the Western Parishes, was very successful and has been rolled out borough wide. The project is now trying to encourage elderly residents to attend groups and a lunch event had been arranged. Suggestions were made regarding alternative venues. The project needs to identify isolated residents and, to assist, an article is to be included in the March newsletter.

Concrete falling from the roof of 1 Station Road onto Moor Road was reported. Chorley Council's Building Control Team is to be notified.

A grit bin for Little Lane had been requested. Three black bins for grit have been provided by CCH for The Orchard and Brookfield.

Reports of increased dog fouling were received.

### 05.15 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:

£ 65.00	RBS	Safe custody charge
£ 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
£ 180.00	DWG (NW)	Ditch clearance
£ 50.00	Royal Horticultural Society	Seminar tickets
£ 26.00	Euxton Parish Council	Councillors training

### 06.15 Planning Matters

14/01224/DIS Application to discharge condition 31 (external lighting) of planning permission 13/00218/FUL at Rectory Farm, Town Road.

14/01260/CLPUD Erection of single storey rear extension at 74 Westhead Road.

15/00004/FUL Erection of part two, part single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing single storey rear extension at 11 Out Lane.

15/00006/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and iron spiral staircase to garage room to the rear of the house and replacement with new aluminium conservatory and new stairs at Back Lane Farm, Back Drinkhouse Lane.

Councillors had no comments to make relating to these applications.

#### 07.15 2015-2016 Precept

The Precept for the forthcoming financial year was considered. A draft budget was presented which included the introduction of a General reserve budget. Confirmation of the top up grant from Chorley Council is awaited.

Resolved: the Precept for 2015 - 2016 was set at £21190, which will result in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

#### 08.15 Tree Spree 2

A request for support for a continuation of the Tree Spree project was considered. It is intended that a grant application for the costs will be submitted to Awards for All.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for the continuation was agreed.

#### 09.15 Chorley Council Re-consultation

Councillors considered a re-consultation on the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Schedule of Proposed modifications. Councillors had no comments.

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

No reports.

#### 11.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 February 2015.

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

Croston Parish Council

Budgets 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016

Salaries	11300
Room Hire	250
Administration Expenses	400
Lengthsman Expenses	150
Repairs and Replacements	1000
Newsletter	1500
Grounds Maintenance	2000
Training	200
Flowers/Planting	2250
Recreation Ground	1000
Subscriptions/Entry Fees	500
Street Furniture	1500
Grants	1000
Speed Indicator Device	300
Christmas	1000
Audit Fees	300
Insurance	1300
Environmental	85
General Reserve	2365
Flood	2000
Sundries	575
Earmarked Funds	<u>15924</u>
	<u>46899</u>
Estimated Balance as at 14.01.15	24300
Add: Anticipated income to 31.03.15	<u>3360</u>
	27660
Less: Anticipated requirements to 31.03.15	<u>3391</u>
Balance forward	24269
Add: Proposed precept	21190
Add: Anticipated Chorley Council top up grant	<u>1440</u>
	<u>46899</u>