

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 July 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, E Norris, B Paillusson and G Stubbs.

Also present 2 members of the public.

83.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Fenemore, Borough Councillor Dickinson and PCSO Coleman.

84.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Peet, as a relative of the applicant, declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 15/00638/PDE.

85.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 June 2015

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

86.15 Councillor Vacancies

Applications to fill the two vacancies left unfilled at the election as a result of insufficient nominations were considered.

Resolved: Stuart Laverick was co-opted to fill the first vacancy.

Resolved: Keith Iddon was co-opted to fill the second vacancy.

87.15 Public Participation

A vehicle had been noted regularly parking on the verge opposite the War Memorial.

Speeding vehicles along Shevington Causeway were reported.

The surface of Castle Walks, by the Yarrow Close entrance, is in need of repair and bushes require cutting back.

88.15 Planning Matters

15/00510/TCON Removal of dead Silver Birch tree in front garden at 27 Highfield Road.

15/00545/LBC Listed building consent for a single storey rear extension and remedial works to exterior brickwork at The Lodge, 3 Grape Lane.

15/00565/DIS Application to discharge condition numbered 3 (material samples) of planning approval 15/00327/FUL at Oakdene, Grape Lane.

15/00573/FUL Erection of single storey front porch and erection of part two, part single storey rear extension at 8 Jubilee Way.

15/00573/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building for hay and straw at Littlewood Hall Farm Ridley Lane.

15/00598/TCON Beech (T1) - Crown clean and Deadwood, 5% thin and crown raise to 5m to increase light levels and formatively prune, as part of tree health check. Purple Beech (T2) - Crown clean and Deadwood, 5% thin and crown raise to 5m to increase light levels and formatively prune, as part of tree health check. Cherry Plum (T3) - Remove poor specimen/form. Cypress (T4) - Reduce to 10m to increase light levels Cypress (T5) - Reduce to 10m to increase light levels Rhododendron, Laurel, Holly, Elder (G1) - Reduce to 4m in height and reduce width. over foot way to formatively prune, overgrown woody shrubs and establish garden borders at The Lodge, 3 Grape Lane.

15/00638/PDE Proposed single storey rear extension measuring 3.6m in depth. 2.5m high to the eaves and 3.0 maximum height to the ridge at 75 Moor Road.

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

15/00540/FULMAJ Erection of a large single private dwelling including the conversion of the existing stable block, conversion of barn to form swimming pool with link to the main house, creation of sunken garden on the former site of Croston Hall, repair and restoration of the Church of the Holy Cross, the completion of the kennels conversion and the repair of the fishponds, gardens, main gates and Hall Bridge at Croston Hall Estate, Grape Lane.

15/00547/LBC Listed building consent for maintenance and refurbishment works including the removal of the external boiler house, roof repairs and internal decoration at the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Grape Lane.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for these developments is to be lodged.

89.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

A request from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team, for a contribution towards the costs of improvements to rescue vehicles, was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £100 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
£ 31.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 177.43	DWG (NW)	Additional planting
£ 90.00	DWG (NW)	Hedge cutting
£ 450.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant
£ 240.00	BDO LLP	Audit fee
£ 240.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 442.22	Employee 1	Salary - August
£ 436.45	Employee 2	Salary - August
£ 60.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE - August

90.15 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

The report of the External Auditor was considered. No issues were reported.

Resolved: the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015 was approved and accepted.

91.15 Former Library Car Park, Out Lane

An offer from Lancashire County Council for the transfer of a part of the site for use as a public car park was considered. Consideration for the transfer is £1, with the Parish Council to cover its own legal costs, contribute £600 towards LCC's legal costs and erect a boundary fence within 6 weeks of the transfer.

Resolved: the offer was accepted, in principle, subject to the provisos that the Parish Council will pay 50% towards the cost of a post and rail boundary fence, with the purchaser for the remaining portion of the land to pay the remaining 50% and the 6 week requirement extended to such time as the land is sold and the purchaser is in a position to make the contribution.

92.15 Croston in Bloom

Donations for the new signpost for the Village Green to the value of £520 have been received from local residents and businesses, with other grants to follow. Information regarding the judging route was provided.

93.15 Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Signposting Project

An invitation to assist with a survey of the points where public rights of way meet a tarmac road and identify any necessary work was considered. Councillors are to identify a small number of sites on a trial basis.

94.15 Public Transport Issues in Chorley

Councillors discussed public transport services in the parish area, in a response to a Chorley Council request, which suggested the possibility of parish councils contributing towards the costs of a community based transport service. Councillors expressed a willingness to consider any feasible suggestions.

95.15 Electoral Review of Lancashire

A response to a consultation on an Electoral Review of Lancashire was discussed. Councillors made no comments.

96.15 Lancashire Association of Local Councils AGM

Councillors discussed possible resolutions for the AGM. There were no suggestions.

97.15 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A report was provided from a presentation of Chorley Council's Rural Communities Action Plan. The themes covered are health and social inclusion, digital access, traffic and transport provision and employment opportunity.

98.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 September 2015.

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