

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 June 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 Borough Councillor D Dickinson, PC Jackson, PCSO Swinscoe and 3 members of the public.

72.15 Apologies for Absence

None received.

73.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Stubbs, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application 15/00427/FUL.

74.15 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 13 May 2015

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

75.15 Councillor Vacancies

Applications to fill vacancies left unfilled at the election were considered. The item was, again, deferred to allow consideration of a late application.

76.15 Public Participation

A representative of Croston Village Festivities Group provided information in support of a grant application. The application is centred on the Christmas lights switch on event as the Group is hoping for the Christmas Fair to become self sufficient

A resident queried the response to the request for signage for Out Lane to prevent problems with large vehicles. A street nameplate with a 'T' signifying a dead end is to be installed and it may be possible for a directional sign for Bishop Rawstorne to be included on the new sign post.

Incidents of inconsiderate parking were reported. Station Road had been blocked as a result of a bus being unable to pass though due to oncoming vehicles.

Infestations of Japanese Knotweed along Syd Brook and Himalayan Balsam along Grape Lane were reported.

77.15 Planning Matters

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

15/00403/FUL Two storey side extension at 9 Out Lane

15/00427/FUL Demolition of existing garage and utility. Erection of single storey and two storey side extension. Erection of single storey rear extension at 41 Riverside Crescent

15/00450/TCON 1) Holly Tree (Ilex) to front of property: general pruning - requires crown lift and all round reduction of 15%. 2) Blossom Tree (Prunus) to rear of property: general pruning - requires pruning to give 2 meters clearance to rear of property, crown lift and rebalance at Kirkside The Hillocks

15/00435/TPO Fell one horse chestnut tree at St Michael and All Angels Church

15/00458/FUL Single storey rear extension and alterations at 22 Out Lane

15/00462/FUL Erection of a single storey detached dwelling (resubmission of application 14/01158/FUL at 5 The Orchard)

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

Notice of the extinguishment of part of the route of public footpath FP1 has been received.

78.15 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 Village Festivities Group for a contribution towards the costs of the Christmas Lights Switch On event was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £450 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	Tax and NI
£	18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	271.80	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	822.00	DWG (NW)	Summer planting
£	240.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£	490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery

79.15 Bank Mandate

Councillors considered the appointment of additional signatories to the existing mandate.

Resolved: Councillors Cowley, Paillusson and Stubbs are to be added to the mandate.

80.15 Croston in Bloom

Issues with weeds on pavements outside properties were mentioned. Grants have been received towards the new signpost for the Village Green. The flower boxes for the river wall have been produced and a timer is required for the water supply.

81.15 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting – of the priorities set, the pavement from the railway bridge to Bretherton is ongoing, Lancashire County Council is looking into traffic calming measures to resolve traffic speed issues on Moor Road and Southport Road, Ulmes Walton and the public footpath FP6 is still to be inspected.

82.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 July 2015.

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