

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 11 March 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 and B Paillusson.

Also present PCSO A Catterall.

26.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor G Stubbs.

27.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Paillusson, as a member of St Michael's PCC, declared a personal interest in a grant application forming part of agenda item 6 (Financial Matters).

28.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 February 2015

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

29.15 Councillor Vacancy

The filling of a vacancy was considered. As the current Member's terms of office come to an end in May it was decided not to go through the co-option process.

30.15 Public Participation

PCSO Catterall provided details of crime figures.

The query regarding whether Moor Road could replace Town Road as the 'A' road through the village was again raised. The matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The pavement on Meadow Lane is in need of repair.

A patch of oil from a parked car on Church Street was mentioned. This will be reported to the Conservation Officer.

A low bollard on Castle Walks was mentioned. This will be taken up with Lancashire County Council.

A stretch of pavement along Grape Lane is in need of repair.

31.15 Planning Matters

15/00128/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory at 30 Orchard Mill Drive.

15/00181/NOT Notice of intention to install BT Openreach High Speed Broadband cabinet at North Of Trinity Methodist Church, Westhead Road.

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

32.15 Financial Matters

A request for assistance from St Michael's PCC towards the costs of a project to run outdoor activity sessions for young people and undertake tree thinning within the arboretum was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £300 was awarded.

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
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£	427.85	Employee 2	Salary
£	68.80	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£	711.12	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	7.98	E.ON	Christmas lights electricity
£	580.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	50.00	North West in Bloom	Entry

33.15 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

35.15 Use of Village Green and car park

A request from the Village Festivities Group for use of the Village Green and car park on Sunday 29 November 2015 for the Christmas Lights Switch On and Sunday 13 December 2015 for the Christmas Fair was considered.

Resolved: the request was granted, subject to the Festivities Group providing the required insurance cover, making good any damage and arranging the closure of the car park.

36.15 RHS Britain in Bloom Entry

A report from the public meeting was provided. The meeting was well attended with 10 residents coming forward to join the Croston in Bloom group. The group will be meeting shortly to agree a plan of action.

Planting for Summer 2015 and Spring 2016 was considered.

Resolved: DWG Groundwork is to carry out the planting.

37.15 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Council/Parish Clerks meeting - items discussed included the replacement of dog waste bins with dual purpose bins, rural ICT initiatives and new items available on Chorley's website.

38.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 March 2015.

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