

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held on 13 May 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 PCSO Turner and 3 members of the public.

53.15 Election of Chairman for 2015 - 2016

Resolved: Cllr Peet was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

54.15 Councillor Vacancies

Applications to fill vacancies left unfilled at the election were considered. The item was deferred to allow further applications to come forward.

55.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Almond and County Councillor K Iddon.

56.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

57.15 Election of Vice Chairman for 2015 - 2016

Resolved: Cllr Cowley was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

58.15 Appointment of Lead Member (Planning)

Resolved: Cllr Cowley was appointed Lead Member - Planning.

59.15 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2015 - 2016

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Chorley Three Tier Liaison Forum - Cllr Peet.

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Peet

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - there were no volunteers.

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond.

60.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 April 2015

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

61.15 Public Participation

A resident advised of problems with HGV's using Out Lane to access Bishop Rawstorne Academy and asked whether some form of signage could be installed at the junction.

Recent reported crime figures were provided. Councillors reported cut lengths of wood had been stolen from the station platform and a significant number of rose bowls had been taken from the cemetery.

Congestion and the lack of enforcement of speed limits was mentioned. It was suggested Borough Councillor Dalton could be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issues.

A Councillor had been approached by residents complaining of unavailability of primary school school places for their children.

62.15 Planning Matters

15/00278/TCON Removal of four tress - one dead, one virtually dead at the rear, two conifers to the front of the property. Four trees to be pruned - two to the side and two to the rear at Oakdene, Grape Lane.

15/00303/FUL Demolition of existing garage and out buildings, erection of two storey rear extension and detached garage. Creation of a new vehicular access and new boundary treatment to the front of the property at 119 Moor Road.

15/00325/FUL Erection of first floor extension to front at 18 Westhead Road.

15/00326/FUL Erection of first floor extension to front at 16 Westhead Road.

15/00327/FUL Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling including demolition of car port and boiler store, erection of porch, increase in eaves height on south facing side elevation, single storey rear extension, and construction of external chimney, alteration and installation of various windows and roof lights and installation of flue pipe at Oakdene, Grape Lane.

15/00365/FUL Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension at 49 Station Road.

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

63.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement 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:

£	442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£	436.45	Employee 2	Salary
£	60.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI
£	49.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	60.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£	240.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
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Evidence of receipt of the precept was provided and noted.

64.15 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register.

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Internal Auditor's report was considered.

Resolved: the report of the Internal Auditor was noted.

65.15 Request for Use of Village Green and Car Park

A request, from the Town Twinning Association, to use the Village Green and car park for the Bastille Day celebrations on 5 July 2015, was considered.

Resolved: permission was granted.

66.15 Former Library Site, 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.

Resolved: the offer is to be accepted subject to inspection of any terms and conditions by the Parish Council's legal advisor.

67.15 Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way - Local Delivery Scheme for 2015/16

Councillors considered an invitation from Lancashire County Council opt into the Public Rights of Way - Local Delivery Scheme, under which low priority maintenance on public rights of way would be carried out by the Parish Council. Councillors were of the opinion the rates offered were inadequate and there was no proposer for the invitation.

68.15 Workplace Pensions

Information regarding the introduction of a workplace pension scheme for all eligible employees was provided. The staging date of 1 January 2017 was noted.

69.15 Croston in Bloom

A banner provided by Britain in Bloom has been erected. The river wall flower boxes are to be replaced and the railings painted.

70.15 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

71.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 June 2015.

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