

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 November 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, P Fenemore, S Laverick, E Norris and B Paillusson.

Also present Borough Councillors D Dickinson and 2 Members of the public.

110.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon and G Stubbs

111.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

The granting of dispensations to enable Members resident within the parish to take part in the setting of the annual precept was considered.

Resolved: dispensations, effective until the end of Members' terms of office, were granted to Councillors Fenemore and Laverick.

112.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14 October 2015

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

113.15 Public Participation

Difficulties with parking for disabled drivers near the Co-op was reported.

The dog bin was reported as having been removed from the Recreation Ground. The meeting was advised the bin had been replaced with a new combined bin at the entrance

Flooding of the road in the vicinity of Coffee Cottage was mentioned.

114.15 Planning Matters

15/01019/TCON Crown reduction to silver birch tree located in the rear garden at Park View, 38 Grape Lane.

15/01094/TCON Trees 1, 2 and 3 - Scots Pine; Trees 4 and 5 - Ash; Tree 6 - Maple All to be felled as causing damage to property and/or paving and replaced with low maintenance shrubbery at 17 Rectory Close.

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

15/00953/FULMAJ Application for the construction of ten dwellings with associated access road, driveways and private gardens and the refurbishment and extension of the existing bungalow at 127a Station Road (to include the addition of a first floor and new roof), following demolition of existing buildings.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of adverse effects on the visual amenity of neighbours and the adjoining Conservation Area, high density of properties, as 2.5 storey properties, the dwellings are out of character in this area, and highway safety.

115.15 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
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£	436.45	Employee 2	Salary
£	60.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	54.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area inspection
£	514.80	DWG (NW)	Winter planting
£	150.00	Cash	Remembrance Day expenditure

1167.15 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson is to be appointed and the fee set at £60.

117.15 2015-2016 Precept

Councillors were reminded of the need to provide suggestions for inclusion in the Precept.

118.15 Recreation Ground

Chorley Council's Parks and Open Spaces Officer has drafted a report for the November Executive Cabinet meeting requesting approval for the allocation of developer's contributions from the Station Road development, which is almost £30,000, for the project. If this is forthcoming, with funds already available there is sufficient for phase 1 of the project.

119.15 Former Library Car Park, Out Lane

The appointment of a solicitor to act for the Parish Council as considered.

Resolved: Nicholsons Solicitors were appointed.

An update regarding the remaining strip of land was provided. The remainder of the site was unsold at auction and the auctioneers have been instructed to seek best offers for the land by 12 November.

120.15 Chorley Council Consultation on Validation Criteria for Planning Applications

A response to the consultation was considered. Councillors had no comments.

121.15 Outside Bodies

Reports were provided on attendances at the RHS Britain in Bloom, North West in Bloom and Neighbourhoods Awards ceremonies.

122.15 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

123.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 December 2015.

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