

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 October 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 7 Members of the public.

110.15 Apologies for Absence

None received.

111.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

112.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9 September 2015

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

113.15 Public Participation

A resident raised concerns regarding parking on Town Road in the vicinity of The Grapes.

An overgrown hedge on Town Road at the Rectory Farm development was reported.

The height of the extractor vent at Panshi was mentioned as being too low.

A representative of Croston Village Festivities Group advised of the Christmas Lights Switch on 29 November.

A new resident mentioned concerns regarding the level of crime in the village and an apparent lack of Police coverage. Information on the Croston Crime Prevention Group was provided.

Residents had raised concerns regarding congestion along Town Road, Westhead Road and Station Road. A meeting is to be arranged with Bretherton Parish Council to discuss traffic issues and a suggestion to involve Ulnes Walton Parish Council was put forward.

The road surface on Grape Lane between the Hall Gates and Mill Brow has narrowed due to detritus from the verge and trees narrowing the width of the road.

114.15 Planning Matters

15/00978/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of a dormer bungalow at Drinkhouse Garage, 187 Moor Road.

15/01016/PDE Single storey rear extension measuring a maximum 6m in depth, 8m in width and 2.5m in height (existing extension to be demolished) at 58 Station Road.

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 (to include the addition of a first floor and new roof) following demolition of existing buildings at 127a Station Road.

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
£	436.45	Employee 2	Salary
£	60.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	18.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	1776.00	CIS Street Furniture	Finger post
£	192.00	Ark Welding	Finger post installation
£	240.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	10.00	OPSTA	Subscription
£	246.00	Ed Davies Electrical	Light for water pump site

116.15 Former Library Car Park, Out Lane

The Heads of Terms of the agreement offered by Lancashire County Council for the transfer of the bulk of the site for use as a public car park was considered. The Parish Council is liable for its own legal fees plus a contribution of £600 towards LCC's costs. The retention of a right of access by the owner of the adjacent strip of land was discussed. The Parish Council will also be liable for half the costs of surfacing of the access, in the event that the access may become necessary for use in relation to any future planning consent, and half the costs of any future maintenance to the surface of the access.

Resolved: the Heads of Terms were agreed.

Councillors considered a suggestion to obtain the adjacent area of land between the car park and the Lord Nelson. The potential cost of the land was discussed and a point was raised that this should have been publicised earlier to the village. Lancashire County Council has tried to balance providing the car park whilst obtaining some revenue. The suggestion was not supported.

117.15 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Councillors considered the amount to cover the Remembrance Day expenses, wreath and the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: the amount was set at £150.

118.15 Croston Crime Prevention

Councillors considered the appointment of a representative to attend meetings of the Group.

Resolved: Cllr Cowley was appointed.

119.15 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

120.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2015.

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