

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 September 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

**Also present** Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

### 99.15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Fenemore.

### 100.15 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 Almond, Cowley, Norris, Paillusson, Peet and Stubbs.

### 101.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 July 2015

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

### 102.15 Public Participation

The repairs to the surface of Castle Walks around the lighting column were mentioned.

Issues around the delivery of the September newsletter were reported and are to be investigated.

The bollard in Castle Walks is being looked into by Lancashire County Council.

The area of land adjacent to the area of the former Library car park in the process of being offered to the Parish Council was mentioned. The meeting was advised the Parish Council's possible interest in taking part in any bidding has been registered.

The lack of a space between the 'T' and 'L' on the new sign for Out Lane was mentioned.

### 103.15 Planning Matters

15/00717/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony above following the demolition of the existing sun lounge, erection of a rear dormer window and erection of a single storey side/ rear extension at Moor House Farm, 174 Moor Road.

Councillors made no comments relating to this application.

Councillors discussed the inclusion on agendas of applications relating to items such as Permitted Development Enquiries, Certificates of Lawfulness and Minor Non Material Amendments and suggested they should not be included on future agendas.

### 104.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The renewal of the annual insurance premium was discussed. Councillors agreed to renew on the basis of a 3 year long term agreement.

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 574.27 C Norris

Notice boards/seats painting

£ 442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£ 436.45	Employee 2	Salary
£ 60.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 459.35	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 72.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 100.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grant
£ 269.00	Chorley Council	Uncontested election fee
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Annual registration
£ 36.00	CPRE	Subscription
£ 480.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£ 1147.69	Came and Co	Insurance premium
£ 108.00	North West in Bloom	Awards ceremony tickets

#### 105.15 Britain in Bloom/ North West in Bloom Awards 2015

Judging for North West in Bloom provided many useful pointers for the visit of the Britain in Bloom Judges and judging for both appeared to go well with many positive comments.

Councillors considered attendance at the awards ceremonies.

Attendance at the Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony on Friday 16 October 2015 was considered. As the event is spread over two days Councillors considered covering the costs of transport and an overnight stay for attendees.

Resolved: four members of the Bloom Group were nominated to attend and an amount of up to £250 towards costs of mileage and subsistence was agreed.

Attendance at the North West in Bloom Awards Ceremony on Friday 30 October 2015 was discussed.

Resolved: four tickets for the Awards Ceremony, at a cost of £27 each are to be purchased.

Attendance at the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Awards Presentations Dinner on Thursday 29 October 2015 was discussed.

Resolved: two tickets for the Presentations Dinner, at a cost of £22 each, are to be purchased.

#### 106.15 Lancashire County Council Draft Corporate Strategy

A response to a consultation regarding the Draft Corporate Strategy was considered. Cllr Iddon will provide the appropriate response.

#### 107.15 Outside Bodies

Councillors were reminded that, when attending meetings of outside bodies and other organisations as representatives or nominees of the Parish Council, they must adhere to and abide by any decision of the Council made in respect of any topic discussed.

#### 108.15 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

#### 109.15 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 October 2015.

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