

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 January 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 6 Members of the public.

01.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor G Stubbs.

02.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9 December 2015

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

04.16 Public Participation

No issues were raised.

05.16 Planning Matters

15/01040/OUT Outline application for the construction of a single dwelling with associated parking with all matters reserved at 127A Station Road.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of this property adding to the unacceptably high density of properties relating to application 15/00953/FULMAJ and further impact on highway safety.

15/001073/FUL Erection of part first floor, part two storey, side extension with external staircase to side at Keepers Cottage, Moss Road.

15/01219/FUL Change of use from mixed A2/C3 (Estate Agent/Dwellinghouse) to C3 (Dwellinghouse), demolition of existing rear extension and erection of replacement single storey rear extension, creation of rear parking area at Town and Village Estate Agents, 22 Town Road.

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

Resolved: Agenda item 7 was brought forward.

06.16 Flooding

The recent serious flooding of the village was discussed at length.

Gratitude was expressed to a number of organisations including Chorley Borough and Lancashire County Councils, Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services the Flood Group members and numerous volunteers from within the village.

A meeting is to be arranged to set up a charitable trust to handle flood relief donations with the trustees contacting similar organisations for advice on entitlement to assistance. Details have been distributed to residents to help identify priority cases and allocations will be decided by the trustees.

To the future, a Crisis Committee of the Trust will meet with the Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group to try to incorporate lessons learnt for the latest flooding into the action plan and the outside agencies are to pull together information.

The Environment Agency has advised the flood defences currently under construction in Eccleston remain on schedule and data is being obtained to ascertain whether the defences would have prevented the recent flooding.

Issues involving maintenance of the rivers and embankments were raised.

Cllr Fenemore is to compile a report on this recent event for the Parish Council.

07.16 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
£	250.00	Croston in Bloom	Grant
£	90.00	Ark Welding	Repair to Rec gate
£	714.90	CPS	Generator hire
£	275.00	Glenroyde	Christmas tree

08.16 2016 - 2017 Precept

The Precept for 2016-17 was considered. A draft budget was presented, which would result in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

Resolved: the Precept for 2016 - 2017 was set at £21660, which will result in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

09.16 Lancashire County Council Proposed Budget Options

A consultation from Lancashire County Council on its proposed budget options was considered.

Discussions took place regarding the proposed cuts to rural bus services and libraries which would affect rural communities disproportionately.

10.16 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

11.16 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 February 2016.

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