

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 8 June 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, B Paillusson, E Norris and G Stubbs.

Also present Borough Councillor D Dickinson and 6 Members of the public.

66.16 Apologies for Absence

None received.

67.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

68.16 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 9 March 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

69.16 Public Participation

Reports of anti social behaviour and vandalism by a group of youths on the Recreation Ground were provided. It was reported the group was also causing problems in other areas of the village. The residents were advised to contact the Police

A resident of Moor Road raised concerns regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Mill Hotel site and an application for the significant extension of the Royal Umpire Caravan Site.

Japanese Knotweed has reappeared along Syd Brook Lane and around the corner onto Tincklers Lane. Finney Lane was also reported to be affected.

The possibility of a time limit for parking in the layby near the Co-op was queried.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

70.16 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

16/00407/FUL Change of use from playing field to domestic garden curtilage and erection of fence, shed and log store at 60 Westhead Road

16/00434/LBC Replacement front door and window with storm door and window at Favourites, 66 Town Road

16/00452/OUT Outline application (specifying access, layout and scale) for erection of four detached dwellings at The Mill Hotel Moor Road

16/00468/FUL Installation of 3 no. external lighting columns to the existing development at 26A Pear Tree Road

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

16/00292/FUL Erection of single detached dwelling with integral garage and associated at 127A Station Road.

Resolved: the Parish Council's objections to the original application are to be reiterated.

16/00407/FUL Change of use from playing field to domestic garden curtilage and erection of fence, shed and log store at 60 Westhead Road. The loss of recreation land designated in the Local Plan is to be queried with the Planning Officer.

16/00451/FULMAJ Change of use of field to caravan park for the siting of 94 static holiday caravans and associated hard standings and access roads (access through existing caravan site) at the Royal Umpire Caravan Park, Southport Road, Ulnes Walton.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of inappropriate development in the Green Belt and the impact on the local area.

71.16 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

A request from the Friends of Croston Station for a contribution towards the costs of plants and brushes was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £100 was awarded.

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

£	442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£	442.25	Employee 2	Salary
£	54.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	164.15	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	200.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant - Christmas lights switch on
£	830.00	DWG (NW)	Summer planting
£	248.40	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£	490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	248.40	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	100.00	Friends of Croston Station	Grant - plants and brushes

72.16 Former Library Car Park, Out Lane

Councillors considered an offer from Lancashire County Council for the entire car park site, including the strip of land previously excluded, to be purchased for a nominal sum.

Resolved: the Heads of Terms, provided by Lancashire County Council, were agreed.

73.16 Request for use of Village Green and Car Park

A request from the Town Twinning Association for use of the Village Green and car park on Saturday 9 July 2016 for the Bastille Day celebrations.

Resolved: the request was granted.

74.16 Lancashire County Council Delivery of Local Services

A consultation on delivery of local services was considered. Concerns were raised regarding the potential reduction in facilities at Eccleston Library. Councillors agreed to await further developments.

75.16. Croston in Bloom

The summer planting has been completed and the Judge's route has been planned. A 'tidy up' has been completed and more are to take place.

76.16 Chorley Liaison Meeting

A request for suggestions for agenda items had been received. Councillors are to contact the Clerk with suggestions.

77.16 Peter Lathom Charity

An additional Parish Council Trustee is required for the Charity.

Resolved: Cllr Stubbs is to be nominated.

78.16 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

79.16 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 July 2016.

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