

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 March 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, P Fenemore, E Norris and G Stubbs.

Also present 2 Members of the public.

26.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley K Iddon, S Laverick and B Paillusson.

27.16 Disclosure of Interests

None declared.

28.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 February 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

29.16 Public Participation

It was reported elderly residents of Riverside Crescent had experienced major difficulties contacting the housing association to obtain assistance with flooding issues over the Christmas period. A Councillor is a member of a consultation group, which includes the landlord, involved in working to put together an emergency plan which will, amongst other things, provide tenants with contact details for emergency assistance.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

30.16 Planning Matters

16/00097/FULHH Erection of single story rear extension at 6 De Trafford Place.

16/00125/ADV One non-illuminated fascia sign, one non-illuminated hanging sign, one non-illuminated sign adjacent to door and one non-illuminated sign to cash machine at The Royal Bank Of Scotland, 23 Town Road.

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

31.16 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the precept request by Chorley Council was presented and noted.

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
£	147.24	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	14.40	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	200.00	Croston Pre school Nursery	Grant
£	580.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	25.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village	Entry fee

32.16 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

33.16 Request for Use of Village Green and Car Park

A request from the Village Festivities Group for use of the Village Green and car park on Sunday 27 November 2016, for the Christmas Lights Switch On, and Sunday 11 December 2016 for the Christmas Fair was considered.

Resolved: the request was granted, subject to the Festivities Group providing the required insurance cover, making good any damage and arranging the closure of the car park.

34.16 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Croston Village Surgery, the Friends of Croston Station notice board and the War Memorial were nominated for Certificate of Merit Section entries. Councillors are to provide details of other nominations to the Clerk once the agreement of the owners has been obtained.

35.16. Croston in Bloom

An inspection of the village has taken place and action plan produced detailing areas which require improvement. The inspection identified a number of Parish Council owned flower tubs which are in need of replacement.

36.16 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

37.16 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 April 2016.

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