

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 8 June 2005 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs P A Peet (Chair), K Almond, J Forrest, C Gibbons, J Kearton, A Maddran, S Parkinson, B Thompson, S Thompson.

Also Present Borough Cllr Iddon, PC Plummer and 3 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Gibbons to the Council.

34.05 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Borough Cllr Dickinson.

35.05 Personal/Prejudicial interests

None declared.

36.05 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 May 2005

Proposed Cllr B Thompson, seconded Cllr Maddran and agreed the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Chairman requested item 5 on the agenda be brought forward.

Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded Cllr B Thompson and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the Public to speak.

37.05 Police Matters

PC Plummer distributed the latest crime figures. Things were generally quiet and recent crimes involved damage to vehicles.

Members of the public mentioned inconsiderate parking on the corner by Fresco Fresco. PC Plummer will monitor the situation.

Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded Cllr B Thompson and agreed to restore Standing Orders.

37.05 Matters for Report

Croft Field Footpath (23.05) – Articles have been placed in the newsletter to encourage input from residents. The matter is to be discussed at the next Meeting.

107/108 Bus Service (23.05) - Lancashire County Council advised the 107 Service has been withdrawn and the Red Rose Runner Demand Service will provide a replacement public transport provision which must be pre-booked. The evening and Sundays 108 Service will operate to a revised timetable. The Clerk is to advise the County Council residents have already experienced difficulties with the replacement service and that the Parish Council is extremely concerned at the further erosion of services. Lindsay Hoyle MP's assistance is to be requested.

Closed Circuit Television (23.05) - Cllr Parkinson is awaiting written confirmation of the legal position regarding the use of the system.

Town Bridge Weight Restriction (32.05) - Lancashire County Council advised the alteration to the weight limit has been brought about by changes in the law. A suggestion for the potential closure of the bridge is to be discussed at the next meeting. Lindsay Hoyle MP is to be advised.

Bus Shelter Grants (32.05) - Lancashire County Council advised the Parish Council's suggestions to utilise the funds to improve the bus services or the existing bus shelter stock were not viable alternatives due to the nature of the funding.



Proposed Cllr Forrest, seconded Cllr S Thompson and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

38.05 Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

39.05 Borough Councillors

Borough Cllr Iddon has put forward a suggestion to use the C7 Bus Service to cover the loss of the 107 Service and has involved Lindsay Hoyle MP.

Proposed Cllr Forrest, seconded Cllr Parkinson and agreed to restore Standing Orders.

40.05 Finance

The budget monitoring statement was circulated and the Chairman carried out the reconciliation of monies received in accordance with the fidelity guarantee.

Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded Cllr Almond, and agreed the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected by Councillors Kearton and Parkinson:

£ 242.50	Employee 1	Salary
£ 285.65	Employee 2	Salary
£ 80.52	Inland Revenue	Tax
£ 12.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 208.00	R Sutton	Grasscutting

41.05 Planning Matters

05/00471 Two storey rear extension at 23 Highfield Road - no comment

05/00508 Listed Building Consent to repair boundary wall at 73 Town Road - no comment

05/00569 Demolish existing bungalow and construct a 2 storey house with detached double garage and workshop and associated external works at Croftlands, 34 Grape Lane - Councillors considered the application in detail. It was felt the proposed building falls into the same category as detailed in the architects design statement as the existing property in that the style can be readily found on numerous housing developments throughout the country. Object on the grounds that the proposed building is out of character with surrounding properties and will therefore have a detrimental visual impact on the street scene.

42.05 Parish Business Plan

The adopted length of Out Lane from its junction with Town Road is currently in the 20mph Zone Programme and should be going out to public consultation within six months. A School Travel Plan Advisor is liaising with the schools to try to reduce the number of vehicle journeys

The traffic survey on Moor Road took place within the 30mph limit, not in the 40mph zone as first thought. The 85% ile speed of 44mph will be raised with the Police at the next Traffic Liaison Meeting. Councillors had noted a mobile flashing speed warning unit placed on Highfield Road and the Clerk is to request feedback on the figures obtained and ask Inspector Edmondson whether one could be sited on Moor Road.

Proposed Cllr Forrest, seconded Cllr Almond and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Borough Councillor Iddon advised she has contacted Lancashire County Council to have the "Slow" warning signs on the Highfield Road bend, which disappeared during the resurfacing, reinstated.

Proposed Cllr Parkinson, seconded Cllr Almond and agreed to restore Standing Orders.



Grape Lane is scheduled for resurfacing, Councillors advised work is in progress. The provision of dropped curbs has been referred to the Mobility Officer.

Cllr S Thompson advised of recent problems with articulated lorries having difficulty passing along Town Lane.

Cllr Gibbons expressed concerns regarding the danger of accidents at the roundabouts into Jubilee Way. Councillors reiterated traffic speed on Moor Road needs to be reduced.

43.05 Boundary Signs

Cllr Almond provided details of signs erected at Farrington Moss. The Clerk is to obtain prices for signs of a similar shape with the wording "Welcome to Croston twinned with Azay-le-Rideau" displaying the Parish Council logo.

44.05 Village Green

Cllr Parkinson observed the flagpole will lie down from its current position. Councillors agreed to defer any action until details of the Heritage Trail board are finalised.

Cllr Kearton expressed concerns regarding the use of the river wall railings for displaying notices. The Chairman reiterated the Parish Council's willingness to display notices in the noticeboards provided there was sufficient space.

45.05 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Parkinson reported on the previous days attendance at the seminar covering the Community Ownership of Assets by himself and Councillors Almond and Kearton which contained items including obtaining land to be held in trust for the village. Cllr Parkinson will provide a detailed report at the next meeting.

Cllr Forrest advised of the setting up of the RPCT which has obtained funding for the next three years and will fulfil some of the functions of the Green Centre.

The West of Lancashire Community Rail Partnership advised that Northern Rail is launching its Station Adoption Tool Kit on 23 June, following which the adoption of the station and safety training of volunteers will take place. Northern Rail is to move the shelter into a more open location. The fence by the recycling bins has been queried with Chorley Borough Council.

46.05 Correspondence

Lancashire County Training Partnership is holding a course for New Clerks and Councillors. Cllr S Thompson is to attend.

The judging date for North West in Bloom is 20 July.

Chorley Borough Council advised of a Borough/Parish Councils Liaison Meeting on 29 June. The Chairman and Cllr B Thompson will attend.

HLB AV Audit, the external auditors, advised of a change of name to BDO Stoy Hayward.

The Joint Advisory Committee provided details of the Statement of Community Involvement for the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework. The information was placed in the mailbag and the Clerk is to be notified of any comments.

Bowland and Pennine Mountain Rescue Team provided information in support of a donation request. The information was placed in the mailbag and will be considered at the next meeting.



47.05 Matters for Further Discussion

Cllr Almond queried the current position regarding the Croft Field footpath. The Chairman advised the Council had agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Cllr Almond requested the Council considers taking part in the celebrations to mark the 200th Anniversary of Trafalgar Day. A brochure was placed in the mailbag and will be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Almond advised of the appearance of Flood Risk Assessment details on recent planning applications.

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

