

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 November 2006 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillors D Dickinson and M Iddon.

99.06 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Gibbons (work commitments) and S Parkinson (illness).

Resolved: the apologies be accepted.

100.06 Personal/Prejudicial interests

Cllr Forrest declared a prejudicial interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 9 (Planning Matters).

101.06 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2006

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

(89.06) Lancashire County Council will be tarmacing the footpath from the School Bridge to the Cemetery Gates, not Castle Walks as stated.

102.06 Clerks Report

Confirmation has finally been received from the Open Spaces Co-ordinator at Chorley Borough Council allowing the sale of the half-pipe to proceed.

Lancashire County Council provided a copy of the consultation documents for the Safer Roads in the Out Lane Area. Residents comments are due before the end of December 2006.

The next meeting of the Lancashire Local - Chorley is to take place on 6 December 2006.

Chorley Borough Council is hosting a presentation for entrants into the North West in Bloom Competition on 29 November 2006.

The Clerk had attended the first joint training session with neighbouring Parish Council's and advised it was a welcome improvement on previous offerings.

The Countryside Alliance provided details of its campaign to save rural post offices.

Villages in Partnership advised of the forthcoming Torchlit Parade and Christmas Market on Sunday 17 December 2006.

103.06 Police Matters

Damage to vehicles parked on Station Road has occurred, with paint stripper being poured over a car in the most serious incident. Youth problems have been reported on Jubilee Way.

104.06 Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow Members of the public to speak.

105.06 Borough Councillors

Lancashire County Council is to arrange clearing of the gullies following Chorley Borough Council's sweeping of the leaves prior to Remembrance Day.

Lancashire County Council has been chased regarding the footpath at Castle Bridge.



Age Concern is seeking the support of Lancashire Councils regarding rural post offices.

Resolved: Standing Orders be reinstated.

106.06 Financial Matters

Resolved: the financial update and bank reconciliation be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

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

£	301.38	Employee 1	Salary
£	294.10	Employee 2	Salary
£	82.94	Inland Revenue	Tax
£	13.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	100.00	North West Air Ambulance	Donation
£	174.00	R Sutton	Grasscutting

107.06 Planning Matters

Cllr Forrest withdrew from the meeting.

06/01043/FUL Formation of builders yard with new vehicular access and erection of fencing - Councillors considered the proposal at length. Concerns were expressed regarding future development of the site as this application appears to merely open up the site for access. The access onto Moor Road in the immediate vicinity of the two mini roundabouts was felt to be unacceptable.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds of the access being in the immediate vicinity of two mini roundabouts, which already cause problems.

Cllr Forrest rejoined the Meeting.

06/01095/LBC Replacement windows to gable end of property at 15 Church Street - no comment.

06/01157/FUL Side conservatory and two new windows to first floor side extension at 14 Victoria Court - no comment.

06/01125/FUL Erection of three wind turbines at Cliffs Farm, Wood Lane, Mawdesley Councillors considered this application, in an adjoining parish, as it is located close to the parish boundary - Councillors were in favour of the development as it was felt the production of energy from renewable sources must begin somewhere in the area.

Cllr S Thompson declared a prejudicial interest in the following item and withdrew from the Meeting.

06/01193/FUL Two storey rear extension to the side and a single storey extension to the rear at 121 Station Road - no comment

Cllr S Thompson rejoined the meeting.

06/01214/FUL Proposed replacement dwelling. Revised layout to approved plan 06/00569/FUL at Croftlands, 24 Grape Lane.

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

06/00942/LBC Listed Building Consent for the relocation of existing K6 Telephone Kiosk - Councillors do not want to lose the facility within the Village, however it was felt there could be more suitable locations which did not reduce visibility of vehicles exiting Out Lane.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds of impact on the visibility of vehicles using Out Lane.



108.06 Prison Liaison Panel

Ulnes Walton Parish Council provided details of the disbanding of the Prison Liaison Panel.

Resolved: The comments be noted.

109.06 Village Green Flagpole

Councillors considered the installation of a lowering device for the flagpole.

Resolved: a lowering device at a cost of £150 be fitted.

Councillors also considered the relocation of the flagpole in light of the potential redevelopment of the noticeboard area.

Resolved: the decision be delegated to a small Committee of Councillors which will conduct a site meeting and decide upon a suitable location on a simple majority basis.

110.06 Parish Precept for 2007-2008

Councillors were reminded of the forthcoming precept meeting and reminded to consider any proposals which may require the obtaining of costings.

111.06 Village Entrance Sign

Lancashire County Council has confirmed the proposed location on Moor Road is acceptable, with the proviso that any future plans for planting of the area are submitted to avoid interference with the line of sight for vehicles exiting from Highfield Road.

112.06 Recreation Ground

Details of the report arising from the site meeting with a representative of the Environmental Projects Team at Lancashire County Council were provided. The report concluded that the various issues considered were ones relating to regular maintenance or are very minor capital works and, as such, do not require design input. It was suggested that further improvements should be put off until the renovation work on the former Methodist School are completed.

Councillors mentioned the drainage of the field may need looking into. Repainting of the equipment and the minor capital works could be included in the upcoming precept.

113.06 Reports from Outside Bodies

Items discussed at the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils Chorley Area Committee included grant funding available for sporting activities, the lack of pathways on country lanes and information on Speed Indicator Devices was provided. Lancashire Youth and Community Services has funding but the initial requirement has to come from youth groups.

The Lancashire Local - Chorley considered school's travel plans whereby funding is available for the plans. The issue of coping with an ageing population was also discussed, with particular reference being made to the lack of affordable housing in the area.

114.06 Matters for Further Discussion

No matters raised.

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

