

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 June 2006 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Cllrs Dickinson and Iddon and 1 member of the public.

36.06 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted Cllrs Kearton (illness) and Parkinson (work commitments) and PC Plummer.

37.06 Personal/Prejudicial interests

None declared.

38.06 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 May 2006

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

39.06 Clerks Report

Station Road Bus Shelter - Chorley Borough Council advised there is insufficient funding to replace serviceable panels.

Recreation Ground Design Project - A representative from Lancashire County Council is to carry out an initial site visit. Councillors volunteered to meet with him.

Village Entrance Sign - a location has been agreed upon with Lancashire County Council for the resiting. Written confirmation is awaited.

A meeting of the Lancashire Local - Chorley is to take place on Thursday 15 June 2006. The Chairman will attend.

A Joint meeting with Bretherton and Ulles Walton is to take place on Thursday 15 June 2006.

North West in Bloom. The village will be judged approx 4.00pm on 17 July 2006. The judges will be met on the Village Green. Chorley Borough Councils assistance has been requested.

Tree Warden training course

CBC- Local Development Framework - addendum docs

Lancashire County Council advised of the potential installation of a long line public address system at Croston, Rufford and Burscough Junction stations.

Lancashire Constabulary advised of the appointment of the New Inspector for the area.

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

40.06 Police Matters

Several road traffic accidents were reported in the month. One, involving a tractor and a car is being followed up by the Traffic Department in an attempt to slow down tractors. Parking is still occurring on the pavement outside the Co-op presenting a danger to pedestrians.

41.06 Residents Points of Interest

Overgrown hedges at the junction of Moor Road and Station Road were highlighted.

The Clerk is to contact the Probation Services regarding the possibility of community service assistance within the village.

42.06 Borough Councillors

Details of correspondence regarding Post office Card Accounts was provided.



Borough Councillors assistance with overgrown hedges was requested.

The Borough Council's Housing Stock Transfer Consultation is now under way.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

43.06 Financial Matters

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the costs of holidays for disabled people, breaks for carers and opportunities for volunteers.

Resolved: a grant of £50 be awarded.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected:

£ 284.48	Employee 1	Salary
£ 294.10	Employee 2	Salary
£ 82.94	Inland Revenue	Tax
£ 81.29	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 13.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 352.50	Croston Pre-school	Grant - purchase of chairs
£ 18.79	Freeola	Website domain renewal
£ 171.00	R Sutton	Grasscutting

44.06 Planning Matters

06/00442/FUL Single storey side extension at 4 Home Farm Mews, Grape Lane - no comment

45.06 Public Footpath between the Old School Bridge and the Cemetery

Councillors considered a request for a joint approach to Lancashire County Council, with other village organisations, to have the path repaired. The surface is unsuitable for wheelchairs.

Resolved: the Clerk is to identify the contact within Lancashire County Council, provide the information to the organisations, and request the path be repaired.

46.06 Flowers and Planting

Councillors considered improvements to floral displays within the village.

Resolved: the trough at the Village Green noticeboard is to be replaced and the tubs adjacent to the seats on Town Road are to be replaced with half barrels. Additional half barrels are to be purchased and located either side of the seat by Croston Park and in front of the troughs on the river wall by Town Bridge. The summer planting is to be ordered. The cost of provision of artificial flowers for hanging baskets on the Village Green is to be investigated.

Written confirmation of the proposed site for the relocation of the village entrance sign on Highfield Road is awaited from Lancashire County Council. A cost for relocation of around £200 has been provided.

Resolved: upon receipt of the written confirmation Lancashire County Council be requested to relocate the sign.

47.06 Library Car Park

There is a requirement for the Parish Council to lock the car park on Sunday evenings. Several Councillors volunteered to join a rota. Additional keys are to be obtained.



48.06 Coffee Day

Councillors agreed to attend to the Village Green on the Sunday morning following Coffee Day to clear up litter. The Clerk is to contact Chorley Borough Council to arrange for bins to be sited on the Village Green.

49.06 Lostock Ward Area Forum

Agenda items for the Forum are to be decided at the forthcoming Joint Meeting with Bretherton and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils.

50.06 Parish Plan

Details of a meeting with The Head of Planning Policy at Chorley Borough Council were discussed. The Croston Parish Plan has been distributed to all Senior Officers and Managers within the Borough Council. Reference data upon which the Plan was formulated is to be provided to the Borough Council. The Local Development Framework and the Regional Spatial Strategy both contain policies for local service centres and a framework for the location of possible future development.

51.06 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

52.06 Matters for Further Discussion

Costings for replacement polycarbonate bus shelter panels are to be requested.

An offer to clean the War Memorial has been received. Councillors requested details of the cleaning materials to be used.

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

