

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 January 2007 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

01.07 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor M Iddon.

Resolved: the apologies be accepted.

02.07 Personal/Prejudicial interests

None declared.

03.07 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2006

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

04.07 Clerks Report

Trinity and St Michaels Primary School is holding an Open Evening on 31 January 2007.

Chorley Borough Council, South Ribble Borough Council and Preston City Council are working together on "big planning issues". A workshop is proposed for late February/early March provided there is sufficient interest.

The next Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting is to take place on 17 January 2007.

The Lancashire Local - Chorley has requested items previously submitted under the unsuccessful Parish Partnership Plan scheme be resubmitted to the Lancashire Local.

The Stronger and More Involved Communities Sub Group of the Chorley Partnership is holding its inaugural meeting on 16 January 2007.

05.07 Police Matters

No matters reported.

06.07 Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

07.07 Borough Councillors

No points raised.

08.07 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:

£ 351.38	Employee 1	Salary
£ 294.10	Employee 2	Salary
£ 82.94	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI
£ 13.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 135.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing

09.07 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

06/01285/FUL Front porch and single storey rear extension at 6 Shevington Causeway - no comment

06/01364/FUL Rear conservatory at 26 Lostock Road - no comment

06/01366/FUL Retrospective application for the formation of a door opening in existing window opening at 3 Home Farm Mews - no comment

Councillors advised of works being carried out on signage to the front of the Mill Hotel which, it is believed, remains the subject of an enforcement notice.

10.07 Parish Precept for 2007-2008

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Funding is to be provided for additional Christmas lights, wireless connection for the closed circuit TV system, planting and improvements to the Recreation Ground and the seating area on the Village Green.

Resolved: the Precept be set at £20800, representing no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

11.07 Listed Monuments

Councillors considered a proposal to request the addition of the victorian postbox, on Station Road, the Out Lane street nameplate and the Croston/Ulnes Walton boundary stone to the listings.

Resolved: an application be made to add the items to the listing.

12.07 Speed Indicator Device

Further information regarding the invitation to join with neighbouring Parish Councils for the joint purchase and operation of a device was considered.

Concerns were expressed regarding the ultimate responsibility for the choosing of sites.

Resolved: the Parish Council is to participate in the scheme, with a minimum useage of 25% and a maximum contribution of £1000.

13.07 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

14.07 Matters for Information

Damaged kerbstones on Town Road and outside the Crown on Station Road were reported, together with loose cobbles outside the Crown.

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