

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 June 2007 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs P A Peet (Chair), K Almond, J Forrest, S Parkinson,

Also Present 1 Member of the Public.

82.07 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Gibbons, J Kearton, B Thompson, S Thompson and Borough Cllrs D Dickinson and M Iddon

83.07 Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

84.07 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 5 May 2007

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

85.07 Public Participation

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

A resident mentioned the amount of dog fouling along Castle Walks. Also the light is obscured by a high hedge.

Overgrown hedges were reported opposite the Methodist Church on Westhead Road, Rectory Farm, Town Road and the railway bridge on Meadow Lane.

Several public rights of way were reported as overgrown.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

86.07 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation .

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

Councillors considered a grant application from Victim Support Lancashire towards operational expenses.

Resolved: a grant of £25 be awarded.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

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	Income tax
£ 14.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 127.22	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 47.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area inspection
10.00	OPSTA	Subscription
£ 317.25	Chorley Borough Council	Recreation Ground grasscutting
£ 55.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit
£ 355.00	B and C Norris	Wayside seat painting

87.07 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

07/00533/FUL Proposed first storey rear extension at 69 Westhead Road

07/00578/FUL Demolish existing rear extension and erect a single storey rear extension and partside extension at 15 Church Street

07/00612/FUL Conversion of existing garage to study and erection of first floor side extension and conservatory to rear at 30 Yarrow Close

Resolved: no comments be lodged.

The following application was considered:

07/00606/FUL Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (ref: 9/90/703, condition 3) at Sumners Farm, Carr Lane. Concerns were expressed as the original application was granted, at committee stage despite a recommendation for refusal by the Planning Officer, following the applicants stated willingness to accept a restriction on the occupancy of the dwelling.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the following grounds:

The condition was imposed as a result of the original applicant's willingness to accept it.

6.65 of the Chorley Borough Local Plan review states dwellings subject to agricultural occupancy conditions may be required to meet not only the immediate but also the longer term needs of the associated farming enterprise and the needs of other farms in the locality.

Councillors considered a procedure for the nomination of a speaker when the Council is invited to address Development Control Committee Meetings at Chorley Borough Council in support of, or in opposition to, planning applications.

Resolved: upon receipt of an invitation the Council will register to speak. Discussions with other interested local organisations will then take place to ascertain whether the public interest may be better served by the Council withdrawing from the invitation. Any Councillor, nominated by the Parish Council, is to reiterate the submitted comments of the Council only.

88.07 Annual Return for the year Ended 31 March 2007

Councillors considered the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report of the Internal Auditor be noted.

89.07 Village Green

Councillors considered a request from the Town Twinning Association to use the Village Green for a French Market.

Resolved: permission be granted.

Councillors considered a policy regarding the posting of notices on the Village Green. Presently notices posted are done so without permission and, as such, represent fly posting.

Resolved: no posters may be displayed on the Village Green. Any which are erected may be removed. Posters submitted by local organisations may be displayed, subject to available space, in the Parish Council noticeboard on the Village Green.

90.07 Britain in Bloom 2007

Councillors considered the preparations for the judging. The signpost, flagpole, cradle and power supply pillar on the Village Green require painting.

Resolved: a Village Tidy Up will be carried out on the evening of 28 June 2007.

91.07 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Lancashire Local Chorley considered a number of traffic related topics. The reorganisation of the Highways Partnership, which commenced in July 2006, has not yet been completed.

92.07 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 July 2007.

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