

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 July 2007 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present PC Plummer, Borough Cllrs D Dickinson and M Iddon.

93.07 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Gibbons.

94.07 Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Forrest, as a Trustee of Villages in Partnership, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of agenda item 8 (Village Green).

95.07 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2007

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

96.07 Public Participation

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

i) Police Report

The monthly crime report was provided. Voluntary 20mph limit schemes are currently under discussion with Lancashire County Council.

ii) Residents Points of Interest

Speed limit advice signs on Moor Road and Highfield Road are obscured by overgrown trees.

Concerns were expressed regarding the possibility of flooding in the current climate, and whether satisfactory contingency measures are in place. A strategic flood risk assessment of the Central Lancashire area has been commissioned by Chorley Borough, Preston City and South Ribble Borough Councils and, once a draft report has produced, the Parish Council will be asked to comment.

iii) Borough Councillors

The MP for South Ribble is proposing a complete review of the traffic system south of the River Ribble and it is hoped this will encourage Lancashire County Council to consider provision of the South Penwortham Bypass. Councillors and residents were advised to write to the MP advising of their views.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

97.07 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 requests for payment to the Council.

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

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| £ 301.38 | Employee 1 | Salary |
| £ 294.10 | Employee 2 | Salary |

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| £ 82.94 | HM Revenue & Customs | Tax |
| £ 14.00 | Croston Old School | Room hire |
| £ 143.00 | Minuteman Press | Newsletter printing |
| £ 25.00 | Victim Support Lancashire | Donation |
| £ 150.00 | CJA Fabrications | Flagpole relocation and stand |
| £ 372.10 | Chorley Borough Council | Uncontested election fee |
| £ 301.38 | Employee 1 | August salary |
| £ 294.10 | Employee 2 | August salary |
| £ 82.94 | HM Revenue & Customs | August tax |

98.07 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

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

07/00678/FUL Erection of 2 no shelters for bowling facilities at the Black Horse Hotel, Westhead Road.

07/00707/FUL Erection of replacement dwelling at Oldfields, Railway View.

07/00716/FUL Erection of first floor rear extension and detached office/store at 25 Drinkhouse Road.

07/00737/FUL Demolish existing conservatory and replace with single storey rear extension at 44 Lonsdale Drive.

07/00745/FUL Formation of disabled and clergy parking spaces with turning area at the Church Of St Michael And All Angels, Church Street.

Resolved: no comments be lodged.

The following applications were considered:

07/00659/FUL Proposed construction of new access road and car parking area at Bishop Rawstone C of E International Language College, Out Lane, Croston.

Resolved: a letter of support be lodged on the following grounds:

The Parish Council has, for many years, campaigned for a resolution to the traffic problems on Out Lane caused largely by the location of the two schools on the lane, and has recently been successful in obtaining approval for traffic calming measures and a 20mph speed limit. Residents of Out Lane have endured years of misery at school opening and closing times and the proposed development is anticipated to reduce useage of Out Lane considerably.

07/00433/COU 07/00433/COU Change of Use of gymnasium to 2 no. apartments at Former Zodiac Gym, Station Road

Resolved: an objection to the amended application be lodged on the following grounds:

The removal of the parking space will exacerbate the existing, well documented parking problems in this area, particularly in the evenings. Following the relocation of the Post Office to this building parking problems in the area during the day have increased considerably, also the Chorley Borough Local Plan states that developments of this nature should provide 1 car parking place per dwelling.

Councillors expressed concerns regarding the small number of Chorley Borough Council Development Control Committee Members believed to have carried out a site visit of the proposed Rectory Farm Development given that the Committee agreed, unanimously, to defer the original decision for a site inspection prior to its subsequent approval.

Resolved: the number of Committee members who carried out a site inspection be queried.

99.07 Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils

Councillors considered the revised Model Code of Conduct and whether to specifically adopt clause 12.2, which allows councillors with a prejudicial interest, the same rights to speak as a member of the public attending a meeting, prior to withdrawal for the debate and decision.

Resolved: the Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils be adopted.

Resolved: Clause 12.2 of the Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils be adopted.

100.07 Village Green

Councillors considered a request from Villages in Partnership to use the Village Green for a Christmas Event on 16 December 2007.

Resolved: permission be granted.

The following costings for the replacement of the Village Green noticeboard were considered:

H Stebbing - £1024 (plus posts and installation).

Greenbarnes - £1133 (plus posts and installation).

A P Griffiths - approximately £700, subject to the required design of the stand

Resolved: the costings from A P Griffiths be accepted. The Clerk is to order the noticeboard.

101.07 Layfield Charity

Councillors considered the selection of a Parish Council Nominee for the Charity. Borough Councillor Iddon had expressed her willingness to continue in the role.

Resolved: Borough Councillor Iddon is to hold the position of Parish Council Nominee on the Peter Layfield Charity.

102.07 Speed Indicator Device

Potential locations for the mounting of the device were considered. The locations will be inspected for practicality and health and safety reasons.

Resolved: the following sites be submitted for inspection:

Moor Road in the vicinity of the 30mph advisory sign.

Highfield Road by Cock Robin Cottages.

Grape Lane adjacent to the Chapel Entrance.

Meadow Lane in the vicinity of Isle of Man Farm.

103.07 Library Car Park Fence

The fence between the Library Car Park and the Doctor's Surgery is in a dilapidated condition. The Council's assistance in having the fence repaired or replaced has been requested.

Resolved: the Clerk is request the Library Service attends to the fence.

104.07 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Chorley Borough Council West Area Forum considered topics including the lack of provision of national health dental services, which is to be looked into.

105.07 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 September 2007.

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