

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 July 2008 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs P A Peet (Chair), J Forrest, C Gibbons, J Kerton, S Mosalski, S Parkinson, B Thompson.

Also Present PC Plummer and 2 Members of the Public.

84.08 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Almond and S Thompson and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

85.08 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr B Thompson, as a Trustee of Croston United Charities, declared a personal in an item forming part of agenda item 6 (Planning Matters).

86.08 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2008

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

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

86.08 Public Participation

i) Police Report

Following complaints from residents, an initiative targeting vehicles obstructing pavements is to commence shortly. Warnings, and then fixed penalty tickets will be issued to motorists whose vehicles will not allow a pram and a wheelchair to pass. A 'Walking Bus' scheme from the Station car park to Trinity and St Michaels School has also commenced.

ii) Borough Councillors

No reports.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

Residents expressed concerns regarding the manner in which the planning application for the Former Woodyard Site had been determined by Chorley Council's Development Control Committee. A survey covering the increase in the number of vehicles and the effect on parking in the area was suggested.

Following a complaint regarding the condition of the railings outside the Former Methodist School on Station Road a resident had been advised of the ongoing negotiations with Lancashire County Council.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

87.08 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 request from Vitalise towards operational costs. There was no proposer for the request.

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



£ 310.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 309.16	Employee 2	Salary
£ 77.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 14.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 75.00	Croston Sports Club	Newsletter delivery
£ 25.00	Victim Support Lancashire	Donation
£ 50.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Donation
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 47.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area safety inspection
£ 310.96	Employee 1	Salary - August
£ 309.16	Employee 2	Salary - August
£ 77.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax - August
£ 140.00	Heskin Parish Council	Speed indicator device deployment

88.08 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

08/00705/LBC Listed Building Consent for replacement of 3 windows to the front of bungalows 5, 6 & 7 Back Drinkhouse Lane.

08/00717/FUL Demolition of existing house and erection of new replacement dwelling and associated works (revised scheme following extant permission reference no. 07/00336/FUL, granted on 17.05.2007) at 16 Cock Robin Cottages.

Resolved: no comments be made relating to the applications.

Councillors considered the recent granting of planning permission for 45 dwellings on the site of the Former Woodyard, Station Road. Concerns were expressed that residents and the Parish Council were not provided with the opportunity to comment on the revised scheme.

Resolved: a complaint is to be made to Chorley Council regarding the manner in which the application was determined and asking why the application could not have been deferred to allow for further consultation.

89.08 Lengthsman's Litter Cart

Chorley Council has agreed to provide a new litter cart provided it displays the Borough Council's livery. Councillors expressed gratitude at the offer.

90.08 Newsletter

Councillors considered the continuing publication of the Parish Council newsletter. Problems have arisen with delays in submission of articles and delays in delivery which has resulted in being delivered after dates mentioned in articles. This has, in the past, led to time sensitive articles not being published.

Resolved: the quarterly publication, in its existing format, is to continue, with the Clerk drawing up a schedule of closing dates for articles to allow for delivery in the early part of the month. Croston Scout Group is to deliver the September edition.

91.08 Chorley Equality Forum

Councillors considered a request for suggestions for the Equality Forum. Councillors applauded the work of the forum, and welcomed the recognition of rurality as an area of diversity, but had no suggestions to make.

92.08 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, in accordance with Part 1(section 8) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.



Resolved: members of the public be excluded for the consideration of the following item.

93.08 Village Green Improvements

Councillors considered a further quotation for improvements to the Village Green. It was suggested an application for grant funding be made to Awards for All prior to a final decision on the awarding of the contract being made.

Resolved: an application be made to Awards for All for grant funding.

94.08 Reports from Outside Bodies

The North West in Bloom judging had appeared to have gone well. Of particular interest to the Judges was the community involvement including the use of the Village Green and Sports Club for community events and the efforts of residents. Councillors expressed gratitude to Chorley Council for its efforts in cleaning up the village at very short notice.

Information regarding a revised method of reporting crimes and incidents to Chorley Police and details of grants available for sports purposes was provided at the Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee.

95.08 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 September 2008.

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

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