

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 June 2008 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillors D Dickinson and S Moulton.

70.08 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr B Thompson and S Mosalski.

71.08 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

72.08 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14 May 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.

73.08 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No reports.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

Residents had reported problems with overgrown vegetation at the entrance to the Jubilee Mill Estate. Borough Councillor Moulton will take up the matter.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

74.08 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 Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the purchase of water safety equipment.

Resolved: a grant of £50 be awarded.

Councillors considered a grant request from Victim Support Lancashire towards operating expenses.

Resolved: a grant of £25 be awarded.

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

£ 310.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 308.96	Employee 2	Salary
£ 77.40	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 175.98	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 14.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 55.25	Heskin Parish Council	Contribution to stepladder
£ 250.00	C Barbour	Grasscutting

£ 250.00 A Powell
£ 234.77 Environplas

Summer planting
Replacement litter bin covers

75.08 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

08/00441/FUL Single storey extension to existing property for use as commercial office, formation of five parking spaces, erection of detached garage and tool store and new access from Drinkhouse Lane at Finney Barrs Barn, Drinkhouse Road. Councillors had concerns regarding the potential increased useage of the road by commercial vehicles, erosion of Greenbelt land, the extension and proposed use is inappropriate to the farmland area. The need for an additional entrance was questioned and it was noted there were units available locally for commercial use.

Resolved: an objection be lodged on the grounds of the inappropriateness of the development in a farmland area and erosion of the greenbelt.

08/00473/FUL Erection of stable block comprising four stables, tack and store room, midden and sand paddock at Land 230m North Of Dob Bridge Cottage, Bretherton Road.

08/00521/FUL First floor rear extension (amendment to permission 07/01329/FUL) at 107 Moor Road.

08/00530/OUT Outline application for one detached bungalow with new access at Land 20m South West Of 25 Coniston Way.

Resolved: no comments be made relating to the applications.

76.08 07 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 press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following item.

77.08 Village Green Improvements

Councillors considered quotations, from two companies, for improvements to the Village Green.

Resolved: further quotations be requested.

A recent inspection has revealed problems with the power supply wiring and connections to the Christmas lights in the trees. Councillors considered prices for replacement components and connection pillars.

Resolved: the wiring, connections and pillar be replaced at a maximum cost of £250.

78.08 Village Green

Councillors considered a request from the Town Twinning Association use the Village Green and Recreation Ground on 12 July 2008 for the Bastille Day Fair.

Resolved: permission be granted.

79.08 Speed Indicator Device

Councillors reported a very positive response from residents to the recent deployment of the SpID, which will be available within the village in August. Cllr Forrest and the Clerk have attended SpID deployment training, and will carry out future deployments.

80.08 Chorley Equality Forum

Councillors considered a request for suggestions for the Equality Forum. As the closing date for response had been extended to 14 July 2008 the matter was deferred to the July meeting to allow more time for study of the documents.

81.08 Lengthsman's Litter Cart

Councillors considered prices for the purchase of a replacement litter cart. The Clerk has asked Chorley Council for any assistance it may be able to offer. The matter was deferred to the July meeting to allow Chorley Council time to respond, and the Borough Councillors were asked for any assistance they may be able to offer.

82.08 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

83.08 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 July 2008.

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