

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 May 2008 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present PC C Plummer.

55.08 Election of Chairman for 2008-2009

Resolved: Cllr Peet be elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Peet signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the Chair.

Resolved: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

56.08 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Gibbons and Borough Councillors Dickinson and Moulton.

57.08 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Almond and Forrest, as members of Croston Community Centre Committee, declared prejudicial interests in an item forming part of agenda item 9, and Cllr Forrest, as a Trustee of Villages in Partnership, declared a personal interest in agenda item 12.

58.08 Election of Vice Chairman 2008-2009

Resolved: Cllr B Thompson be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

59.08 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Peet.

Croston United Charities - Cllr B Thompson

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond.

Peter Lathom Trust - Cllr B Thompson.

60.08 Appointment of Planning Committee for 2008-2009

Resolved: the following be appointed:

The Chairman and Councillors Almond, Forrest and Parkinson.

61.08 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April 2008

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

62.08 Public Participation

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

i) Police Report

A person is being held in connection with recent bogus official crimes. Under the Restorative Justice Scheme two juveniles caught graffiti-ing the half pipe on the Recreation Area will be cleaning off the paint. Councillors requested increased patrols are carried out on the Station platform and car park area. A query was raised regarding the response time to attend a recent incident on Town Road. The delay was due to the Police not being informed of the situation by the Ambulance Service.

ii) Borough Councillors

No reports.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

The new access to Bishop Rawstone is due to open on 4 July 2008.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

63.08 Financial Matters

The Clerk evidenced receipt of the Parish Precept.

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 alternative quotations for the annual insurance. Allianz Insurance plc's renewal cost is £1239.07. The cost for similar cover from Norwich Union Insurance Ltd via an intermediary, Came and Company, is £1053.21.

Resolved: the quotation from Norwich Union Insurance Ltd be accepted.

Councillors considered requests for payment to the Council.

Councillors Almond and Forrest withdrew from the meeting.

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
£ 2000.00	Croston Community Centre	Grant
£ 55.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit
£ 258.50	I M Brown Ltd	Repairs to War Memorial wall
£ 1053.21	BNL/Came and Company	Annual insurance premium

Councillors Almond and Forrest rejoined the meeting.

64.08 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

08/00240/OUTMAJ Outline planning application for the residential development of the site comprising of 32 dwelling houses and 21 apartments, and means of access into the site at Croston Timber Works, Goods Yard, Station Road - an amendment to the previous application has been submitted revising the proposed dwellings to a 'mix of apartments, 2 storey and 2.5 storey dwelling houses'.

Resolved: the Council's objection to the original application be reiterated.

08/00450/TCON Tree works to include felling of 12 trees in grounds of Residential Home (within Croston Conservation Area) at Croston Park Care Home.

Resolved: the Tree Warden is to inspect the trees and report the findings to the Clerk.

65.08 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2008

Councillors considered the Report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the Report be noted.

66.08 Village Green/Recreation Ground

Councillors considered a request from Villages in Partnership to use the Village Green and Recreation Ground on 25 May 2008 for a Spring Fair, and to close the Village Green car park the previous evening.

Resolved: permission for both requests be granted.

67.08 Village Green Project

Councillors considered recommendations, provided by the Working Group, for improvements to the Village Green. The two seating areas are to be improved, with additional seats provided. A suggestion was provided to extend the stone border to include the rear of the notice board area.

Resolved: the recommendations, including the extension to the stone border, be ratified and arrangements made for site meetings with potential contractors in order to obtain costings for consideration at a future meeting.

68.08 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

69.08 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 June 2008.

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