

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 October 2008 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present PC Plummer and 1 Member of the Public.

111.08 Apologies for absence

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

112.08 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr S Parkinson, as a Trustee of Croston Village Festivities, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of agenda item 5 (Financial Matters).

113.08 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 September 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.

114.08 Public Participation

i) Police Report

Reported crimes included a break in to a shed and two incidents of vehicle damage. Three non-injurious traffic accidents had occurred. There has been an increase in cycle theft and the Police are offering to code cycles to aid future identification.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

115.08 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

Councillors considered a grant request from Croston Village Festivities towards the hire of a Road Train, as part of this years' village Christmas festivities.

Resolved: a grant of £625.00 be awarded.

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

£ 311.59	Employee 1	Salary
£ 309.16	Employee 2	Salary
£ 77.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 14.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 75.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 143.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Cash	Remembrance Sunday donation



116.08 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

08/00970/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement single storey extension to include a new sun/garden room. Replacement of existing windows to utility room, changes to roof line of main bedroom and additional window, and addition of front porch at Manor House Farm, The Hillocks.

08/01014/FUL Erection of conservatory to front elevation at Moss Lea, Highfield Road.

Resolved: no comments be made relating to the applications.

117.08 Internal Audit

Councillors carried out the annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

118.08 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Councillors considered the current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Resolved: a Working Group, comprising of the Chairman and Councillors Gibbons and Mosalski, be formed to provide suggestions for any necessary amendments for ratification by the Council.

119.08 Lancashire Locals

Councillors discussed the consultation document on the constitution for the Lancashire Locals.

Resolved: the Clerk is to respond on behalf on the Council welcoming this, and any further, devolution of decision making in the future.

120.08 Library Car Park

Councillors considered the existing arrangements for the locking of the Library car park gate on Sunday evenings. A rota, to cover until the end of the year, was drawn up following which it was felt consideration should be given to a resident being employed, on the Council's behalf.

Resolved: an advert be placed in the December newsletter seeking a resident to lock the gate.

121.08 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were discussed.

122.08 Village Green

Councillors considered a request, from Croston Village Festivities, for the use of the Village Green, for stalls for the Christmas Festivities, and car park on Sunday December 14 2008.

Resolved: permission be granted subject to receipt of a completed risk assessment and evidence of adequate insurance cover.

123.08 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Village was placed third, behind Woolton and Wrea Green, in the Large Village Category of the North West in Bloom 2008 Competition. Councillors felt that, in view of the small amount of expenditure incurred for flowers and planting, this was a highly creditable result. Competitor villages have the benefit of sponsors and resident's groups to assist with entry. It was felt a newsletter article could be used to invite interested residents to form a group for next year.

124.08 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.

125.08 Village Green Improvements

Councillors considered quotations for improvements to the Village Green.

Resolved: S J Wignall be instructed to carry out the works.

126.08 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 November 2008.

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

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