

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held 13 May 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Two Members of the Public.

51.09 Election of Chairman for 2009-2010

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

Cllr Peet signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Resolved: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office be received.

52.09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Kearton and S Thompson and Borough Councillors Dickinson and Moulton.

53.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

54.09 Election of Vice Chairman for 2009-2010

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

55.09 Appointment of Planning Committee

Resolved: the following be appointed:

The Chairman and Councillors Almond, Forrest and Parkinson.

56.09 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Croston United Charities - Cllr B Thompson

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

Peter Lathom Trust - Cllr B Thompson.

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond.

57.09 Minutes of Meeting held 8 April 2009

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

58.09 Public Participation

i) Police Report

No report.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

A representative of Help Direct provided information on the newly established service which aims to provide a one stop shop service offering advice for all adults in Lancashire. The service intends to provide support, guidance and information on many items including health and fitness, learning and leisure, managing finances, mobility and transport, getting the right help and support and much more. Help Direct will put clients in touch with the right services or organisations to help with the

issues.

Concerns were expressed regarding skips on Town Road and Out Lane. None are lit and the skip at the outbuilding to the Wheatsheaf may be causing an obstruction.

59.09 Financial Matters

The Clerk evidenced receipt of the precept from Chorley Council.

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 Table Tennis Club towards replacement equipment.

Resolved: a grant of £210 be awarded.

Councillors considered alternative payment options for the 2009-2010 insurance renewal premium, including a slight reduction in premium in return for increasing the excess to £350.

Resolved: the insurance be renewed with the current excess of £250.

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

£ 322.79	Employee 1	Salary
£ 317.58	Employee 2	Salary
£ 79.40	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 37.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 50.00	Victim Support Lancashire	Grant
£ 55.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£ 7590.00	S J Wignall	Village Green project
£ 1211.19	Broker Network Ltd	Annual insurance premium

60.09 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

09/00193/FUL Dormer roof extension to rear roof plane and provision of summerhouse in rear garden at 11A Westhead Road.

09/00305/FUL Two-storey rear extension and single storey rear extension (amendment to approval 09/00057/FUL) at 36 Town Road.

09/00329/FUL Demolition of existing garage and utility room, erection of two storey extension to rear, two storey extension to side, 2 porches to front and side of property and a new detached double garage and workroom at Vine Cottage 43 Grape Lane.

Resolved: the Conservation Area and Listed Building status's be brought to the attention of the Planning Officers as appropriate, otherwise no comments be made relating to the applications.

61.09 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

Councillors considered the report of the Internal Auditor (as circulated).

Resolved: the report be noted.

62.09 Lancashire Local - Chorley Highways Budget Allocation 2009/10

Councillors discussed suggestions for preferred schemes for consideration within the Lancashire County Council Highways Budget Allocation 2009/10. Suggestions included two bollards outside the Royal Bank of Scotland, one by the entrance and one by the cash point, a bollard adjacent to the Millennium Stone at the junction of Town Road and Out Lane, all for the protection of

pedestrians from vehicles mounting the pavement, and provision of a disabled bay in the vicinity of the Co-op.

Resolved: requests for two bollards outside the Royal Bank of Scotland and provision of a disabled bay in the vicinity of the Co-op be submitted.

Councillors discussed the suggestion for a bollard by the Millennium Stone

A request for a recorded vote was made, by Cllr Almond, under Council Standing Order 6(b):

For: Cllrs Forrest, Gibbons, Peet, Parkinson and B Thompson.

Against: Cllrs Almond and Mosalski.

Resolved: a request for a bollard at the junction of Out Lane and Town Road be submitted.

Councillors considered on the results of a Speed Limit Review of 'A' and 'B' Roads in Lancashire. It was felt the reduction on Meadow Lane would have little, or no effect, and that an extension of the reduction along Southport Road, Ulnes Walton to beyond the Quality Hotel, which would take in the Garden Centre and the Highfield Road junction would be preferable.

63.09 Village Green

A request from Croston Community Centre Committee to use the Village Green for a Farmers Market, on the third Saturday of each month, for a possible overflow of stalls was considered.

Resolved: permission be granted subject to completion of a risk assessment by the Committee and confirmation of insurance cover.

64.09 Croston in Bloom Group

Beds on the River Wall and War Memorial have been cleared. Everglades Plant Centre has agreed to supply bedding plants and compost at discounted prices to residents of Croston.

Terms of reference for the Working Group were discussed. In order to avoid issues with insurance cover for volunteers a basic remit is required.

Resolved: the Croston in Bloom Group's remit is to focus solely on the North West in Bloom entry.

A separate resident's group, Croston Residents Environmental Workforce (CREW), with no connection to the Council, will take on projects outside the remit of the Croston in Bloom Group.

Councillors considered the purchase of two wayside seats for Croston Moss. It was felt that, as CREW would have access to alternative sources of grant funding, it would apply for grants.

65.09 Recreation Ground Project Working Group

Councillors considered the formation of a Working Group to provide suggestions for improving the Recreation Ground area.

Resolved: the Working group will comprise of Councillors Almond, Gibbons, Mosalski and Peet.

Terms of reference for the Working Group were discussed.

Resolved: the Group's remit is to provide suggestions, for ratification by the Council, for the improvement of the entire Recreation Ground area, including the Play Area.

66.09 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

67.09 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 June 2009.

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

..... (Chairman)