

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 September 2009 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

93.09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Gibbons, S Parkinson and S Thompson and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

94.09 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Forrest, as an employee of Villages in Partnership, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 (Village Green).

95.09 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 8 July 2009

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

96.09 Public Participation

i) Police Report

There were 12 reported crimes, largely committed by two juveniles, who had been arrested. SAS Alarms are, again, targeting the village offering alarm systems at excessive prices. Residents have received bogus telephone calls from purported holiday companies attempting to obtain credit card details. Hanging baskets had been removed from houses on Church Street and individuals under the influence of alcohol had been causing problems at the Sports Club.

ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

iii) Residents Points of Interest

No points raised.

97.09 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 Tots Group for the purchase of two playpens.

Resolved: a grant of £200 be awarded, to be paid via Croston Community Centre.

Councillors considered a grant request from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the purchase of rescue equipment.

Resolved: a grant of £100 be awarded.

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
£ 272.55	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 110.00	North West in Bloom	Awards Ceremony tickets
£ 215.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 500.00	A Powell	Grasscutting
£ 29.00	CPRE	Subscription

98.09 Planning Matters

The following application was considered:

09/00608/FUL Extension to existing dining room with orangery and detached walkway canopy at Bishop Rawstorne C of E International Language College, Out Lane.

Councillors had no comments regarding the application.

99.09 Chorley Council's Section 106 Distribution Policy

Councillors considered the proposed policy on the distribution of S106 monies, which are levied by planning authorities, on most new houses built.

Resolved: the policy be endorsed.

100.09 Local Development Framework - Community Survey

Areas of land suitable for uses other than housing or commercial development were discussed.

Resolved: the former gasworks, the area of land between 71-81 Station Road, part of the Croft Field, part of the field adjacent to St Michaels Terrace on Westhead Road, the entrance to the former Woodyard site and land to the rear of The Old School, be submitted as car park areas, with the Woodyard entrance additionally providing a site for public conveniences.

The site of the former Orchard, Moor Road be submitted as allotment land.

The land-locked field between the Recreation Ground and Pear Tree Road be submitted as informal recreational open space.

101.09 Telephone Kiosk Adoption

An invitation, from British Telecom, to adopt K6 type red telephone kiosks on Highfield Road and Town Road had been received. The Town Road kiosk is a Grade II Listed Building and, as such, may not be removed. Councillors considered adoption of the Highfield Road kiosk.

Resolved: the invitation to adopt be declined.

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

For: Cllrs Forrest, Kearton, Mosalski, Peet and B Thompson.

Against: Cllr Almond.

102.09 Village Green

A request, from Villages in Partnership, for use of the Village Green on Sunday 13 September 2009, for the launch of the Croston Heritage Trail, was considered.

Resolved: permission be granted subject to completion of a risk assessment by Villages in Partnership and confirmation of insurance cover.

103.09 Councillor/Employee Relations Protocol

A voluntary protocol, drafted by the Monitoring Officer on behalf of Chorley Council's Standards Committee, was considered.

Resolved: the Councillor/Employee Relations Protocol be adopted, with general contact times of up to 8.00pm on weekdays stipulated.

104.09 North West Plan Partial Review

Councillors considered a consultation on the Submitted Draft Plan. Councillors are to advise the Clerk of observations for submission.

105.09 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Borough Parish Liaison - Chorley Council's S106 monies distribution policy was presented. Weed spraying is to be carried out 4 times per year.

Lancashire Local - the Parish Council's request for bollards outside the Bank and at the junction of Out Lane and Town Road were approved. As part of a scheme to reduce carbon emissions streetlighting is to be upgraded and power reduced when possible.

The Clerk attended a Clerks Meeting, with the Chief Executive and Senior Officers of Chorley Council. Items discussed included the possible introduction of a Service Level Agreement, Neighbourhood Working Scheme, planning issues and the bidding process for s106 funds.

106.09 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 October 2009.

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

..... (Chairman)