

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 10 February 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also Present Borough Councillor S Moulton

### 12.10 Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 13.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Forrest, as a Member of Croston Community Centre Committee, declared a personal interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Financial Matters).

### 14.10 Minutes of Meeting held 13 January 2010

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

### 15.10 Public Participation

#### i) Police Report

No report.

#### ii) Borough Councillors

No report.

#### iii) Residents Points of Interest

Progress is slowly being made with the footpath by the railway line .

Problems were reported along Public Footpath 6 at the bottom of The Orchard.

Loose kerbstones were reported outside the De Trafford and The Crown, on Station Road, and on Out Lane, to the side of Fresco Fresco.

The railings on the river wall on Town Road are in need of repainting.

### 16.10 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

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

£ 326.73	Employee 1	Salary
£ 320.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 80.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 1000.00	Croston Community Centre	Grant
£ 180.00	PRM	Repairs to bollards

### 17.10 Planning Matters

10/00028/TCON Felling of 1 Leylandii in rear garden at 49 Town Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

10/00052/TCON Removal of 8 trees at land 45m South of Manor House Farm, Carr Lane.

Resolved: the Parish Council's support for this application be submitted.

18.10 J Kearton Memorial

Councillors considered a memorial to former Councillor John Kearton. Suggestions provided by the family included a conservation style lighting column for the Out Lane corner of the Village Green, or a bench.

Preliminary enquiries had been made with Chorley Council's Conservation Officer and Lancashire County Council. These had revealed the likely cost of a conservation style lamp to be in the region of £2000, with a further £600 for installation of a power supply. Suggestions from Councillors included naming the proposed picnic area on the Recreation Ground or renaming the Recreation Ground in memory of John, and providing a large plaque for the entrance.

Resolved: the family are to be approached with the Council's suggestions.

19.10 Croston United Charities

Miss M A Iddon's term of office as Parish Council Nominee for Croston United Charities is to end in March 2010. Miss Iddon has expressed a willingness to continue should the Council wish.

Resolved: Miss M A Iddon be reappointed as Parish Council Nominee.

20.10 Entrance to Jubilee Way

Residents responses to the article in the December newsletter were considered. As only 4 responses were received, 3 in favour of removing the pillars and 1 against, Councillors were of the opinion that the general lack of response from residents provided the Council with no remit to request the removal.

21.10 Boundary Stone

A suggestion to purchase a boundary stone, to be located on the parish boundary with Bretherton was discussed. As a response from Lancashire County Council Highways to the proposed location is awaited the matter was deferred.

22.10 Meeting Schedule

Councillors considered a suggestion to move the date of meetings, and to move the venue to the Yarrow Room, with the Hall remaining available to cater for a large public presence at any meeting. There was no proposer to move the venue to the Yarrow Room.

Resolved: meetings, from May 2010, will take place on the third Tuesday of each month.

Councillors consider a request to reschedule the April meeting to 7 April.

Resolved: the April meeting be rescheduled for 7 April 2010.

23.10 Policies and Protocols

Councillors considered the adoption of protocols for Councillor Representatives on outside bodies and Council Meetings.

Resolved: the protocols for Councillor Representatives and Council Meetings be adopted.

24.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Borough/Parish Liaison - items covered included gritting and gritbins.

25.10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 March 2010.

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

..... (Chairman)