

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 12 October 2011 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, P Fenemore, J Forrest. K Iddon, S Parkinson, G Stubbs, P Walmsley.

Also present 2 Members of the Public.

117.11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

118.11 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

119.11 Minutes of Meeting held 14 September 2011

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

120.11 Public Participation

A resident expressed concerns that a single objection to the proposed site for a bus stop on Town Lane, to serve Croston Park, is holding up the process and inconveniencing residents. The resident was informed a decision should be made in December, following discussions with the objector.

Information was provided on the Making Spaces for Water Group, comprising of representatives of United Utilities, the Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council, which has been set up to look at issues involving flooding.

121.11 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 application from Croston Village Festivities Group towards the costs of the Land Train for this years event.

A proposal to award a grant of £250 was not seconded.

A proposal to award a grant of £325 was not seconded.

Resolved: a grant of £625 be awarded.

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

£ 100.00	Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team	Grant
£ 350.39	Employee 1	Salary
£ 325.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 75.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 22.40	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 283.20	Wignalls Landscapes	Japanese Knotweed project
£ 438.00	Ark Welding	Recreation Ground Gate
£ 100.00	Lancashire Constabulary	Grant

122.11 Planning Matters

11/00849/FUL Single storey pitched roof rear extension at 14 Westfields.

11/00850/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension at Finney Lane Farm, Finney Lane.

11/00851/FUL Erection of a replacement detached garage, partial demolition of the existing barn with the erection of stables and a ménage at Finney Lane Farm, Finney Lane.

11/00886/ADV New signage scheme to include amenity signs, amenity boards, menu case, wall board and sign writing (some illuminated) at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Town Road.

Councillors had no comments regarding these applications.

11/00836/FUL Conversion of barn to single dwelling and provision of new vehicular access track to farm at Barbers Moor Farm, Moor Road - concerns were raised regarding the further erosion of the rural agricultural environment by development.

11/00844/CON Demolition of existing pergola and installation of new, repair existing front timber windows, replace existing rear timber windows with UPVC double glazed window units at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Town Road - it was noted that the car park to the front was currently blocked off. Concerns were expressed regarding possible late night noise nuisance arising from customers using the new pergola, and it was queried whether a limitation on hours could be applied. The pergola may lead to the loss of valuable parking spaces in the area and the number of parking spaces quoted in the application appears to be incorrect.

Resolved: the Conservation Officer be made aware of the Parish Council's concerns

123.11 Annual Return 201-2012

Councillors completed 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.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson be appointed and the fee set at £60.

124.11 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed. Councillors considered the amount to cover the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £100 is to be made.

125.11 Village Green

A request from Croston Village Festivities Group to use the Village Green and car park on Sunday 11 December 2011, for the Christmas Festivities, was considered.

Resolved: permission be granted subject to applicants holding Public Liability insurance cover for events in the sum of £5m and agreeing to make good any damage to The Green and its fixtures and fittings.

126.11 Local Development Framework

Councillors considered a consultation from Chorley Council regarding the Sites for Chorley: Preferred Options Document. Proposals to prevent 'garden grabbing' and the introduction of minimum car parking spaces for new dwellings were welcomed.

It was felt to be more appropriate to improve bus services for rural communities rather than the service to Garth and Wymott Prisons, Ulnes Walton and the proposed Cycle Path between Croston, Ulnes Walton and Leyland caused concerns due to the nature of the lanes involved.

Concerns were expressed that the Document fails to acknowledge the effect of development upstream on Croston's sewerage system and the River Yarrow.

Resolved: the Parish Council's previous request for land between 71 - 81 Station Road to be allocated for car parking be reiterated and concerns regarding the impact of development upstream be registered.

127.11 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England

Councillors considered a consultation from the Boundary Commission for England which would return Lostock ward to the Chorley Parliamentary constituency.

Resolved: the Council's support for the proposals be lodged.

128.11 Recreation Ground Working Group

A report from the meeting held on 26 September 2011 was provided. Initial works were identified including the reinstatement of the hedge on the northern boundary and the cutting back of the designated route of the public footpath in this vicinity. Allotments were suggested for the top one third of the field. Trees are to be planted on the western side. Types of play equipment were discussed.

129.11 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

130.11 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 November 2011.

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

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