

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 11 September 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet, (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, P Fenemore, K Iddon, S Myers and G Stubbs.

Also present 1 Member of the Public.

86.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley and B Paillusson.

87.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

88.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2019

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

89.19 Public Participation

A resident queried the current position regarding the Meadow Lane bridge. Councillors advised a Group is to be formed along the lines of the Flood Group and an article inviting residents to join has been included in the newsletter.

The resident queried the current situation with repairs to the damage to the entrance to Croston Park. Councillors advised this was understood to be in the hands of the insurers.

The public footpath on the site of the Former Mill Hotel within the new planning applications was queried. Councillors advised any diversion would have to be approved by Lancashire County Council. It was mentioned all public footpaths in the parish should be walked and inspected.

Information relating to the pavement by the Village Green was provided. The problem had been found to be a collapsed culvert which takes surface water from Out Lane to the river.

A resident had mentioned the lack of a village entrance sign on Moor Road. As the signs were a Neighbourhood Priority this will be raised at the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

90.19 Planning Matters

19/00733/FUL One detached dwelling at The Mill Hotel, Moor Road

19/00735/FUL Erection of one detached dwelling at The Mill Hotel, Moor Road

19/00813/LBC Listed Building Consent for: Single storey extension to rear of lounge and rooflight to storeroom at The Lodge, 3 Grape Lane

19/00814/FULHH Single storey extension to rear of lounge and rooflight to storeroom at The Lodge, 3 Grape Lane

19/00815/FUL Change of Use, alterations and extension to existing motor vehicle garage (Sui Generis) to create 2no, 2 bedroom flats (Use Class C3) at Central Garage, Westhead Road

19/00842/FUL Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage, following demolition of existing stables

19/00844/TCON Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area: Prune back overhanging branches to beech tree and conifer that hang over the boundary at Ivy Cottage, 32A Grape Lane

19/00866/TCON Notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area: Removal of cherry tree within front garden at 23 Rectory Close

There were no objections to these applications.

91.19 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£	20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	169.72	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£	80.00	A Partington	Internal audit fee
£	1321.32	Came & Co	Insurance premium
£	53.50	Climbing Compliance	Play equipment repair
£	4206.00	Yates Playgrounds	Outdoor gym equipment
£	768.00	The Potting Sheds	Recreation Park maintenance
£	510.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£	671.85	Employee2	Salary and reimbursements
£	42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

92.19 Internal Audit

The Internal Auditor's report was presented and noted.

93.19 Knotweed Eradication Project

Councillors considered providing funding towards the cost of volunteer training.

Resolved: £300 is to be provided, the funds to be taken from the General Reserve budget.

Cllr Iddon left the meeting.

94.19 Rural Community Energy Fund

Information on energy projects, received from Chorley Council, was discussed. A suggestion for Chorley Council to lead on a project in which rural parishes could become involved was made.

95.19 Chorley Liaison Meeting

A request for agenda items for the next meeting was discussed. A suggestion for Chorley Council to lead on a project under the Rural Community Energy Fund is to be submitted.

96.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Croston in Bloom - judging for the North West in Bloom competition went very well. The Bloom Group and Friends of the Station have received invitations to the awards ceremony.

The Rec Development Group has been offered a container, at a reasonable cost, for storage of equipment and the Lengthsman's litter trolley and other equipment. The container will be painted in a sympathetic colour.

97.19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 October 2019.

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