

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 10 January 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, P Fenemore, G Stubbs, and K Ward.

Also present 3 Members of the public.

01.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor B Paillusson.

02.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13 December 2017

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

04.18 Public Participation

A resident reported parking issues along Out Lane, particularly in the vicinity of the primary school. Councillors suggested photos should be taken and sent to PCSO Fetherstone.,

A resident provided a copy of a letter to Lancashire County Council regarding the consultation on the suggested closure of Town Bridge. Councillors advised the letters been posted. The residents felt the closure would lead to congestion problems in other parts of the village including increased congestion on Town Road as residents living across the bridge will park on Town Road rather than drive around. The residents suggested a width limit instead of closure. Large planters at the entrances were suggested. An extension to the closing date for responses had been granted.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

05.18 Planning Matters

17/01168/FULHH Ground floor front extension and first floor rear extension at 5 Meadowside

17/01219/FUL Erection of dwelling (following demolition of existing stables) at Land 35m South West of Moor Road

There were no objections to the above applications.

06.18 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

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

£ 450.67	Employee 1	Salary
£ 456.24	Employee 2	Salary
£ 50.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 192.00	Ark Welding	Notice board relocations
£ 360.00	Viking Tree Services	Tree felling

07.18 Precept

The Precept for 2018-19 was considered. Councillors discussed items contained within a draft budget which included funds to start to build up a budget for the Recreation Ground improvements. An amendment to a proposal for a 2% increase, to hold the cost to residents at the current level, was tabled. The amendment was defeated.

Resolved: the Precept for 2018 - 2019 was set at £22588, an increase of 2% in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

08.18 Listing of Fishery Bridge

At the time of the meeting, background information had not been received from Lancashire County Council and the item was deferred until the next meeting. Mill Bridge is also to be considered for listing.

09.18 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

10.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 February 2018.

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