

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 14 November 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, P Fenemore, K Iddon and K Ward.

Also present Borough Councillors J Dalton and D Dickinson and 11 members of the public.

113.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor B Paillusson.

114.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

115.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 October 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

116.18 Public Participation

A resident suggested a campaign should be arranged to have the appearance of the replacement Meadow Lane railway bridge altered. The resident has started an online campaign and suggested residents, rather than a sub committee of the parish council, should be involved in an action group. A response from Network Rail explaining the reason for the use of the materials was read out.

Residents voiced objections to a planning application What was once a small venture has grown significantly with cages and buildings on the site and is causing problems with noise and smells from the site.

Members of the Rec Development Group provided information on the proposals and details of funding applications.

A resident had raised concerns regarding inconsiderate parking on Station Road

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: Agenda items 7 and 8 were brought forward.

117.18 Meadow Lane Bridge

The appearance of the railway bridge, following its replacement, was discussed. A Prior Approval application had been submitted to Chorley Council and it was decided prior approval was not required. It was suggested the walls could be painted in a sympathetic colour or even become an art project however, at this stage, what is required is for Network Rail to take part in discussions which could lead to an acceptable outcome. The MP has written to the Chief Executive of Network Rail requesting changes to the bridge and requesting the Parish Council is consulted on any proposals. Councillors agreed with a resident's suggestion that residents should form a campaign group and the Parish Council would assist where it can.

118.18 Recreation Ground Development

A funding application was submitted to Awards for All by the Development Group however such applications must be made in the name of the landowner. Councillors considered approval of the signing of the application.

Resolved: the application is to be signed by the Clerk

119.17 Planning Matters

18/00967/LBC Listed Building Consent for: Internal alterations to the second floor. The existing 9 bedrooms and lounge are proposed to be altered into 6 en-suite bedrooms at Croston Park Nursing Home, Town Road

18/00974/FULHH Proposed Side Extensions & Internal Alterations at 10 The Orchard

18/00978/FUL Erection of single storey extension to southern elevation of existing science block at Bishop Rawstone C of E Academy, Highfield Road

18/01025/TCON Notification of proposed works to a tree located within a conservation area: T1 - Willow - Re-pollard at 63 Town Road

There were no objections to the above applications.

18/00926/FUL Change of use of existing property from residential (Class C3) to a mixed use comprising dog kennels and breeding (Sui Generis) and residential (Class C3) at 34 Pear Tree Road

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds that the noise and odour from the site represents inappropriate development in a residential area.

120.18 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

ii) Two grant requests from Croston Village Festivities Group towards the costs of the fee for a brass band for the Christmas lights switch on and towards the replacement of some of the lights.

Resolved: a grant of £300, to be applied to the Christmas budget, was awarded.

iii) Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: the amount was set at £150.

iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 460.00	DWG (NW)	Winter planting and strimming
£ 294.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 3300.00	Lancashire Environmental Fund	Third party contribution
£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary
£ 475.76	Employee2	Salary
£ 49.80	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

121.18 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

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 and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee set at £80.

122.18 Japanese Knotweed

A draft report was presented for endorsement by the Council. If endorsed, the report will be presented to the Chorley Liaison meeting.

Resolved: the report was endorsed.

123.18 Precept

Councillors were reminded of the need to provide suggestions for inclusion in the Precept.

124.18 Christmas Lights

Arrangements for the fitting of the lights were confirmed. Lights are to be put in the surrounding trees on 24 November and the Christmas tree lights are to be installed on 1 December.

125.18 Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review consultation

A response to a consultation on the Review was considered. Councillors had no comments.

126.18 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Liaison - information was provided on the review of Chorley ward boundaries and it was confirmed that Community Infrastructure Levy funds can be used for the car park. The Ironman competition will not be passing through the area in 2019.

127.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 December 2018.

128.18 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

129.18 Out Lane Car Park

Resolved: the contract for the resurfacing of the car park was awarded to Shiloh Construction.

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