

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held on 9 September 2020 at 7.30 pm.

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

45.20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Iddon, whose absence was due to a prior engagement.

Resolved: the apologies, and reason for absence, were accepted.

46.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

47.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 July 2020

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

48.20 Public Participation

No matters raised.

49.20 Planning Matters

i) The following applications were considered:

20/00655/FULHH First floor extension above existing detached outbuilding to accommodate home gymnasium at 117 Moor Road

20/00686/FUL Section 73 application to vary the approved plans of planning permission 16/00601/FUL at Drinkhouse Farm, Drinkhouse Road

20/00714/FUL Extension to exiting agricultural building at Home Farm, Grape Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

20/00697/FUL Erection of 1 no. detached dwellinghouse, following the demolition of the existing stables at Land 95m North West of The Highfield Restaurant, Highfield Road

Resolved: an objection, on the grounds of adverse impact on the Green belt due to the increase in height, is to be submitted

20/00868/FULMAJ Reconfiguration of existing caravan park from touring pitches to provide static caravans and associated works at Royal Umpire Caravan park, Southport Road, Ulnes Walton

Resolved: an objection, on the grounds of adverse impact on the Green belt and local drainage systems is to be submitted.

ii) Councillors discussed several Government consultations on various topics relating to amendments to planning policy. Councillors are to study the documents further and provide the Clerk with comments for submission.

50.20 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

ii) A grant request from the British Red Cross, towards the costs of provision of essential services across Lancashire, was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £150 was awarded.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 3463.20	Encompass Security Solutions	CCTV system
£ 780.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 1359.46	Came and Company	Annual insurance premium
£ 53.50	Climbing Compliance	Play equipment repair
£ 492.92	Employee 1	Salary
£ 807.04	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 46.00	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 150.00	British Red Cross	Grant

51.20 Traffic Problems

Problems caused by large vehicles within the village were discussed. A reduction in HGV's had been noticed, with most of the problems appearing to be caused by coaches and tractors. Incidents of vehicles driving along the pavement on Station Road had been reported and a suggestion to initially request a weight limit for Station Road was made. Other Councillors advised the problems affected other routes through the village and that, with the completion of the South Penwortham bypass, there was now a viable alternative route for HGV's to the motorway network. A proposal to request a weight limit for Station Road was not seconded.

Resolved: a weight limit for the entire village is to be requested.

Cars blocking the pavement on Highfield Road at school times were reported. Councillors are to be provided with contact details for the local Police to provide evidence.

52.20 Knotweed

An update on the invasive species treatment programme was provided. The pandemic and a lack of trained volunteers has impacted on the treatment programme.

53.20 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

54.20 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 October 2020.

55.20 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 items was considered on the grounds that the items comprise 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.

56.20 Village Green Tree Works

The contract for works to trees was awarded to JP Woodland and Tree Services.

57.20 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

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