

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 9 October 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present Borough Councillor P Sloan.

109.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor B Paillusson.

110.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

111.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 September 2019

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

112.19 Public Participation

Information was provided regarding the repair to the entrance to Croston Park. The owners are not willing to rebuild the arch. The Conservation Officer is to be advised of Councillor's dismay at this and asked to see if any pressure can be brought to bear on the owners.

Reports were provided on the recent flooding. Spent Brook caused flooding on Grape Lane and sewage was leaking from the manholes and surface water caused some localised flooding. The meeting was advised the Environment Agency had submitted a bid for dredging of the river. The flood defence scheme in Eccleston appeared to have worked. The capacity of the pump provided by Lancashire County Council to deal with the volume of run-off water was questioned. The Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group is to meet with the Environment Agency, LCC and United Utilities.

Information of an addition to the type of plastics which are recyclable was provided.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

113.19 Planning Matters

19/00873/FULHH Erection of detached garage (following demolition of existing garage), front and rear dormer extensions, demolition of single outrigger and elevational alterations at 283 Moor Road

19/00840/TCON Notification of works to trees in a conservation area: Pine (T1) Fell, Yew (T2) 25% crown reduction at Croston Hall Estate, Grape Lane

19/00928/FULHH Single storey side and rear extension and associated works at Lynbrook, 16 Station Road

19/00941/FULHH Demolition of existing concrete sectional garage and replace with oak framed carport at 82, Westhead Road

There were no objections to these applications.

114.19 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:

£ 2520.00	Compare Containers	Container
£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 765.97	Chorley Council	Election fee/litter bins
£ 678.60	The Potting Sheds	Installation of bins/maintenance
£ 169.72	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 480.00	PKF Littlejohn	External audit fee
£ 60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£ 478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£ 671.85	Employee 2	Salary
£ 42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 111.12	R Guinness	Fuel for flood pump
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration

115.19 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

The External Auditor's report was presented and noted. There were no issues arising.

116.19 Memorial Plaque

A suggestion to erect a memorial plaque, in memory of a US air Force pilot who was killed in fields off Meadow Lane in 1943, on the wall of the War Memorial was considered.

Resolved: a plaque is to be erected.

117.19 Remembrance Day

The Clerk advised the road closures had not yet been agreed. The Police had been contacted regarding cover for the event. Subject to the relevant road closures being in place, arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Councillors considered the amount to cover the Remembrance Day expenses, wreath and the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: the amount was set at £150.

118.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Croston in Bloom - details of the Action Plan for 2020 were provided. Items relating to the Parish Council will be considered at future meetings.

The Rec Development Group - the storage container has been delivered to the Recreation Park.

119.19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 November 2019.

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