

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 13 April 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 5 members of the Public.

### 35.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S Myers, and B Paillusson.

### 36.22 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 37.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2022

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 38.22 Public Participation

Details of issues with the developer of School Close were provided. Residents are exasperated at the lack of progress in completing the site. The entrance remains unfinished and Chorley Council's Planning Officers have been unable to help. Construction materials and other debris are being thrown around on the Recreation Park by youths. The residents have been in contact with Lancashire County Council Highways Officers in an attempt to resolve the situation. The meeting was advised Lancashire County Council would only adopt the road and pavement once the surfaces meet their specifications.

Parking on double yellow lines opposite the entrance to School Close was also mentioned.

An overgrown hedge by Rectory Farm was reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 39.22 Planning Matters

22/00255/LBC Application for listed building consent for various works to 1 - 4 Jubilee Almshouses, Shevington Causeway

22/00289/FULHH Two storey rear extension 115 Station Road

22/00291/FULHH Two storey rear extension 100 Station Road

22/00306/FULHH Single storey rear extension at 7 Out Lane

22/00360/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including the felling of 2no. birch trees and pollarding of 1no'willow at 10 Carvers Brow

There were no objections to these applications.

### 40.22 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2022 was considered.

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

ii) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 400.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 502.06	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 2033.00	Staff costs	Salaries, reimbursements and deductions

#### 41.22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 was considered.

- i) Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Accounting Statements had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting.

- iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 42.22 Grit Bin on Grape Lane

A suggestion was considered for the removal of a grit bin on Grape Lane due to its poor condition. Lancashire County Council is to be asked to replace the grit bin.

#### 43.22 Lancashire County Council Consultation - Speed Indicator Device Policy and Procedure

A response to a consultation by the Speed Management Team was considered. Information relating to the effectiveness of permanently fixed devices contained within the consultation is to be queried.

#### 44.22 United Utilities Survey

Details of a survey relating to the Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan Options Selection Approach were discussed. A response to the survey is to be submitted by Cllr Fenemore.

#### 45.22 Flag Flying

A request to fly a flag commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was considered. Councillors agreed the flag is to be flown for the entire month of June.

#### 46.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Croston in Bloom - the group has received a donation which will be used for large planters.

#### 47.22 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 May 2022.

#### 48.22 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.

#### 49.22 Recreation Park Entrance

The replacement of the entrance gates was approved.

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