

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present 4 Members of the public.

11.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley and K Ward.

12.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Fenemore, as a Member of Croston Sports Club, declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6(ii) (Financial Matters).

13.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 January 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

14.18 Public Participation

A representative of Croston Sports Club provided background information and answered questions from Councillors in relation to the grant application.

A resident reported grit from resurfacing on the pavement on Moor Road, towards The Mill.

Potholes were reported on the mini roundabout by Station Bridge.

Residents queried the current position regarding the consultation on the possible closure of Town Bridge. Councillors advised Lancashire County Council is collating the responses at present.

A resident offered congratulations to all involved in the village reaching the semi-finals of the Channel 4 Village of the Year.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

15.18 Planning Matters

18/00019/FULHH Single storey front extension and single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 28 Yarrow Close

18/00022/FULHH Dormer to rear elevation (following demolition of existing rear dormer) at Town Bridge Farm House 8 The Hillocks

18/00084/TCON Works to trees in a conservation area: 4 trees in the back garden: ornamental plum (T1 on the sketch plan) - fell; rowan (T2) - fell; hawthorn (T3) remove dead wood and re-shape canopy; copper beech (T4) reduce the crown by up to 2 metres to clear telephone wires and crown thin by 10-15% at Town Bridge Farm House, 8 The Hillocks

18/00090/TPO Works to protected trees: Chorley RDC TPO no.1 (Croston) 1973 - fell sycamore within rear garden at 31 Grape Lane

There were no objections to the above applications.

16.18 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

ii) a grant application from Croston Sports Club towards the refurbishment of the football changing facilities was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £1000 was awarded, to be taken from unspent funds in the 'Flood' budget.

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

£ 450.67	Employee 1	Salary
£ 456.44	Employee 2	Salary
£ 50.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 88.00	Croft Field Fund	Tree Spree balance
£ 72.00	Ark Welding	Notice board repair

17.18 Listing of Fishery Bridge and Mill Bridge

Lancashire County Council has insufficient information on record to provide evidence to accompany applications for listing.

18.18 Flooding Issues

A request to add support to a campaign by for the dredging of the River Douglas by the Environment Agency was considered.

Resolved: the Council's support is to be offered to the campaign.

A further suggestion to also raise this issue with the Environment Minister was tabled. Councillors agreed with the suggestion.

19.18 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

There was no proposer for entry into the competition.

20.18 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - the addition of plates to the entrance signs containing details of the village's success in the 'Bloom' competitions was agreed as a Neighbourhood Priority.

21.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 February 2018.

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