

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors A Peet, (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, P Fenemore, B Paillusson, and K Ward.

Also present Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

01.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Stubbs.

02.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 December 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

04.19 Public Participation

Two residents had queried the lack of a car park in the Recreation Ground improvement project. The meeting was advised the right of access is for maintenance purposes only.

A motorist had reported having been dazzled by a reflection from the Meadow Lane bridge.

The closure of the Bank and loss of the ATM were, again, mentioned. This has been included on the agenda for the next Chorley Liaison meeting. Possible sites for an ATM are to be investigated.

An old caravan has appeared in a field off Castle Walks.

An overgrown hedge by Rectory Farm is obstructing the pavement.

Chorley Council had announced closure of its recycling facilities on the Station car park

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

05.19 Planning Matters

18/01071/FUL Erection of single storey front extension to existing shop at Westhead Stores (Londis), 40 Westhead Road. The impact on neighbouring properties and the extension of the property beyond the recognised building line were discussed, as was the Council's wish to support a local business providing a valuable service to residents.

18/01134/TCON 18/01134/TCON Tree within BNE8 Croston Conservation Area. Beech (T1) with Ganoderma bracket evident. 50% reduction to insure longevity and to allow tree to remain veteranized and remain safe at 35 Grape Lane

18/01159/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension at 117 Station Road

There were no objections to the above applications.

06.19 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

A grant request from the Campaign to Protect Rural England, towards operating costs, was considered. It was noted the Parish Council pays an annual membership subscription and there was no proposer for the request.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 15000.00	The Potting Sheds	Recreation Ground works
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 54.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area inspection
£ 300.00	J H Mayor & Sons	Christmas tree
£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary
£ 475.96	Employee2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 49.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

07.19 Precept

The Precept for 2019-20 was considered. A draft budget was presented resulting in a 2% increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

Resolved: the draft budget was approved and the Precept for 2019 - 2020 was set at £23060.

08.19 Lancashire County Council Budget Consultation

Information on proposed budget savings for the 2019-20 financial year was considered. The information was noted.

09.19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 February 2019.

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

Croston Parish Council

Budgets 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020

Salaries	12450
Room hire	250
Administration expenses	500
Lengthsman expenses	150
Repairs and replacements	1000
Newsletter	1500
Grounds maintenance	2000
Training	200
Flowers/planting	1500
Recreation Ground	4500
Subscriptions/entries	550
Street furniture	1500
Grants	1500
Speed Indicator Device	300
Christmas	1000
Audit fees	600
Insurance	1500
General Reserve	3100
Sundries	1000
Earmarked funds	500
Community Infrastructure Levy	<u>7220</u>
	<u>42820</u>
Financed by:	
Anticipated balance as at 1 April 2019	18320
Precept	23060
Chorley Council top up grant	<u>1440</u>
	<u>42820</u>