

## CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 11 April 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors M Cowley (Chairman), K Iddon, S Laverick B Paillusson, G Stubbs and K Ward.

### 33.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Almond, P Fenemore and A Peet

### 34.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 35.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14 March 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 36.18 Public Participation

A report of paint having been poured over swing seats on the Recreation Ground was provided.

A suggestion for a defibrillator sign for the PO telephone box was made.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 37.18 Planning Matters

18/00285/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension, front porch and front boundary wall at 26 Pear Tree Road

18/00293/FULHH Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory and sauna) 40 Yarrow Close

18/00305/ADV Advertisement Consent for the installation of 2no. non-illuminated signs at Croston Pharmacy, 69 Station Road

18/00311/FULHH Erection of first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension 103 Station Road

18/00318/FULHH Single storey rear extension at 117 Moor Road

There were no objections to the above applications.

### 38.18 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2018 was considered.

Resolved: the Year End Monitoring Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

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

£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary
£ 460.84	Employee 2	Salary
£ 45.80	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 350.00	Croft Field Volunteers	Grant
£ 100.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grants

£ 90.00	DWG (NW)	Notice board repair
£ 361.70	Lancashire Assoc of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Annual subscription

#### 39.18 Internal Audit

i) Councillors discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor in accordance with guidance provided within Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England.

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed.

ii) The fee for the Internal Audit was considered.

Resolved: the fee was set at £80.00.

#### 40.18 River Wall Planters

The purchase of self-watering re-cycled plastic troughs to replace the existing troughs at a cost of £3512 (+VAT) was considered. Croston in Bloom has offered a grant of £3250 towards the planters.

Resolved: the purchase was agreed, subject to receipt of a grant of £3250 from Croston in Bloom.

#### 41.18 Train Service Delays

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### 42.18 Lancashire County Council Consultations

Consultations relating to the proposed closure of transport information centres at Preston Bus Station, Nelson Interchange, Clitheroe Interchange and Carnforth Railway Station and a proposal to increase the flat fare for NoWcard holders for bus/tram services before 9:30am on weekdays were considered. The contents of the consultations were noted.

#### 43.18 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

#### 44.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 May 2018.

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