

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 12 December 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 1 member of the public.

130.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon and A Peet.

131.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

132.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14 November 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

133.18 Public Participation

A member of the Rec Development Group provided information on the project and offered suggestions regarding some of the operational aspects. Suggestions for the management of the project were also put forward, including volunteering to manage the day to day running of the project and Members of the Council offered assistance with this.

A Councillor had discussed several issues, including speeding, with Police Officers attending the Christmas Fair.

Comments were made regarding the actions of stewards during the Christmas Fair road closure.

The impending closure of the Bank, and loss of the ATM were discussed. It was suggested this could be raised at the next Chorley Liaison meeting.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

134.17 Planning Matters

18/01037/FULHH and 18/01038/LBC Applications for planning permission and Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 6 no. timber casement windows to the front and end elevations with timber sash windows (Conservation Area and Article 4 Direction) at 16 Church Street

18/01040/FUL Conversion of an agricultural building into a single dwelling and associated building operations (amendments to scheme previously approved under prior approval ref: 16/01102/P3PAO) at The Barn at Drinkhouse Farm, Drinkhouse Road

18/01109/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees in Croston Conservation Area: Silver Birch - Crown reduction, removing 3m from height & 1.5m all round width. Crown lift removing 3 limbs below the first main union, removal of 2 limbs growing out & over the roof of 1 Willowbank Cottages at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Town Road

There were no objections to the above applications.

135.18 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 518.50	Croston Old School	Room hire/grant
£ 300.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant
£ 150.00	Cash	Remembrance Day expenditure
£ 410.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£ 60.00	Village Courier	Newsletter delivery
£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary
£ 707.27	Employee2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 49.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

136.18 Electoral Review - Warding Arrangements Internal Audit

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has recommended a ward comprising Croston, Bretherton, Ulnes Walton, Mawdesley and Heskin. Councillors had no issues with the recommendation.

137.18 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting had been invited. Items on Japanese Knotweed and the loss of the bank ATM are to be put forward.

138.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 January 2019.

139.18 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.

140.18 Recreation Ground Improvements

Resolved: the contract for the works was awarded to The Potting Sheds and arrangements for invoice payments were confirmed.

141.18 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

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