

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 11 December 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet, (Chairman), R Baker, P Fenemore, K Iddon and S Myers.

136.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley, B Paillusson and G Stubbs.

137.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

138.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 November 2019

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

139.19 Public Participation

A resident raised concerns regarding the impact of the Royal Umpire Caravan Park planning application, including the increase in surface water run-off and effect on neighbouring properties.

The resident requested assistance in getting the arch at the gateway entrance to Croston Park reinstated. Councillors advised both Historic England and Chorley Council's Conservation Officer had been contacted but both had advised they had no legal powers to intervene.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

140.19 Climate Emergency

A proposal to issue a formal declaration of a climate emergency was considered. Information was provided in support of the proposal and an alternative view was also put forward. An alternative proposal for the Council to acknowledge the existence of a global climate emergency was made.

A motion for the Council to acknowledge a global climate emergency was put forward. A recorded vote was requested.

For: Cllrs Baker, Iddon, Myers and Peet.

Against: Cllr Fenemore.

Resolved: the motion was supported.

A suggestion to form a sub-committee to promote environmental issues locally was considered. The advantages, in terms of flexibility, of setting up a working group as opposed to a sub-committee were discussed.

Resolved: a working group is to be established to promote climate/environmental issues at a local level.

Cllr Myers left the meeting.

141.19 Planning Matters

19/01092/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area. Yew (T1) - Crown raise 5.2m, crown thin 10% and reduce back from property 3 - 4m. Oak (T2) – reduce back from property 2 - 3 m, crown raise 6m and crown thin 5% at Hall Cottages, Grape Lane

19/01093/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area to remove self sown Silver Birch at Croston Hall Estate, Grape Lane

19/01127/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including the removal of 4 no. trees and other works to 3 no. trees at 35 Grape Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

19/01042/FULMAJ Reconfiguration of existing caravan holiday park site from touring caravan pitches to static caravan pitches, provision of static caravan pitches in adjacent tented camping area, hard and soft landscaping, roadways and associated works at Royal Umpire Caravan Park Southport Road. Concerns were raised regarding the impact of the proposals on the openness of the Green belt and the increase in surface water run-off resulting from the additional hardstanding.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of inappropriate development in the Greenbelt and increase in surface water run-off.

19/01119/FUL Change of use from RBS Bank (A2) into a coffee shop/bar (A4) and amendments to front elevation (to include french doors and window with metal railings and new sliding door at first floor to allow access to the balcony and railings to balcony). Whilst there were no issues regarding the change of use, concerns were raised regarding noise from customers using the balcony and the french doors were felt to be out of keeping with the streetscene.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted to the sliding door and balcony to the first floor on the grounds of impact on neighbour amenity and the french doors on the ground floor due to the impact on the streetscene in the Conservation Area..

142.19 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:

£	20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	900.90	Van's Dutch Bulbs Co	Bulbs
£	336.00	The Potting Sheds	Recreation Park maintenance
£	384.00	J H Mayor & Sons	Christmas tree
£	510.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£	702.83	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£	42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

143.19 Precept

Councillors provided suggestions for inclusion in the budget calculations. Suggestions included an amount for invasive species eradication training and a project for retired residents to carry out small repairs for other residents.

144.19 Gateway to Croston Rectory

This item was deferred pending information regarding contact with the owner of the vehicle responsible for the damage.

145.19 Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

Councillors were reminded of the drop in event on 18 December 2019 at The Old School.

146.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

147.19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 January 2020.

148.19 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.

149.19 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

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