

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting) of the Meeting held on 8 December 2021 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, P Fenemore, K Iddon, S Myers, B Paillusson, G Stubbs and N Woodcock.

103.21 Apologies for Absence

None received.

104.21 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

105.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

106.21 Public Participation

A resident raised concerns regarding traffic problems at school drop off and collection times at the Highfield Road entrances to both schools.

Information was provided regarding follow up discussion to a previous suggestion relating to the possible development of land for appropriate housing in the village.

The pavement edge from Fishery bridge up to the railway bridge is collapsing.

The white lines at the junction of Turflands and Carr Lane have faded.

The chevrons on Fishery Bridge are in need of repainting.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

107.21 Planning Matters

21/01335/FULHH Single storey front and side extension at 23 Riverside Crescent

21/01354/FULHH Two storey rear extension at Holmeswood, Finney Lane

21/01379/P3PAM Prior approval application under Part 3, Class R of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible use falling within Class B8 (storage or distribution) for caravan storage at Midge Hall Farm, Moss Road

21/01405/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including the crown raise of 1no. horse chestnut and 1no. beech, crown thin of 1no. sycamore, crown reduction of 1no. sycamore and stem reduction of 1no. ash at Yarrow Place, 32 Grape Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

108.21 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

ii) Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £250 was agreed.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 400.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 1113.60	Newgate Nurseries	Recreation Park replacement trees
£ 228.00	The A Team	Refurbishment of seat
£ 506.60	T&H Power Products	Water pump for Recreation Park
£ 210.00	DWG (NW)	Refurbishment of seat
£ 1368.60	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 500.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation

109.21 2022-23 Precept

A replacement speed indicator and setting aside funds towards Covid recovery were suggested. Councillors were reminded of the need to provide items to allow costings to be obtained for the precept to be set at the January meeting.

110.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

An initial meeting to form a local group along the lines of Men's Sheds has taken place. A constitution is to be adopted.

Croston in Bloom was awarded Gold in the Britain in Bloom Competition. Particular mention was made of the hard work of the Bloom Group and, Croston Station, the Recreation Park, Church Street and Bishop Chester's Wood and the Croft Field were specifically mentioned. The cleanliness of the village was also noted and the Keep Croston Tidy Group complimented.

111.21 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 January 2022.

112.21 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.

113.21 Personnel Matters

The Lengthman's salary was reviewed.

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