

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 13 February 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 1 Member of the Public.

10.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Ward.

11.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

12.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9 January 2019

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

13.19 Public Participation

A resident had reported problems with obstructed pavements between Rectory Close and Bishop Rawstone. Inconsiderate parking was making it difficult for prams and wheelchairs to get through.

Litter along Grape Lane and Syd Brook was reported, including nitrous oxide canisters.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

14.19 Planning Matters

18/01153/FULHH Two storey side extension and rear dormer extensions at The Stables, Grape Lane

19/00024/FUL Construction of horticultural glasshouse and associated tool shed to supply adjacent hall with produce within new walled garden. Land to remain as horticultural/agricultural use at Croston Hall Estate, Grape Lane

19/00025/FULHH Single storey rear extension at Tresco, 6 Out Lane

There were no objections to the above applications.

15.19 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 Croston Coffee Day Committee, towards the costs of staging the 2019 Coffee day event, was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £200 was awarded, to be paid in the next financial year.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 18000.00	The Potting Sheds	Recreation Ground works
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 169.14	Cardiac Science	Defibrillator pads
£ 65.00	DWG (NW)	Notice board repair
£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary
£ 475.96	Employee2	Salary and reimbursements

16.19 Meadow Lane Bridge

A report from a recent meeting with the MP and representatives from Network Rail, Lancashire County Council, Chorley Council, Parish Councillors and residents to find a solution to the problems caused by the replacement of the bridge parapets was provided. Information on potential solutions is to be provided by Network Rail and Councillors agreed to wait for this information before deciding on a course of action.

17.19 Neighbourhood Priority

A project to eradicate Japanese Knotweed had been submitted however, the January Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting was informed this had been raised at the Chorley Liaison meeting and Chorley Council is to take the lead on this project, which would include other bodies. An alternative suggestion to replace and improve planters throughout the village was put forward. Resolved: the replacement of planters was confirmed as a Neighbourhood Priority for 2019-20.

18.19 Chorley Council Consultations

Consultations on the 2019-20 Budget and the Draft Statement of Community Involvement were considered. Councillors had no comments.

19.19 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors felt it was more appropriate to concentrate efforts on North West in Bloom. There was no proposer for entry into the competition.

20.19 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Councillors were provided with draft documents for inspection which will be approved at the next meeting.

21.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison - representatives from Inspire (Chorley Youth Zone) provided information. High attendance means they are working at full capacity and additional volunteer help is needed.

Information was also provided by the new Police Inspector for Chorley. A large amount of Police time is being spent dealing with vulnerable people. The Police are looking to go back to neighbourhood policing.

The Knotweed eradication is to be led by Chorley Council and will tie in with other projects.

The loss of cash dispensers following bank closures was discussed. Other parishes also reported they had lost dispensers and had no suggestions as to what might be done.

22.19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 March 2019.

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