

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 12 February 2020 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 2 members of the public.

### 15.20 Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 16.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 17.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2020

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 18.20 Public Participation

The meeting was advised of a suggestion to mark the anniversary of VE Day, on 8 May with a procession, along the pavement, from the Village Green to the War Memorial where a short service, involving both Churches, would be held. It was suggested the unveiling of a plaque to a US Air Force Pilot might be incorporated into the event.

A resident expressed concerns regarding sites submitted within the Central Lancashire Local Plan. Councillors advised of discussions which took place at the January meeting and mentioned information had been received suggesting the vast majority of the sites would not go forward.

Sewers along Grape Lane had overflowed in the recent heavy rain. A choke on the main sewer from Eccleston had been installed in the past as a temporary measure to alleviate the problem but nothing permanent had been provided. It was suggested adequate services should be in place before planning permission is granted for new homes which are to be connected to the sewer.

Thanks were offered to the Flood Group Members and other volunteers for their assistance on Sunday 9 February during the flooding. The river barrier had operated successfully but flooding occurred around Little lane, Out Lane, Grape Lane and Town Road and was thought to be due to run off. The Flood Group is to question the monitoring of river levels and whether there is a back-up plan for the barrier at the next meeting with the responsible bodies.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 19.20 Planning Matters

20/00028/CLPUD Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single detached garage at Drinkhouse Farm, Drinkhouse Road

20/00112/TCON Notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area: Silver Birch - crown reduction by 30%, pruning and lateral reduction towards property by 50% at Hall Cottages, Grape Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

### 20.20 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
£	35.40	John McDougall Electrical Services	Repair to phone box power supply
£	264.00	Yates Playgrounds	Repair to mulch surface
£	452.40	Earth Anchors	Seat
£	75.00	DWG (NW)	Seat installation
£	144.00	The Potting Sheds	Recreation Park maintenance
£	478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£	497.04	Employee 2	Salary
£	42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	571.45	Lancashire County Council	Electrical connection to container
£	92.01	Resident	Reimbursement - fuel for flood pump

#### 21.20 Engagement with Residents

Councillors considered a draft social media policy. A suggestion to include political comments to the list of posts which will be removed was put forward.

Resolved: the policy was adopted, with the inclusion of the removal of political comments to the list of posts which will be removed.

#### 22.20 Gateway to Croston Rectory

Chorley Council had advised that, as a Listed Building, the Gateway is to be restored to its condition prior to the damage and a contractor is being sought.

#### 23.20 Chorley Council 2020-21 Budget Consultation

The 2020-21 Budget Consultation was considered. Councillors had no comments.

#### 24.20 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

As the village is entered for Britain in Bloom it was deemed more appropriate to concentrate efforts on this. There was no proposer for entry into the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

#### 23.20 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 24.20 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 March 2020.

The Chairman advised this would be Cllr Cowley's last meeting. Cllr Cowley was thanked for his past service to the Council.

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