

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 12 January 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker and P Fenemore.

Also present 1 Member of the public.

01.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon, B Paillusson, S Myers, G Stubbs and N Woodcock.

02.22 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

03.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

04.22 Public Participation

A resident mentioned the Meadow Lane railway bridge is unsightly. Councillors advised Network Rail had obtained planning permission to repaint the bridge.

The resident mentioned the bus running through the village is little used and offered the opinion the money could be better spent on other services. Councillors advised the service was subsidised and took on more passengers along the route.

A leaking sewer pipe on the public footpath running alongside the railway line had been reported to Lancashire County Council and the Environmental Health Officers at Chorley Council. Problems with sewage coming from drains along Grape Lane was also mentioned.

Surface water was pooling at a new entrance along Syd Brook.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

05.22 Planning Matters

21/01155/FULHH Change of use of existing ground floor unit to dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to form an extension to no.2 Church Street, including external window alterations at Favourites, 66 Town Road

21/01408/FULHH Single storey extension to rear/side, detached single storey store to rear and extended drop kerb to front at 26 Rectory Close

There were no objections to these applications.

06.22 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 400.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 71.68	J McDougall Electrical Services	Repair to defibrillator kiosk light
£ 1057.78	Staff costs	Salaries and deductions

07.22 2022-23 Precept

The Precept for 2022-23 was considered. A draft budget was presented, which included the potential council tax support contribution. The council tax base from 2021-21 was used as confirmation of the figure for 2022-23 had not been provided. A proposal to hold the precept at the current level was not seconded. A proposal for a 2% increase was put forward.

Resolved: the Precept for 2022 - 2023 was set at £24530, an increase of 2% to council taxpayers.

08.22 Neighbourhood Priorities

A suggestion to put forward the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk housing the defibrillator as a priority project was made. Priorities will be finalised at the next meeting.

09.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

10.22 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 February 2022.

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