

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 11 January 2023 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.

01.23 Apologies for Absence

None received

02.23 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

03.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2022

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

04.23 Public Participation

Overflow was reported from sewer manhole covers near to Mill Bridge during heavy rain. The road had been swept and it was believed a CCTV inspection had been carried out.

A surface water grid on Grape Lane blocked by overgrowth is to be reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

05.23 Planning Matters

22/01267/FULHH Detached garage to front at Honeywood, Finney Lane

22/01303/FULHH Replacement of windows to east at Grape Cottage, 52 Grape Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

06.23 Financial Matters

i) The monthly financial monitoring statement was presented.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 24.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 424.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 288.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 456.00	J H Mayor & Sons	Christmas tree
£ 1179.01	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements

07.23 Precept

The Precept for 2023-24 was considered. A draft budget was presented and, as details of the Council Tax Base and confirmation of the top up grant had not been provided by Chorley Council at the time of the meeting, the General Reserve budget figure will be amended to take account of any difference to the anticipated figures.

Resolved: the Precept for 2023 - 2024 was set at £25720, an increase of 5% to council taxpayers.

08.23 Neighbourhood Priorities

Suggestions for priorities were considered. As both wooden notice boards are reaching the end of their lives a replacement aluminium board is to be suggested.

09.23 Lancashire County Council 2023 - 24 Budget Consultation

Councillors had no comments regarding the consultation.

10.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Friends of the River Yarrow AGM had been held and it had been agreed the group would continue.

11.23 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2023.

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

Croston Parish Council

Precept 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

Budgets

Salaries	15500
Room Hire	300
Administration Expenses	500
Lengthsman Expenses	200
Repairs and Replacements	1000
Newsletter	1500
Grounds Maintenance	2500
Training	200
Flowers/Planting	800
Recreation Ground	3000
Subscriptions/Entry Fees	600
Street Furniture	1000
Grants	1500
Christmas	1000
Audit Fees	400
Insurance	1750
General Reserve	1000
Sundries	850
Earmarked Funds	750
CIL	13630
	<u>47980</u>

Financed by

Estimated balance as at 31.03.23	20820
Add: Proposed precept	25720
Add: Anticipated Chorley Council top up grant	1440
	<u>47980</u>