

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 11 July 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond P Fenemore and B Paillusson.

Also present Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

76.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley, G Stubbs and K Ward.

77.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

78.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13 June 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

79.18 Public Participation

It was reported the road closure signage for Westhead Road on the outskirts of the village was causing confusion.

Hedges are obstructing the new pavement on Bretherton Road.

Excessive noise from outdoor entertainment at a local pub was mentioned.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

80.18 Planning Matters

18/00561/FULHH Single storey rear extension at 28 Town Road

18/00641/FULHH Single storey front extension, first floor side extension and elevational alterations at 30 Yarrow Close

There were no objections to the above applications.

81.18 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, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary
£ 521.33	Employee 2	Salary
£ 61.00	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 294.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 699.00	DWG (NW)	Summer planting
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 80.00	A Partington	Internal audit fee
£ 200.00	Croston Coffee Day Committee	Grant
£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary - August
£ 475.96	Employee 2	Salary - August
£ 49.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE - August

82.18 Internal Audit

The Internal Auditor's report was presented and noted.

83.18 Japanese Knotweed

A detailed report providing a strategy to control an infestation of Japanese Knotweed infestation along Syd Brook and in other areas of the village was considered. The report recommended the formation of a community group, in co-operation with the Borough and County Councils and any other interested bodies, including neighbouring parish councils.

Councillors suggested an article could be included in the newsletter and a schedule could be devised in time for the next budget calculations.

A request to include the topic on the agenda for the Chorley Liaison meeting has been submitted.

84.18 Public Conveniences

A suggestion to provide public toilets for use by visitors to the village was discussed. Concerns relating to cost, location, management and possible misuse were raised. The Recreation Ground and Out Lane car park were put forward as possible locations. A suggestion to provide portable toilets of the type used at festivals was made. A further suggestion for a brick-built structure was made. Further research on the implications and costs is to be carried out.

85.18 Electoral Review

A Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries for Chorley Borough was considered. Councillors had no comments.

86.18 Chorley Council Regulation 123 List

A request for infrastructure projects to be included on Chorley Council's Regulation 123 List, Community Infrastructure Levy was considered. A suggestion to add the public conveniences previously discussed was made.

87.18 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

88.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 September 2018.

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