

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 13 June 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 3 Members of the public.

62.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley and B Paillusson,

63.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

64.18 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 9 May 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

65.18 Public Participation

Members of the Recreation Ground Group provide information on a suggested drainage scheme, which will be included in grant applications. The Group is arranging for specifications for the project to be drawn up which will be used in obtaining quotations. Chorley Council's Planning Department had intimated the work may be carried out under the Parish Council's permitted development rights.

A representative from the Community Centre provided details of a suggestion for the Remembrance Day Parade to depart from the Centre, which had been the Old Comrade's Hall after the War, to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Concerns regarding the spread of an infestation of Japanese Knotweed infestation along Syd Brook were raised. The formation of a group to research the extent of the problem was suggested.

It was reported Lancashire County Council would not be closing Town Bridge at the present time.

A suggestion for a community skip day was put forward.

Cars have been parked near the garages on Little Lane.

Part of the knee rail on the field on Riverside Crescent has been damaged.

A suggestion for public toilets in the village was made.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

66.18 Planning Matters

18/00477/FULHH Single storey side extension at 49 Station Road

18/00509/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area: Removal of holly tree in rear garden) at 7 Farmhouse Court

There were no objections to the above applications.

67.18 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

iii) A grant request from Croston Coffee Day Committee towards the costs of staging the event was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £200 was awarded.

iii) A grant request from Chorley Council for assistance towards match funding for the refurbishment of Astley Hall was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £50 was awarded.

iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary
£ 460.84	Employee 2	Salary
£ 45.80	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 165.04	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 4215.16	Amberol	Barrier baskets
£ 588.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Notice board repair
£ 100.00	North West Air Ambulance	Grant
£ 490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£ 60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery

68.18 Pop-up garden

A request, from the Recreation Ground Group, for permission to build a temporary garden, including a wooden shed, on the Recreation Ground for Open Gardens Day was considered.

Resolved: permission was granted.

69.18 Remembrance Day

A suggestion, from the Community Centre Committee, for this year's parade to depart from the Centre, which was originally the Old Comrade's Hall, to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 was considered. Following the Service of Remembrance attendees would return to the Community Centre for afternoon tea. This will be suggested when road closures are requested.

70.18 Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme

An invitation from Lancashire County Council to opt in to a maintenance scheme for public rights of way was considered. There was no proposer to opt in.

71.18 Chorley Liaison

A request for suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting, to be held on 18 July 2018, was discussed. The Japanese Knotweed problem is to be suggested.

72.18 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

73.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 July 2018.

74.18 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: in accordance with Part 1 (4) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

75.18 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's hourly rate was increased in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services 2018-2019 National Salary Award.

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