

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, K Iddon, B Paillusson and K Ward.

Also present 3 Members of the public.

45.18 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Peet was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

46.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr P Fenemore.

47.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

48.18 Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Cowley was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

49.17 Other Appointments

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Chorley Liaison: Cllr Peet.

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting: Cllr Peet

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee: there was no volunteer.

Lead Member - Planning: Cllr Cowley.

50.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 April 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

51.18 Public Participation

Members of the Recreation Ground Group presented proposals for the second phase of the improvement scheme. The proposals were, generally, well received, with a suggestion for inclusion of a kickabout area. Revised plans are to be drawn up to be passed to Chorley Council's Planning Department to check whether the proposals fall within the Parish Council's permitted development rights or whether a planning application will be required. Grants are being applied for.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

52.18 Planning Matters

18/00424/FULHH Single storey front, side and rear extension at 18 Lonsdale Drive

18/00440/FULHH Detached garage with home office above at 127 Station Road

18/00445/FULHH Two storey side extension and roof alterations at 40 Pavilion View

There were no objections to the above applications.

53.18 Financial Matters

- i) Evidence of the receipt of the Precept was noted.
- ii) 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 North West Air Ambulance towards operating costs was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £100 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
£ 83.40	Online Playgrounds	Replacement swing seats

54.18 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register.

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

55.18 Use of Village Green

Councillors considered requests for the use of the Village Green and car park from Croston/Azay-le-Rideaux Twinning Association on Saturday 14 July 2018 for the Bastille Day Fair and Croston Village Festivities Group on Sunday 2 December 2018 for the Christmas Lights Switch-on and Sunday 9 December for the Christmas Fair.

Resolved: permission was granted subject to the usual conditions regarding insurance cover.

56.18 Train Service Delays

Reports of problems with late trains and cancellations and issues relating to the substitute bus service were provided.

Resolved: representations are to be made to Northern Rail regarding the issues.

57.18 General Data Protection Legislation

Information was provided on forthcoming changes to Data Protection laws which will require an action plan to be worked through to ensure compliance over the coming months.

58.18 Lancashire County Council Consultations

Consultations relating to the proposed reduction in funding for community transport in Lancashire and the proposed ceasing of routine streetlight inspections, with testing of streetlights and illuminated signs, due to the introduction of LED lighting, to be carried on a 10 year cycle rather than the current 5 year cycle were considered. The contents of both consultations were noted.

59.18 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - a meeting had taken place to confirm locations for the Civic pride signage to be installed on Highfield Road and the Rufford and Bretherton entrances to the village.

59.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 June 2018.

60.18 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item on the grounds that the item comprised information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: 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.

61.18 Recreation Ground Drainage

Quotations from contractors were discussed. As the quotations varied in terms of the recommended works a further quotation is to be obtained.

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