

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Annual Meeting held on 5 May 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, P Fenemore, S Myers, B Paillusson and N Woodcock.

Also present Borough Councillor P Sloan and 2 Members of the public.

51.21 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Peet was elected, with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed at a later date.

52.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon and G Stubbs.

53.21 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

54.21 Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Fenemore was elected.

55.21 Other Appointments

Resolved: the following were appointed:

Chorley Liaison: Cllr Peet.

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting: Cllr Peet.

Croston United Charities: Councillors Myers and Paillusson.

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

Layfield Charity - Cllr Almond

Peter Lathom Charity - Cllr Stubbs

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond

56.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 April 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

57.21 Public Participation

A resident mentioned the need for the support of residents with the Best Kept Village Competition entry and requested the parish council publicise the entry via social media.

A suggestion for a clean up of the River Yarrow was put forward. It was noted Giant Hogweed was present along the banks.

Lancashire County Council has advised the lower section of Public Footpath FP1 running from Station Bridge along the railway line is to be resurfaced.

The removal of the railings outside the former Methodist School was mentioned. Highways Officers had advised a replacement sight line barrier is to be installed.

The poor condition of litter bins and seats in the area was mentioned. Residents are to carry out a survey of the items. It was noted the bins generally belong to Chorley Council.

A resident had advised of issues with property damage to homes on Moor Road following the works carried out on the sewer system. Councillors had been advised the residents are in contact with United Utilities and Lancashire County Council. The Parish Council will do what it can to assist any residents contacting the Council directly.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

58.21 Planning Matters

21/00416/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) attached to permission 19/00709/FULHH (Demolition of existing garden room and erection of a single storey rear and aside extension) to increase the side extension soffit/parapet height by 170mm at 17 Westhead Road

21/00417/FULHH Part two storey/part single storey side/rear extension at 52 Lonsdale Drive

21/00527/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area including the felling of 2no. sycamore trees and deadwooding of 1no. lime tree at Yarrow Cottage, Carr Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

59.21 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:

£ 390.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 1057.98	Staff costs	Salaries and deductions

60.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

Lower Douglas Flood Group - Councillors supported a report on Knotweed along the River Yarrow which is to be presented at a meeting.

Croston in Bloom had met with Chorley Council regarding wildflower planting and the verge opposite the War Memorial has been suggested for next year. The Group thanked Councillors for allowing the use of the Village Green for plant sale which raised over £200 and work will start shortly on a raised bed on The Green

61.21 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 14 July 2021, subject to regulations in force at the time.

62.21 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following items was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) 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.

63.21 Acquisition of Land

An offer to sell the small area of land which forms the new pedestrian access to the Recreation Park was considered.

Resolved: an offer of a nominal sum, with the Parish Council to cover legal fees is to be made.

64.21 Personnel Matters

Areas covered by the Lengthsman were discussed.

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