

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 9 November 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors P Fenemore (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, K Iddon, S Myers, G Stubbs.

Also present 1 Member of the Public.

100.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors B Paillusson, A Peet and N Woodcock

101.22 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

102.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2022

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

103.22 Public Participation

Installation of the average speed camera system along the A581 has been completed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

104.22 Planning Matters

22/00991/FULHH Single storey rear extension along with front porch to facilitate the new WC at 6 Rectory Close

22/01135/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area including the felling of 1no. ash, 1no. whitebeam, and 1no. horse chestnut, crown raise 1no. sycamore and crown raise at The Coach House, Grape Lane

22/01150/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley Rural District Council TPO 1 (Croston) 1973: Sycamore T1 - Fell; Sycamore T3 - Remove subordinate stem leaning towards highway; Ash T5 - Crown raise over highway at 35 Grape Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

105.22 Financial Matters

i) The monthly financial monitoring statement was presented.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

Cllr Almond, as an Old School Trustee, declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item.

ii) A request from Croston Old School for a grant towards the costs of replacement emergency lighting was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £500 was awarded.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 3240.00	J & M Civil Engineering	Recreation Park Tarmac
£ 24.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 424.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 118.00	DWG (NW)	Reset car park bollards
£ 500.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Donation
£ 1292.61	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements

106.22 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee set at £80.

107.22 Remembrance Day

Arrangements for the Parade were confirmed. Cllr Myers will carry the British Legion Women's Standard.

108.22 Christmas Lights

Details of arrangements for the installation of the Christmas lights were confirmed.

109.22 Precept

Councillors discussed possible items for inclusion in the 2023-24 budgets. Suggestions included support for the Warm Spaces Initiative and provision of electric vehicle charging points. In time to allow costings to be obtained for the precept to be set at the January meeting. Any further suggestions are to be sent to the Clerk.

110.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

111.22 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 December 2022.

112.22 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 item 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.

113.22 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's salary was increased in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Salary Award.

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