

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 13 October 2021 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

**Present** Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, K Iddon, S Myers and N Woodcock.

### 79.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Fenemore, B Paillusson and G Stubbs.

### 80.21 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 81.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 82.21 Public Participation

A resident provided information on a planning application for a property on Rectory Close.

A resident asked for support in the opposition to the proposed new prison in Ulnes Walton. Issues with increases in traffic and the impact on local infrastructure, including school places and medical facilities were mentioned.

The crossing point on the pavement on Highfield Road, by Butterfly Hall was, again, mentioned. The meeting was advised Lancashire County Council is to inspect the area and confirm whether the road is wide enough to accommodate a new stretch of pavement or whether land might be available from local landowners.

Problems with raw sewage again leaking onto the newly laid surface of the public footpath by the railway line were mentioned. This had been reported to United Utilities.

A resident had queried whether the parish council could purchase the land off Castle Walks, which had been the subject of a recent planning application, for recreational purposes. The meeting was advised the council could buy the land however this would require the land to be offered for sale at a reasonable price.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 83.21 Planning Matters

21/00993/FULHH Installation of four no. air conditioning units on external wall at 38 Rectory Close

21/01023/FUL Erection of four new dwellings with associated landscaping, and vehicular access to be taken from the existing access at Drinkhouse Farm, Drinkhouse Road

21/01061/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 2 (Croston) 2014: T1 Larch - Fell and replant and T2 Birch - Crown thin and crown reduce at 15 Church Street

21/01098/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including: the deadwooding of 5no. lime and 1no. sycamore, deadwood and canopy raise of 1no. oak, felling of 1no. holly, 1no sycamore and 1no. common elder, prune/canopy raise 1no. goat willow and prune/canopy raise 1no. elm at Croston Park Nursing Home, Town Road

21/01100/FULHH Erection of a rear dormer including 1no. rooflight following removal of existing dormer at Grape Hyacinth Cottage, 29 Grape Lane

21/01115/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including: The felling of 1no. sweet chestnut, 6no. beech, 2no. sycamore, 2no. lime, and 1no. horse chestnut, deadwooding of 1no. oak, stem reduction of 4no. lime, crown reduction of 1no. black pine and remove group of alder at Croston Hall Estate, Grape Lane

21/01129/TPO Notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area including the crown thin by 25% of 1no. silver birch at Park View, 38 Grape Lane

21/01147/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including the crown clean and deadwooding of 1no. cedar and 6no. pines at Bank House, 231 Grape Lane

21/01154/FULHH Erection of a single storey side extension and first floor rear extension over existing single storey extension at 1B Out lane

21/01191/FUL Joint Application for single storey rear extensions over 3 no properties Joint Application for single storey rear extensions over 3 no properties at 3, 4 & 5 Railway View

21/01167/FULHH First floor bedroom extension and ground floor sun lounge at 16 Cock Robin Highfield Road

There were no objections to these applications.

21/01028/OUTMAJ Hybrid planning application seeking: Outline planning permission (with all matters reserved except for means of access, parking and landscaping) for a new prison (up to 74,531.71 sqm GEA) (Class C2A) within a secure perimeter fence following demolition of existing buildings and structures and together with associated engineering works; Outline planning permission for a replacement boiler house (with all matters reserved except for access); and full planning permission for a replacement bowling green and club house (Class F2(c)) on land adjacent to HMP's Garth and Wymott, Moss Lane, Ulnes Walton

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of impact on local infrastructure and inappropriate development within the Green belt.

#### 84.21 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:

£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration
£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 400.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 80.00	Came and Company	Annual insurance premium
£ 240.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fee
£ 1555.38	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements

#### 85.21 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The report of the External Auditor was presented and noted.

#### 86.21 Flag Policy

This item was initially to discuss a means of consulting with residents to obtain prior to drawing up a policy covering flying of flags on council owned property. Councillors felt a formal policy was not necessary and the Cross of St George would be displayed throughout the year, with the Union Flag flown during the period of Remembrance. Requests for the flying of other flags will be considered as an agenda item at the first available meeting following receipt of the request provided the flag is listed within categories 1 and 2 of the HM Government guidance "Flying Flags: a plain English guide".

#### 87.21 Neighbourhood Area Meeting

Suggestions for neighbourhood priorities were discussed. Skip days for residents to dispose of unwanted items and renovation of the telephone kiosk were mentioned.

#### 88.21 Appointment of Peter Lathom Charity Local Representative Trustee

Cllr Stubbs nomination was confirmed.

#### 89.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

Members of Croston in Bloom are clearing the planters ready for the Winter planting. The results from the RHS NorthWest in Bloom competition are due to be released shortly.

#### 90.21 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 November 2021.

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