

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 April 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley P Fenemore, K Iddon, S Laverick and E Norris.

Also present 3 Members of the public.

### 38.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors B Paillusson and G Stubbs.

### 39.16 Disclosure of Interests

None declared.

### 40.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9 March 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 41.16 Public Participation

A resident queried the current situation regarding the transfer of the Out Lane car park to the Parish Council. Councillors advised the documentation is awaited from Lancashire County Council and, until such time as it is provided, the current arrangements will continue. Once the financial implications are clear the item will be considered by the Council. Information was provided regarding the potential listing of the car park as an asset of community interest.

A resident's query regarding distribution of funds by the Flood Relief Charity was answered by a trustee of the charity.

Localised flooding on Moor Road was mentioned, along with the condition of the road surface by the roundabout at the junction with Station Road.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 42.16 Planning Matters

15/00953/FULMAJ An amended site plan for the construction of 9 dwellings at 127A Station Road was considered. Councillors were of the opinion the amendments had no impact on the Council's original objections.

Resolved: the Parish Council's objections to the original application are to be reiterated.

16/00234/FULHH Erection of single story rear extension at 55 Town Road

16/00254/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension, following demolition of existing single storey rear extension at 58 Station Road

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

### 43.16 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the precept request by Chorley Council was presented and noted.

The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2016 was considered.

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

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

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

£	442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£	430.25	Employee 2	Salary
£	66.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	14.40	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	300.00	Chorley Council	Litter bin
£	300.00	St Michael and All Angels Croft Field	Grant
£	504.60	Employee 2	Reimbursement - barrel planters
£	420.58	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£	15.00	SELRAP	Annual subscription

#### 44.16 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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.

#### 45.16 Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme 2016-17

An invitation to opt into the Scheme was considered. It was felt the single payment of £250 to carry out clearance work was not sufficient.

#### 46.16 Chorley Civic Society Bi-annual Awards 2016

Councillors considered the nomination of entries for awards. Suggestions put forward included the Croston Flood Relief Charity and the refurbishment of the Village Green weathervane.

#### 47.16 Recreation Ground

A report from a meeting of The Friends of Croston Recreation Ground was provided. Information had finally been received from Chorley Council regarding the amount of funding available from developer's contributions. The Friends will now prepare funding bids. Chorley Council is to investigate whether a planning application will be necessary.

#### 48.16. Croston in Bloom

The Group has designated 'Cosmos' as the flower for this year. Displays will use Cosmos as a theme, with residents being asked to include it in displays.

#### 49.16 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A report from a meeting of the Chorley Liaison was provided. Topics covered included play areas, designation of the West Pennine Moors as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and local emergency planning, with the Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group to be used as a model for other villages.

#### 50.16 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 May 2016.

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