

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 14 December 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, E Norris and G Stubbs.

134.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor B Paillusson.

135.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

136.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9 November 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

137.16 Public Participation

A resident had mentioned fallen leaves on Town Road. At a recent meeting regarding North West in Bloom, Chorley Council had offered to arrange for the sweeper.

The post at the entrance to the Out Lane car park had been damaged. Lancashire County Council does not intend to remove the bollard.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

138.16 Planning Matters

16/01037/TCON Notification of works to trees in a conservation area: Crown lift, crown raise, 10% crown thin, reshape form and remove dead wood to all trees along property boundary. (repeat of works previously permitted and completed under 08/00007/TCON) at Manor House Farm, The Hillocks

16/01042/FULHH Proposed side first floor extension above existing garage 9 Drinkhouse Road

16/01052/FULHH Erection of Front Garden Wall and Gates at 11 The Orchard

16/01055/TCON Works to trees in a conservation area: 1. Crown lift two large oak trees so that branches are clear of the property roof; 2. Crown lift cherry tree to clear traffic on the adjacent highway and a telephone cable; 3. Remove two smaller cherry trees (restricting growth of adjacent fruit trees) at Manor House Barn, Carr Lane

16/01043/TCON Notification of works to a tree within a conservation area: Felling of one hornbeam at Home Farm Cottage, Grape Lane

16/01105/FULHH Erection of a part single and part two storey rear extension and demolition of an existing conservatory and utility room at 31 Drinkhouse Road

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

139.16 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

A suggestion for a donation to CPRE Lancashire was discussed but not proposed.

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

£	442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£	446.24	Employee2	Salary

£	55.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	174.71	Employee2	Reimbursements
£	18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	90.00	Ark Welding	Repairs to play area and fingerpost
£	72.00	Ark Welding	Fit Best Kept Village plaque
£	490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	410.00	DWG (NW)	Winter planting

140.16 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services Consultation

Members considered a consultation on the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-2022. Members had no comments.

141.16 Recreation Ground

Members of the Friends of the Recreation Ground had reviewed proposals from a number of playground companies and had selected three potential contractors.

142.16 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A report was provided from a meeting arranged by Chorley Council to discuss working together to maintain services for communities. Chorley Council has provided funding to assist with bus services until March 2017 and library services until March 2018 and is looking to work with parish councils to maintain services beyond these dates. It is hoped parish councils and voluntary organisations will come together to fund services and a draft document detailing various options is to be provided.

The Trustees of Croston Flood Relief are working on a new project to support a local transport service.

143.16 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 comprises 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.

144.16 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

145.16 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 January 2017.

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