

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, P Fenemore, B Paillusson, E Norris and G Stubbs.

Also present 1 Member of the public.

80.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley and K Iddon

81.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

82.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 June 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

83.16 Public Participation

The York stone flags at the entrance to the Church are to be replaced. The car park will be closed.

Concerns were raised that the loose chippings following the surface dressing of Grape Lane and Syd Brook Lane might cause problems to riders in the Ironman UK event.

Public footpath FP6, from the top end of the Recreation Ground is overgrown.

A barrier post on the Out Lane car park bollard has been damaged.

The railings outside the Former Methodist School have been damaged.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

84.16 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

16/00552/FULHH Installation of flue to front elevation at Castle Bungalow, 2 Castle Walks

16/00465/FUL Change of use from existing ticket office/clubroom/cafe to clubhouse for the fishery/cycling use to include cafe/restaurant, public bar, office accommodation and cycle hire at Twin Lakes Fishery and Clubhouse

Councillors made no comments relating to these applications.

85.16 Financial Matters

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
£	442.05	Employee 2	Salary
£	54.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	23.13	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	248.40	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£	10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription

£	442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£	442.25	Employee 2	Salary
£	54.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

86.16 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

This item was deferred to the next meeting as the report of the External Auditor had not arrived.

87.16 Speed Indicator Device Mounting Plates

Councillors considered relocating the existing plates to sites within the 20mph zones. Lancashire County Council Officers are to be asked to provide suitable locations.

88.16 Post Office Consultation

A consultation regarding changes to the Post Office was considered. The extended opening hours were welcomed. Post Office Ltd is to be advised of concerns raised regarding current disabled access and asked to address this in the refurbishment.

89.16 Croston in Bloom

Judging took place on 6 July. The Judges were impressed with the village's recovery from the flooding and a special award for flood resilience will be presented. Information was provided for Councillors as to how to enter into the various categories, including Neighbourhood Awards.

90.16 Recreation Ground

The Chairman and Clerk had met with Chorley Council's Parks and Open Spaces Officer, who had provided suggestions on the type of equipment and other items. The Officer recommended approaching playground companies with an idea of the budget and requesting a design and build solution. Further grants are being applied for.

91.16 Lancashire Association of Local Councils AGM

A request for resolutions for the AGM was discussed. There were no suggestions.

92.16 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

93.16 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 September 2016.

94.16 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 comprised 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.

95.16 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's hourly rate was increased in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services 2016-2018 National Salary Award.

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