

## CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 9 November 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 2 Members of the public.

### 122.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley, S Laverick and G Stubbs.

### 123.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 124.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 October 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 125.16 Public Participation

A resident of Moor Road had read posts on social media suggesting traffic should be encouraged to use Moor Road instead of Town Road. Councillors advised this had been considered previously and the Council is not willing to shift a problem to another part of the village. The matter is to be taken up with the Western Parishes Neighbourhood meeting.

The current situation regarding the Out Lane car park was queried. The agreement is still awaited from Lancashire County Council.

Concerns had been raised regarding the effect a bund constructed at Croston Park might have on flooding. This is being looked into by Chorley Council.

The completion of the Croston Flood Risk Management Scheme was queried.

Hedges along Bretherton Road were reported as being overgrown.

A resident had complained about the signs and posters attached to the Station fence.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 126.16 Planning Matters

There were no applications for consideration.

### 127.16 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
£	446.04	Employee2	Salary
£	55.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	150.00	Cash	Remembrance Day expenditure

#### 128.16 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: Mr J Lawson is to be appointed and the fee set at £80.

#### 129.16 2017-2018 Precept

Councillors were reminded of the need to provide suggestions for inclusion in the Precept.

#### 130.16 Recreation Ground

An update was provided on the improvement project. Site visits have been carried out by 7 contractors. Initial proposals are awaited from these contractors.

#### 131.16 Croston in Bloom

A report from the North West in Bloom presentations was provided. Croston in Bloom received a Gold Medal and won the MVS Trophy which will mean entry into next year's Britain in Bloom competition. The Black Horse also received a Gold Medal in the Small Accommodation category and the Friends of Croston Station and 14-24 The Orchard received awards in the Neighbourhoods section.

Plans are being put together for the bed opposite the War Memorial and other various activities are planned for next year.

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

Chorley Council Liaison Meeting - items discussed included the Ironman UK event and contact with local Police Officers. Information was obtained regarding community bus services which will be passed onto the Sports Club.

#### 133.16 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 December 2016.

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