

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 8 February 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 1 Member of the Public.

11.17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Cowley and B Paillusson.

12.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

13.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 January 2017

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

14.17 Public Participation

A resident provided information on the Croston Park Nursing Home planning application relating to information awaited from Lancashire County Council.

A suggestion to extend the parking restrictions on Station Road, opposite the development at 127A, was put forward.

Enforcement of the 20mph speed limit was discussed and is to be queried with the Police.

Reports of parked cars obstructing pavements were provided.

Parking restrictions were, again, requested for the layby near the Co-op.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

15.17 Planning Matters

16/01149/FUL Flood protection measures including soil bunds, brick piers at site entrance and reconstruction and lifting of existing boundary walls at Croston Park Nursing Home, Town Road.

Councillors discussed concerns raised regarding the construction of the bund in that it is loose soil with no foundations or binding materials. The possibility of Spent Brook diverting onto Town Road and Church Street was also raised.

Resolved: concerns regarding the construction of the bund are to be submitted to Chorley Council.

16.17 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

A grant request from St Michael's PCC towards costs associated with the maintenance and improvement of the Croft Field was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £300, to be paid in the next financial year, was awarded.

A grant request from Croston in Bloom towards the costs of participation entry into the Britain in Bloom and North West in Bloom competitions was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £500 was awarded.

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
£	273.26	Employee2	Reimbursement - electrical repairs

17.17 Use of Village Green

Councillors considered a request from Croston Scout Group to use the Village Green on the evening of Saturday 18 February 2017 for a charity sleep-out in aid of the charity 'Shelter'.

Resolved: permission was granted.

Councillors considered a request from Croston Flood Relief Charity for use of the Village Green from Friday 24 - Sunday 26 February for 'Croston Fest'.

Resolved: permission was granted.

18.17 Recreation Ground

The Friends of Croston Rec Group have signed off a grant submission meaning works must be completed by July 2017. The Group have reviewed proposals from a number of contractors for design and build services and selected three contractors for consideration by Councillors.

Resolved: the three preferred contractors are to be invited to submit tenders.

19.17 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Certificate of Merit Section entries from last year's competition are to be repeated. Councillors are to confirm the agreement of the entrants has been obtained.

20.17 Consultations

Councillors considered a consultation on Chorley Council's Revised Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy. Councillors were in agreement with the proposals

Councillors considered a consultation on the Draft Central Lancashire Employment Skills Supplementary Planning Document. Councillors had no comments.

21.17 WW1 Beacons of Light

An invitation to participate in a chain of beacons commemorating the end of WW1 on the 11 November 2018 was considered. It was felt beacons should be placed on higher ground and that, due to the topography of the land in the parish, there was no suitable location.

22.17 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Chorley Liaison meeting – minutes of the meeting had been circulated.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting – the pavement on Croston/Bretherton Road is still in Lancashire County Council's schedule of work for completion. Traffic issues on the A581 were, again, raised.

Croston Flood Risk Management Scheme Drop in/Churchtown Flooding Conference – reports had been circulated from both events and comments are to be formulated for an inquiry into how effectively the Government has implemented the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

23.17 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 March 2017.

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