

## CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present 2 Members of the public.

### 24.17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor K Almond and G Stubbs.

### 25.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 26.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 February 2017

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 27.17 Public Participation

A resident mentioned an address on a planning application was incorrect.

A member of the Friends of Croston Rec provided information on the proposals for the works

Organisers of the Croston Fest were commended for a highly successful event.

Croston Sports Club has agreed to allow community use of its minibus subject to some limitations. Membership of the Sports Club will be required for users.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 26.17 Planning Matters

16/01029/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage at The Stables, Grape Lane

17/00021/FULHH Erection of a single storey side extension at 4 Melrose Gardens

17/00094/TCON Fell basally decayed lime tree close to gate entrance to woodland for safety reasons at Alan Chester's Wood, Grape Lane

17/00099/FULHH Erection of car port, garage and garden store, following the removal of shed and container at Bank House 21 Grape Lane

17/00175/FULHH Part two storey part single storey side and rear extension at 27 Rectory Close

17/00217/FULHH Erection of front garden wall and gates at 11 The Orchard

Councillors made no comments regarding these applications.

### 27.17 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 North West Air Ambulance towards operational costs of the 3 helicopters was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £100 was awarded.

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

£	442.22	Employee 1	Salary
£	446.24	Employee 2	Salary

£	55.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	142.38	Employee2	Reimbursements
£	18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	500.00	Croston in Bloom	Grant
£	651.60	Earth Anchors	Replacement seats
£	114.00	Ark Welding	Seat installation
£	490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	11.54	Eon	Christmas lights electricity
£	25.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry fee

#### 28.17 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review in accordance with the publication 'Governance and Accountability in Local Councils - A Practitioners Guide (England)'. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

#### 29.17 Use of Village Green

Councillors considered a request from Croston/Azay-le-Rideaux Twinning Association for the use of the Village Green and car park on Saturday 15 July 2017 for a Bastille Day Fair.

Resolved: permission was granted.

#### 30.17 Layfield Charity

A request had been received for the Council to nominate a trustee.

Resolved: Cllr Cowley was nominated.

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

The Chairman had attended a Bretherton Parish Council meeting to discuss problems with HGV's. The matter is to be referred to the Chorley Liaison meeting.

#### 32.17 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 April 2017.

#### 33.17 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 (including the authority holding that information) 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.

#### 34.17 Recreation Ground Improvement Project

Resolved: the contract for the replacement of the play equipment was awarded to HAGS-SMP.

#### 35.17 Grass Cutting Contract

Resolved: the contract was awarded to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance. Quotations from contractors and select a contractor for the works.

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