

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 13 December 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, P Fenemore, K Iddon, B Paillusson and K Ward

Also present 4 Members of the public.

### 128.17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor G Stubbs.

### 129.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 130.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 November 2017

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 131.17 Public Participation

A resident reported parking issues along Out Lane, particularly in the vicinity of the primary school. Councillors suggested photos should be taken and sent to PCSO Fetherstone.,

Residents mentioned the Lancashire County Council consultation on the suggested closure of Town Bridge and advised they had not been notified. Councillors advised the letters been posted. The residents felt the closure would lead to congestion problems in other parts of the village including increased congestion on Town Road as residents living across the bridge will park on Town Road rather than drive around. The residents suggested a width limit instead of closure. An extension to the closing date for responses is to be requested.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 132.17 Planning Matters

17/01069/FUL Change of use from a domestic 3 bedroom residence to a business premises for office use (Class A2) at 34 Town Road

17/01096/TPO Black Poplar - Crown reduction by 3.5 - 4m and reduce the overall height by approx 3.5 - 4m at 2 Carvers Brow

17/01096/TCON Works to trees in a conservation area: Crown lift sycamore trees to 6.0 metres above ground level, fell all self-seeded trees under 150mm diameter at 2 Carvers Brow

17/01116/FULHH Two storey and single storey rear extensions at 29 Drinkhouse Road

There were no objections to the above applications.

### 133.17 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

A request from Croston Village Festivities Group for a contribution towards the costs of the Christmas Market was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £325 was awarded.

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

£ 450.67	Employee 1	Salary
£ 456.24	Employee 2	Salary
£ 50.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 50.00	Croft Field Volunteers	Christmas tree
£ 490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£ 60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£ 4217.50	Hags/SMP	Balance (Play Area)
£ 165.79	A Platt	Reimbursements
£ 325.00	Croston Village Festivities Group	Grant - Christmas market

#### 134.17 Recreational Cycling Development

A proposal from Chorley Council for the development of recreational cycling was discussed. It was suggested Croston Velo and Twin Lakes Velo Café should be contacted by Chorley Council.

#### 135.17 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Councillors considered a request for items for the agenda of the next Liaison Meeting. There were no suggestions.

#### 136.17 Electoral Review

A response to a consultation from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England was considered. Councillors had no comments.

#### 137.17 Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee

Councillors considered a response to a request for information regarding poor attendance at meetings. It was felt the Chorley Liaison had taken over from the committee meetings.

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

No reports.

#### 139.17 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 January 2018.

#### 140.17 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 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.

#### 141.17 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

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