

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Annual Meeting held on 10 May 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, K Iddon and G Stubbs.

Also present 1 Member of the public.

### 47.17 Election of Chairman for 2017 - 2018

Resolved: Cllr Peet was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

### 48.17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Fenemore, S Laverick and B Paillusson.

### 49.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Stubbs, as an employee of an applicant, declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 17/00267/FUL (Planning Matters).

### 50.17 Election of Vice Chairman for 2017 - 2018

Resolved: Cllr Cowley was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

### 51.17 Appointment of Lead Member (Planning)

Resolved: Cllr Cowley was appointed Lead Member - Planning.

### 52.17 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2017 - 2018

Resolved: the following be appointed:

Chorley Liaison - Cllr Peet.

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Peet

Croston United Charities - Councillors Almond and Cowley.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - there were no volunteers.

Tree Warden - Cllr Almond.

### 55.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 April 2017

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 56.17 Public Participation

A representative from the Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group provide information on the Croston Flood Relief Management Scheme. The construction work is due to end shortly and the Environment Agency intends to offer the notice board on the Village Green to the Council. As the board is aluminium it was suggested it should be swapped with the one on the wall of the Co-op.

A question was raised regarding placing of plastic bottles containing dog bags on fences. The bottles are supplied by the Bloom Group and have attracted positive feedback from residents.

The sign for the public footpath on Moor Road needs repairing.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 57.17 Planning Matters

17/00208/FUL Erection of two agricultural buildings and associated hard standing surfaces at Moor House Farm, 174 Moor Road

17/00267/FUL Erection of single storey extensions to front and side of Doctors Surgery at Croston Village Surgery, Out Lane

17/00330/FULHH Erection of side extension with accommodation in the roof space (Retrospective) at 187 Moor Road

17/00392/FULHH Ground floor rear extension and loft conversion including dormer window at 71 Moor Road

17/00493/LBC Listed Building Consent for single storey extensions and alterations to existing dwelling at The Lodge, Highfield Road

Councillors made no comments regarding these applications.

#### 58.17 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the Precept was noted.

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:

£	450.67	Employee 1	Salary
£	456.24	Employee2	Salary
£	50.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	80.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£	284.40	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting

#### 59.17 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

Councillors considered the Internal Auditor's report. The report was noted and, in accordance with a recommendation, standing orders and financial regulations are to be reviewed.

#### 60.17 Village of the Year

A suggestion to take part in the Channel 4 Village of the Competition was considered. The village is to be entered.

#### 61.17 Recreation Ground Improvement Project

The contractor, HAGS-SMP, has advised works are scheduled to commence next week.

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

Croston in Bloom - judging dates for North West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom are awaited. The boxes on the river wall have been repainted. Permission from Lancashire County Council for the raised bed opposite the War Memorial is still awaited.

#### 63.17 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 June 2017.

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