

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 11 October 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 1 Member of the public.

101.17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley and G Stubbs.

102.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

103.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13 September 2017

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

104.17 Public Participation

A resident queried whether a board containing details relating to the Flood Action Group could be erected on the Village Green. It was suggested a more suitable site would be by the bridge behind The Old School.

Residents had complained about the poor quality of pointing work on Town Bridge. The Conservation Officer is dealing with Lancashire County Council regarding the work. A resident had suggested the bridge should be closed to traffic to avoid damage.

The river wall along Grape Lane is in need of repointing.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

105.17 Planning Matters

17/00912/TPO Sycamore (T1) - Reduce back from property 2-3m as part of good tree management and to reduce shading at 51 Station Road

17/00958/TPO Removal of horse chestnut tree within rear garden at 31 Yarrow Close

17/00982/TCON Works to trees within Croston Conservation Area: Trees within rear garden: Fell saplings close to southern property boundary with no. 34 and replant with 2 apple and 2 plum trees, crown raise horse chestnut to 3m. at Yarrow Cottage, 32 Carr Lane

There were no objections to the above applications.

106.17 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:

£	450.67	Employee 1	Salary
£	456.24	Employee 2	Salary
£	50.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£	18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	354.00	Ark Welding	Install seat/gate repair

£ 284.40	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 150.00	Friends of Croston Station	Grant

107.17 Out Lane Car Park

Members of Croston in Bloom had cleared the overgrown area with assistance from Chorley Council, who had provided a skip and chipper and staff. The area is to be mapped to provide an idea of the most efficient layout. Some trees need lower branches removing and the cutting of the grass needs to be added to the mowing contract. Suggestions for the wording for signage are to be emailed to Councillors.

108.17 Replacement seats

Replacement of the seat on the verge opposite the War Memorial and seats on the play area were considered. A memorial seat on the play area had been removed due to vandalism and the remaining seats are in a poor condition.

Resolved: the seat on the verge and the memorial seat are to be replaced with seats made from recycled materials. The remaining seats on the play area are to be removed.

109.17 Recreation Ground Improvement Project

Negotiations concerning the old tarmac surface are continuing with the contractor. As the installation of the equipment and safety surfacing has been completed satisfactorily, Councillors agreed to part payment of the invoice. Details of the amount of the part payment are to be emailed to Councillors.

110.17 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed. Due to the ongoing work to St Michael's Church a service will be held at The Old School.

Councillors considered the amount to cover the Remembrance Day expenses, wreath and the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: the amount was set at £150.

111.17 Consultation - Planning for the right homes in the right places

Councillors had no comments to make in response to the consultation.

112.17 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

A report was provided on a meeting arranged by The Alzheimers Society to raise awareness of dementia and to promote Dementia Friendly Community meetings which will be held in the future.

113.17 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 November 2017.

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