

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present 1 Member of the public.

87.17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Fenemore and B Paillusson.

88.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Almond, as owner of a property subject to an application and a member of the Friends of Croston Station, declared non-pecuniary interests in items forming parts of agenda items 5 (Planning) and 6 (Finance).

89.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 July 2017

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

90.17 Public Participation

Information was provided on a 'Wool Bomb' event to advertise the reopening of the Church.

The footpath between Lostock Road and Workhouse Farm was reported as being flooded.

A letter from a resident, expressing disgust at the lack of a reference to the Friends of Croston Station in the latest newsletter was read. The resident is to be provided with details of the references to the Friends group which are in the newsletter.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

91.17 Planning Matters

17/00721/FUL Erection of two agricultural buildings and associated hard standing surfaces at Moor House Farm, 174 Moor Road

17/00754/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension at 31 Yarrow Close

17/00812/FULMAJ Application for Minor Material Amendment (Section 73) following grant of planning permission for application 15/00953/FULMAJ for the substitution of plots 8, 9 & 10 currently a left hand York semi, a right hand York semi and an Ascot detached house for Newbury detached, a right hand York semi and a left hand York semi-detached house respectively at 127A Station Road

17/00839/TCON Work to a tree located in a conservation area: Pine (T1)- Reduction of 3 x south facing primary laterals and removal of 1 secondary lateral to reduce end weight. Root plate historically heaved, 10% thin overall and deadwood at Yarrow Cottage, Carr Lane

17/00834/TCON G1 - Leylandii hedge: Reduce height by 60%; T1 - Holly tree: 50% Crown reduction; T2 - Chestnut: Cut back branches overhanging garage; G2 Cut back branches overhanging driveway at 9 Westhead Road

17/00839/TCON Fell Ash Tree at 31 Grape Lane

17/00855/TCON Fell Larch Tree at 31 Grape Lane

17/00862/TCON Works to a tree within a conservation area: One Silver Birch - 25% Crown thin & crown reduction by approximately 1.5 metres at Park View, 38 Grape Lane

There were no objections to the above applications.

92.17 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 the Friends of Croston Station for a contribution towards planting and repairs to a donated greenhouse was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £150 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
£	154.00	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	497.09	C Norris	Seat/notice board painting
£	240.00	BDO LLP	Audit fee
£	1249.28	Came and Co	Annual insurance premium
£	36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£	568.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£	55.00	DWG	Strimming/weedkilling
£	490.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery

93.17 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

The completed annual return was presented to Councillors.

Resolved: the Annual Return, including the External Auditor's certificate, was approved and accepted.

94.17 Out Lane Car Park

Members of Croston in Bloom had offered to carry out clearance works on the overgrown area. The gate is to be removed. Chorley Council is to be asked whether a skip could be provided.

95.17 Recreation Ground Improvement Project

The play area is completed. The tarmac surfacing is untidy however the surfacing has been laid in accordance with the quotation. The mulch area has flooded. Advice is to be obtained regarding drainage of the entire area.

96.17 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Councillors discussed suggestions for agenda items for the meeting scheduled to be held on 18 October 2017.

97.17 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service's Emergency Cover Review 2017 consultation

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

98.17 Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Suggestions for agenda items for the meeting to be held on 18 November 2017 had been requested. No suggestions were forthcoming.

A consultation relating to broadband provision was discussed. The current provision was felt to be satisfactory.

99.17 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

100.17 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 October 2017.

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