

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 11 April 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors M Cowley (Chairman), K Iddon, S Laverick B Paillusson, G Stubbs and K Ward.

33.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Almond, P Fenemore and A Peet

34.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

35.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14 March 2018

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

36.18 Public Participation

A report of paint having been poured over swing seats on the Recreation Ground was provided.

A suggestion for a defibrillator sign for the PO telephone box was made.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

37.18 Planning Matters

18/00285/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension, front porch and front boundary wall at 26 Pear Tree Road

18/00293/FULHH Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory and sauna) 40 Yarrow Close

18/00305/ADV Advertisement Consent for the installation of 2no. non-illuminated signs at Croston Pharmacy, 69 Station Road

18/00311/FULHH Erection of first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension 103 Station Road

18/00318/FULHH Single storey rear extension at 117 Moor Road

There were no objections to the above applications.

38.18 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2018 was considered.

Resolved: the Year End Monitoring Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

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

£ 464.19	Employee 1	Salary
£ 460.84	Employee 2	Salary
£ 45.80	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 350.00	Croft Field Volunteers	Grant
£ 100.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grants

£ 90.00	DWG (NW)	Notice board repair
£ 361.70	Lancashire Assoc of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Annual subscription

39.18 Internal Audit

i) Councillors discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor in accordance with guidance provided within Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England.

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed.

ii) The fee for the Internal Audit was considered.

Resolved: the fee was set at £80.00.

40.18 River Wall Planters

The purchase of self-watering re-cycled plastic troughs to replace the existing troughs at a cost of £3512 (+VAT) was considered. Croston in Bloom has offered a grant of £3250 towards the planters.

Resolved: the purchase was agreed, subject to receipt of a grant of £3250 from Croston in Bloom.

41.18 Train Service Delays

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

42.18 Lancashire County Council Consultations

Consultations relating to the proposed closure of transport information centres at Preston Bus Station, Nelson Interchange, Clitheroe Interchange and Carnforth Railway Station and a proposal to increase the flat fare for NoWcard holders for bus/tram services before 9:30am on weekdays were considered. The contents of the consultations were noted.

43.18 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

44.18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 May 2018.

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