

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 12 June 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet, (Chairman), K Almond, S Myers and B Paillusson.

Also present Borough Councillors P Sloan and K Snape and 8 Members of the Public.

### 64.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cowley, P Fenemore and K Iddon.

### 65.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 66.19 Councillor Vacancies

An application for co-option from Mrs Gill Stubbs was considered.

Resolved: Mrs Gill Stubbs was co-opted.

### 67.19 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8 May 2019

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 68.19 Public Participation

Residents requested the Council's support in objecting to planning applications on Drinkhouse Road. Neighbours advised of being notified of the application on 6 June, with a closing date for response of 13 June. Concerns were raised that the developments would add to existing sewerage and drainage problems and would add to issues with access on a narrow country lane.

The verges at the entrance to the station car park were reported as needing mowing.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 69.19 Planning Matters

19/00428/FULHH Single storey side extension at 23 Rectory Close

19/00469/TCON Notification of works to trees in Croston Conservation Area: Fell 9 Sycamore, 1 Ash and 1 Elm at Croston Hall Estate, Grape Lane

19/00528/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of 2no external pergola shelters at The Lord Nelson Hotel, Out Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

19/00426/FUL Conversion of existing garage to new dwelling including raising the roof and single storey side extension. Associated external works, including new parking area to existing dwelling at Hey House Barn, Drinkhouse Road

19/00427/OUT Outline planning application - Erection of 2 No dwellings, following the demolition of existing stables and storage building. All matters reserved, except access, at Hey House Barn, Drinkhouse Road

Resolved: objections to both applications are to be submitted on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Green belt. The applications will add to current issues with local amenities including foul/surface water drainage and school places and will result in additional vehicular movements along a narrow country lane. Chorley Council is also to be advised of the inadequate

time between notification of the applications to neighbouring properties and the closing date for responses.

#### 70.19 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

ii) A grant application from Lancashire Constabulary, towards the purchase of child safety seats for drivers failing to provide them for their children, was considered. Councillors felt that, as it is a legal requirement to carry a child in a safety seat, drivers should abide by the law and application was not an appropriate use of public funds. The Parish Council will help publicise the issue

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

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 570.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£ 60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£ 169.72	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 710.00	DWG (NW)	Summer planting
£ 478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£ 705.63	Employee2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

#### 71.19 Meadow Lane Bridge

Issues raised at the public meeting, attended by around 150 individuals, held prior to the Parish Council meeting were discussed. Councillors felt there was no urgency in arriving at a decision as it was more important to reach a consensus among residents as to what should be done to improve the appearance. It was suggested Chorley Council had not complied with the timescales for the application and this had resulted in the application being rushed through.

Resolved: representatives from Chorley Council's Planning Department are to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to explain the problems which are believed to have occurred with the planning process.

Resolved: the representatives from Network Rail are to be thanked for attending the public meeting and advised the Parish Council is not yet ready to reach a decision on a preferred option as other options are also to be considered.

#### 72.19 Recreation Ground

The Opening Day will take place on Sunday 23 June 2019 to coincide with the Open Gardens event.

The Rec Development Group had requested permission to erect a shed to store tools etc for volunteers. Councillors agreed to the request but suggested a larger shed might be obtained to store the Lengthsman's equipment.

Councillors considered a maintenance scheme provided by the contractor carrying out the works for the remainder of the growing season at a cost of £280 (+VAT) per month. It was felt any issues around planting and the work could be dealt with in this period and alternative quotations will be obtained for maintenance for the future.

Resolved: the contract was awarded to The Potting Sheds for the remainder of the growing season.

#### 73.19 Appointment of Croston United Charities Nominee

The appointment of a further nominee to Croston United Charities was considered. As the current nominee was not present at the meeting the item was deferred.

#### 74.19 Lancashire County Council Consultation

A consultation on proposed changes to Permit Parking and Pay and Display charges was considered. Members had no comments.

#### 75.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - the work to the entrance signs is due for completion within the next two weeks. The planters and tubs are due to be delivered shortly and the funding for them has been transferred to the Parish Council. Priorities for 2020-21 will be set at the next meeting.

Croston in Bloom - the judging date for North West in Bloom has been altered to Wednesday 17 July 2019.

#### 76.19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 July 2019.

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