

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held on 8 May 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

48.19 Election of Chairman

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

49.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Iddon.

50.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

51.19 Election of Vice Chairman

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

52.19 Other Appointments

Resolved: the following were appointed:

Chorley Liaison: Cllr Peet.

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting: Cllr Peet.

Croston United Charities: Cllr Paillusson.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee: there was no volunteer.

Lead Member - Planning: Cllr Cowley.

53.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 April 2019

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

54.19 Public Participation

Residents had queried whether Chorley Council could arrange another skip day.

The completion of the Out Lane surfacing was queried. The contractor will be chased and also asked to level the soil put onto the verge so it can be planted up.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

55.19 Planning Matters

19/00321/FULHH Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 19 Westhead Road

19/00332/FULHH First floor rear extension following partial demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of carport to side elevation at Grape Cottage, 52 Grape Lane

19/00338/FULHH Erection of single storey extension to south facing elevation, porch to eastern elevation of existing property and erection of detached garage/garden store at Sumners Barn, Moss Road

19/00353/FULHH Replacement of windows and external doors and rendering of all elevations at 10 Carvers Brow

There were no objections to these applications.

56.19 Financial Matters

- i) Evidence of the receipt of the Precept was noted.
- 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:

£ 18.50	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 114.24	J MacDougall Electrical Services	Repair to light
£ 200.00	North West Air Ambulance	Grant
£ 249.00	Chorley Council	Litter bin
£ 3811.86	Earth Anchors	Seats and picnic tables
£ 65.00	DWG (NW)	Notice board removal
£ 9120.00	The Potting Sheds	Recreation Ground works
£ 169.72	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£ 497.04	Employee2	Salary
£ 42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

57.19 Review of Subscriptions to Other Bodies

Subscriptions to other bodies were reviewed. Disappointment was expressed at the lack of support from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England over the railway bridge. There was no proposer for renewal.

Resolved: subscriptions to Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association (OPSTA), increased to £15, and Skipton East Lancs Rail Action Partnership (SELRAP) are to be renewed.

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils subscription for 2019-20 had increased by 40% over the previous year and the value was questioned. Membership will be reviewed in September meeting to provide time to comply with the notice period, if the Council decides not to renew.

58.19 Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy Admissions

A request for support for a suggestion to relax Bishop Rawstone's Admissions Policy for the 2019-2020 intake and to expand the school to increase the form intake was considered. The excellent standards of education provided was acknowledged and it was felt the negative impact of expansion could not be supported.

Resolved: a request to relax the Admissions Policy to provide preference to local applicants is to be submitted to the Governors.

59.19 Recreation Ground

The Rec Development Group had suggested some amendments to the signage agreed at the April meeting. Councillors wished to keep the signage simple. The Group had also suggested renaming the area 'Croston Recreation Park'.

Resolved: the area is to be renamed Croston Recreation Park.

60.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison - Chorley Council is looking into funding to provide training for volunteers involved in the Knotweed eradication.

61.19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 June 2019.

62.19 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

63.19 Acquisition of Land

The possible purchase of a small area of land adjacent to the Recreation Ground was discussed.

Resolved: approval was given to discuss the purchase with the landowner.

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