

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 8 January 2020 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet, (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, M Cowley, P Fenemore, B Paillusson. G Stubbs and S Myers.

Also present 5 members of the public.

01.20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Iddon,

02.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2019

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

04.20 Public Participation

Residents raised concerns regarding possible sites submitted for housing within the Central Lancashire Local Plan, advising the proposed sites provide for around 250 houses. This will lead to increased pollution from additional traffic and affect school places and doctor's surgery lists. Some of the land put forward should be allocated to address the lack of parking in the village. Councillors raised issues around the increase in surface water run-off and mentioned the online response system is extremely tedious to complete.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Items 8 and 9 were brought forward.

05.20 Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

A consultation by the Central Lancashire Authorities relating to suggestions for potential housing sites was discussed. A response is to be submitted requiring any site to be taken forward should take into account impact on local infrastructure, including school places and healthcare facilities, with serious consideration given to increased surface water run off generated by new properties. The response is to point out the proposed sites in Eccleston which are downstream of the flood barrier. A request for the Westhead Road site to be designated for parking is to be included.

06.20 Chorley Council Tax Support Consultation

A proposal for parish councils to contribute a small amount towards council tax support for low income claimants, which would result in a minor reduction in the amount of precept received was considered. Given the amount of the reduction there were no objections to the proposal.

07.21 Planning Matters

19/01009/MNMA Minor non-material amendment to planning permission 16/00452/OUTMAJ (Outline application (specifying access, layout and scale) for erection of four detached dwellings) involving a reduction in the size and scale of the dwellings on plots 3 and 4 at The Mill Hotel, Moor Road

19/01202/FUL Demolition of existing 'modern' store extension and external lean-to store and construction of rear extension, new raised timber decking area and alterations to rear window openings, cladding and guttering at Croston Community Centre, Castle Walks

There were no objections to these applications.

08.20 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£	20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£	478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£	497.04	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£	42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

09.20 Precept

The Precept for 2020-21 was considered. A revised draft budget was presented, which took into account the potential council tax support contribution, resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents however, following advice of potential costs for the Recreation Park boundary fence a proposal for a 2% increase was put forward.

Resolved: the Precept for 2020 - 2021 was set at £23500, an increase of 2% to council taxpayers.

10.20 Engagement with Resident

Provision of a Facebook page was discussed. It was suggested the page would be used as a notice board only and moderated by the Clerk.

Construction of a replacement website is to commence.

An example social media policy was provided to Councillors for approval at the next meeting.

11.20 Neighbourhood Priorities

As the next Neighbourhood meeting has been cancelled pending the introduction of the new wards this item was withdrawn.

12.20 Chorley Liaison Meeting

A request to include an update on the invasive species training and availability of further training is to be submitted.

13.20 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

14.20 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 February 2020.

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

Croston Parish Council

Precept 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

Budgets

Salaries	12800
Room Hire	250
Administration Expenses	500
Lengthsman Expenses	200
Repairs and Replacements	1000
Newsletter	1500
Grounds Maintenance	2000
Training	200
Flowers/Planting	1500
Recreation Ground	3500
Subscriptions/Entry Fees	550
Street Furniture	1000
Grants	1500
Speed Indicator Device	250
Christmas	1000
Audit Fees	600
Insurance	1500
General Reserve	2690
Sundries	750
Earmarked Funds	250
CIL	3250
	<u>36790</u>

Funded by

	Estimated balance as at 31.03.20	11850
Add:	Proposed precept	23500
Add:	Chorley Council top up grant	1440
		<u>36790</u>