

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held on 14 October 2020 at 7.30 pm.

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

Also Present 1 Member of the Public

58.20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Stubbs.

59.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Almond, as an applicant, declared an interest in an application forming part of agenda item 5 (Planning Matters).

60.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2020

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

61.20 Public Participation

A representative of the Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group provided information on a recent virtual meeting with the Environment Agency and advisors. Items discussed included the timing of the barrier operation, the condition of the river retaining walls and non-return valves and the possibility of diverting the flow of Syd Brook to its' original course. The presence of senior Environment Agency staff in the village during flooding incidents and additional cameras to monitor the river levels were suggested. The Environment Agency was receptive to the suggestions and reacted positively.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

62.20 Planning Matters

20/00971/FULHH Alterations to existing single storey rear extension including new roof profile at 43 Rectory Close

20/00983/FULHH Single storey rear extension at 16 Pear Tree Road

20/00992/TCON Notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area including the felling of 4no. birch trees at Land 60m West of No. 3 Castle Walks

Cllr Almond took no part in the consideration of the following item.

20/00993/TCON Application for works to a protected tree – (TPO no.1 (Croston) 1973): Beech - Fell at 35 Grape Lane

20/01003/FULHH Single storey rear and side extension at 36 Westfields

20/01022/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including reduction to height of a pear tree and cutting back of a willow tree at 19 Highfield Road

20/01050/FULHH Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 287 Moor Road

There were no objections to these applications.

The refusal of application 20/00653/FUL, for the change of use of the former Royal Bank of Scotland, 23 Town Road was noted.

63.20 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:

£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration
£ 390.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 175.00	DWG (NW)	Out Lane car park strimming
£ 492.92	Employee 1	Salary
£ 847.46	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 66.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

64.20 Meadow Lane Railway Bridge

A joint solution involving the painting of the bridge walls has been agreed between Network Rail and the Meadow Lane Bridge Action Group, provided the Group demonstrates that the majority of residents are in favour of it. As a public meeting or drop-in session are not possible the Group is to look into ways of publicising the proposals.

65.20 Flooding Issues

A report on recent flooding incidents was provided. A number of concerns were raised including the time it takes for the flood barrier to operate, the current system not appearing to take tidal flow into account, the condition of the river walls and the inadequacy of the pump provided by Lancashire County Council. Further meetings are to take place and members of the Lower Yarrow Flood Action Group will provide reports from the meetings.

66.20 Remembrance Sunday

The Church had advised there is to be no Parade or Service. The Chairman will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Iddon joined the meeting

Councillors considered the donation to the donation to the Poppy Appeal. A proposal to award £250 was put forward, followed by an amendment to award £200.

Resolved: the amount was set at £250.

67.20 Reports from Outside Bodies

Information was provided on the potential forthcoming Lancashire County Council Covid-19 response.

A report was provided on a virtual meeting with the MP undertaken by a Councillor in a personal capacity. Items discussed included an increase in lawlessness, the Covid Test and Trace operation, the situation post-Covid, the hospitality and arts industries suffering and support for care centres.

68.20 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2020.

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