

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held on 10 February 2021 at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present Borough Councillor P Sloan and 6 Members of the public.

13.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Iddon.

14.21 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Fenemore, as a member of Croston Sports Club, and Councillors Almond, Myers and Paillusson, as trustees of Croston United Charities, declared non-pecuniary interests in planning applications relating to Croston Sports Club.

15.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

16.21 Public Participation

A representative of the Croston Volunteer Litter Picking Group provided information on the work carried out. The representative advised of large amounts of litter in the village and queried the measuring of the effectiveness of a staff member and suggested a review of the areas covered.

A member of the public provided detailed information on a suggestion for the setting up of a Community Land Trust to provide ecologically sensitive, low density development, comprising of properties which would meet local needs, on the land to the south of Brookfield.

United Utilities will inspect the problem involving a problem with the sewer pipe on Footpath 1.

Contractors carrying out work on Westhead Road had been parking on Farmhouse Court.

Cars not displaying badges had been parking in the disabled parking space on the Village Green car park.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

17.21 Planning Matters

21/01389/OUTMAJ Outline application for the construction of sports pitches and multi use games areas including matters of access and layout with matters of appearance, landscaping and scale reserved at Croston Sports Club, Westhead Road

20/01390/OUT Outline application for the erection of a building comprising community facilities and a building to provide changing facilities with associated car parking and landscaping including matters of access and layout with matters of appearance, landscaping and scale reserved at Croston Sports Club, Westhead Road

The potential increase in traffic caused by users of the facilities from outside the village and an increase in on street parking were mentioned. It was pointed out the land has been designated for housing in the site suggestions put forward by Chorley Council in the Central Lancashire Local Plan and this would, potentially, result in far more traffic.

Resolved: the support of the Parish Council for both applications is to be submitted to Chorley Council.

21/00048/FULHH Single storey front extension and porch and roof alterations including raising the ridge at Isle of Man Lodge, Meadow Lane

21/00052/FULHH Part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension) at 103A Moor Road

There were no objections to these applications.

18.21 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:

£ 390.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 1046.72	Staff costs	Salaries and deductions
£ 391.92	Employee 2	Reimbursements - flood pump fuel

19.21 Christmas tree

A request from Croston Knitwits to replace the Christmas tree with a knitted version was considered.

Resolved: the request was granted subject to confirmation of the materials used in the construction which would be passed to the insurers for approval to ensure public liability cover.

20.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison meeting - information regarding a suggestion to set up a river clearance project has been passed to Chorley Council for consideration at the next meeting.

Croston in Bloom reported Britain in Bloom had been cancelled for this year, but it was hoped the North West in Bloom competition would be going ahead however the format has not been decided.

It was reported Network Rail is hoping to commence painting the Meadow Lane Bridge bridge in June.

21.21 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 March 2021.

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