

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present Borough Councillor P Sloan and 2 Members of the public.

22.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Stubbs.

23.21 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

24.21 Councillor Vacancy

An application for co-option from Mr Nathan Woodcock was considered

Resolved: Mr Nathan Woodcock was co-opted.

25.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

26.21 Public Participation

A representative of the Croston Volunteer Litter Picking Group advised the volunteers were pleased with the equipment provided by the Parish Council.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

27.21 Planning Matters

21/00213/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area including the felling of 1no. poplar, 2no. silver birch and 2no. conifers and the reduction by up to 25% of 1no. poplar at 10 Carvers Brow

There were no objections to this application.

28.21 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

ii) A request for a contribution from the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the costs of replacement rope rescue equipment was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £150 was agreed.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 390.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 1026.72	Staff costs	Salaries and deductions
£ 189.27	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 205.72	Employee 2	Reimbursements - litter pickers
£ 390.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Donation

29.21 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review in accordance with the publication 'Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2020. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

30.21 Chorley Open Space, Sports and Recreation Strategy Action Plan 2020-2036

A consultation from Chorley Council was considered. The contents of the consultation were noted.

31.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison meeting - the suggestion to set up a river clearance project was viewed positively and, provided the Covid guidance allows, a clean up will be arranged for the Summer months.

32.21 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 April 2021.

33.21 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.

34.21 Personnel Matters

Monitoring of staff efficiency was discussed. Information relating to the methods of measuring performance is to be requested from Chorley Council.

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