

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 11 March 2020 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Also present 1 member of the public.

### 25.20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Paillusson and G Stubbs

### 26.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 27.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 February 2020

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 28.20 Public Participation

A resident queried the current position regarding the gateway to Croston Rectory. Councillors advised the Gateway is to be restored to its condition prior to the damage but issues had arisen with the appointed contractor and an alternative is being sought.

The resident queried when sandbags remaining from the latest flooding incident would be removed. Councillors advised sandbags are normally left until the fear of flooding has abated

The collapsing of the edges of Syd Brook Lane was reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 29.20 Planning Matters

20/00092/FUL Part redevelopment of existing barn and part demolition of existing barn to create two separate dwellings at Withington Barn Farm, Finney Lane

20/00102/FULHH Replacement of 3no. wooden, single glazed casement windows with 3no. wooden, double glazed sliding sash windows at 44 Town Road

20/00108/FUL Single storey rear extension (orangery) (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 41 Town Road

20/00114/PDE Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4.8m in depth, with eaves height of 3m, and a maximum height of 3m (following demolition of existing rear extension) at 45 Station Road

20/00138/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area: Yew (T1) - Crown clean and 5% crown thin Yew (T2) - Crown clean and 5% crown thin Sycamore (G1) - Crown raise 5m over garden at Oak House, Grape Lane

20/00161/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 8 (Croston) 1990. Sycamore (T1) - Fell; Ash (T2) - Deadwood, crown clean; Horse Chestnut (T3) - 10% crown thin, removal of lowest large lateral over the highway; Horse Chestnut (T4) - Fell; Sycamore (T5) - Fell; Sycamore (T6) - Fell; Lime (T7) - Reduce by 30%; Lime (T8) - Reduce by 30% at The Coach House, Grape Lane

20/00216/FUL Single storey pitched roof rear extension replacing conservatory at 7 Melrose Gardens

20/00224/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area, including the removal of 2no. trees and works to 3no. trees and 3no. groups of trees at Croston Hall Estate Grape Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

### 30.20 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
£	44.80	Euxton Parish Council	Councillor training
£	115.00	Able Skip Hire	Skip hire
£	410.00	Printwise	Newsletter printing
£	60.00	L Ball	Newsletter delivery
£	140.95	Resident	Reimbursement - fuel for flood pump
£	14.33	E.on	Christmas lights electricity
£	478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£	699.84	Employee2	Salary and reimbursements
£	42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE

### 31.20 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review in accordance with guidance provided within Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England. The procedures and controls, with the addition of an item on Legal Compliance, were found to be adequate.

Resolved: with the addition of Legal Compliance, the adequacy of the controls was noted.

### 32.20 Social Media Policy

Some amendments to the policy had been suggested. A revised version is to be provided for Councillors prior to the next meeting.

### 33.20 Layfield Charity

The appointment of a Representative Trustee was considered.

Resolved: Councillor Almond is to be nominated.

### 34.20 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

### 35.20 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 April 2020.

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

..... (Chairman)