**CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL- Agenda**

**Council Meeting** Wednesday 8th November 2023, 7.30pm

**Venue** South Wing, The Rectory Room, Croston Old School, Church Street, Croston

1. **Apologies for Absence:** to receive apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda or brought up at any point in this meeting in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** to receive and approve the minutes of meeting held on 18th October 2023.
4. **Public Participation:** the meeting will be adjourned for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow members of the public to raise issues with the Council. No legal decisions may be taken.
5. **Turflands / Carr Lane Corner:** Planning application 23/00462/FULMAJ refers. Update and further discussion
6. **Planning Matters:** to consider the following planning applications.
   1. 23/00821/TCON | Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area involving the crown reduction of 1no. silver birch and the removal of 1no. weeping birch | Park View 38 Grape Lane Croston.
   2. 23/00820/FULHH | single storey rear extension and single storey side/rear in-fill extension (following demolition of existing side porch and rear conservatory) | 39 Grape Lane Croston
   3. 23/00835/TCON Hillocks Farm 17 The Hillocks Croston Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area involving the crown reduction of 1no. birch (T1), raise canopy of 1no. birch (T2), limb reduction of 1no. birch (T3) and reduce height of 1no. birch (T4)
7. **Financial Matters:** 
   1. to receive the finance update.
   2. to approve payments made by the council
   3. Easy Websites price increase
8. **Parish Precept 2024-25:** Preliminary discussion prior to setting the precept at the 13th Dec 2023 meeting.
9. **Clerk’s Contract of Employment:** to ratify the new Clerk’s (Mr Paul Cafferkey) contract of employment.
10. **Clerk’s Claim for Sept & Oct 2023:** To approve the Clerk’s hours, mileage and expenses for Sept & Oct 2023.
11. **Donation to Royal British Legion:** To discuss a proposal to make a donation to the Royal British Legion.
12. **Annual Inspection of Recreation Park Equipment:** to approve expenditure for the annual inspection of play equipment on the Recreation Park.
13. **Recreation Park:** proposal to fund winter maintenance of the recreation park.
14. **Christmas Lights:** to confirm retrospectively the email approval of funding to Croston Village Festivities Group for the purchase of Christmas Lights.
15. **Parish Council Temporary Road Signs:** to discuss proposal for purchase of temporary road signs for use by the parish council.
16. **Remembrance Day:** to confirm final arrangements.
17. **Chorley Council Garages:** update re poor condition of the eight garages owned by Chorley Council to the side of 54 Peartree Road, Croston.
18. **Pharmacy Parking:** to discuss possible provision of parking spaces to enable access to the pharmacy. In particular to establish how the new proposal addresses the objections raised by Chorley Borough Council in response to the original planning application.
19. **Neighbourhood Plan:** to receive an update.
20. **Date of May 2023 Meeting:** proposal to change the date of the May meeting
21. **Date of Next Meeting:** to confirm the date of next meeting.

**Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings to raise any relevant matters. Alternatively, if you cannot attend the meeting but wish to raise a matter or ask a question, this can be done on your behalf by contacting the Parish Clerk (Paul Cafferkey) via email clerk@crostonpc.org at or mobile phone 07966267186.**

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