

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 12 April 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

Cllr Fenemore, as Vice Chairman, thanked all the members who had not stood in the forthcoming election for their service to the village over the past years..

33.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Stubbs.

34.23 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

35.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 March 2023 2023

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

36.23 Public Participation

Residents of Bramblewood expressed opposition to Planning a planning application for a car park to the rear of Croston Pharmacy. Concerns were raised regarding the loss of the planted area which adds to the character of the estate. Up to 9 vehicles van park along the planted area and the proposed entrance and exit will reduce the number of available spaces.

Members of the Friends of Croston Station advised of having to collect large amounts of detritus from the line and platform and requested assistance contacting Network Rail regarding CCTV equipment for the station.

A resident of Bretherton had queried the lack of a bus service to Croston station. The meeting was advised the bus route is via the A59.

Standing Orders were restored.

37.23 Planning Matters

23/00195/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including the crown lifting of 2no. sycamore, 1no. cherry and 1no. ash at Home Farm Mews, Grape Lane

23/00206/FULHH Renovation of 4no. windows to the front elevation and 5no. windows to the rear elevation including the addition of double glazed sliding sashes and the replacement of the front doorframe at 73 Town Road

23/00207/LBC Application for listed building consent for the renovation of 4no. windows to the front elevation and 5no. windows to the rear elevation including the addition of double glazed sliding sashes and the replacement of the front doorframe at 73 Town Road

23/00260/TCON Notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area including the removal of single large branch of 1no. cherry tree that is encroaching on the south east corner of the church at Church of St Michael and All Angels, Church Street

23/00290/CTY Proposed New Temporary Vehicular Access off Grape Lane at Land near Croston Mill Bridge, Grape Lane

23/00291/CTY Consultation from Lancashire County Council on application ref. LCC/2023/0010 (Construction of a temporary vehicular access, car park and construction compound) on Land on the North Side, Westhead Road

There were no objections to these applications.

23/00217/FUL Provision of parking spaces to the rear of the property at Croston Pharmacy 69 Station Road

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds the submitted plans are considered to be inadequate as proposed elevations are not shown. Also, the removal of the grassed area and established bushes will have an adverse impact on the streetscene and result in a loss of amenity for the residents of Bramblewood.

38.23 Financial Matters

i) The monthly financial monitoring statement was presented.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

ii) A request from the Friends of Croston Station for a grant towards the costs of the hire of a skip to remove items cleared from the Station was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £275 was awarded. It was agreed this would be paid immediately.

iii) A request from Croston Scout Group towards the costs of staging a celebration event to mark the Coronation of King Charles III was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £300 was awarded.

iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 24.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 424.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 431.00	Printwise	Spring newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Croston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 500.00	Croston Subscription Bowling Club	Grant
£ 484.63	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 1355.83	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 275.00	Friends of Croston Station	Grant

39.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

A representative of Croston Old School advised of receipt of a grant from Chorley Council for improvements to the building. A pop-up café is to be held two mornings per week as part of an initiative to improve mental well-being and counter social isolation.

Croston in Bloom - a public meeting is to be held to formulate strategy for the coming year.

40.23 Date of Next Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 10 May 2023.

A request from the Clerk to reschedule the June meeting to 7 June 2023 was considered.

Resolved: The meeting is to be held on 7 June.

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