

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held on 9 December 2020 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 3 Members of the public.

81.20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Stubbs.

82.20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fenemore, as a member of Croston Sports Club, declared a non-pecuniary interest in a planning application submitted by the Sports Club.

83.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2020

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

84.20 Public Participation

A representative of the Croston Volunteer Litter Picking Group provided information in support of a request for equipment. The Group would like to coordinate efforts with the work carried out by the Village Lengthsman. Councillors advised of the areas not covered by the Lengthsman. It was mentioned most of the litter appears to emanate from passing vehicles. The representative offered to engage with local schools on a project to design posters for an anti-litter campaign.

A resident queried the Parish Council's response to a recent planning application to build a house on land off Castle Walks. The resident mentioned the Council had objected to a previous application on this site in 2014 but had not commented on the current application. Details of comments submitted to the Planning Department on 17 November were provided.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

85.20 Planning Matters

20/01207/FULHH Part two storey/part single storey side/rear extension at Withington Barn Farm Finney Lane

20/01231/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including the felling of 2no. ash trees and 1no. spruce tree at Park View, 38 Grape Lane

20/01233/FUL Building alterations to include construction of disabled access ramp to front entrance, increase in roof height and changes to door and window openings at Croston Sports Club, Westhead Road

20/01249/FULHH Erection of detached outbuilding to accommodate workshop, store and home office (following demolition of existing garage and shed) at 12 Out Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

86.20 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:

£ 390.00	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 88.92	Galaxy Print	Hi vis jackets
£ 1200.00	JP Tree and Woodland Services	Works to Village Green trees
£ 432.00	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 1046.72	Staff costs	Salaries and deductions
£ 162.77	Employee 2	Reimbursements

87.20 Litter Campaign

Members of the Volunteer Litter Picking Group were thanked for their efforts. Councillors considered a request to provide litter picking equipment for the Group Members. Extended arm litter pickers are required to reach items in difficult to reach places. Councillors suggested ordering 2 long arm pickers, with a view to obtaining 2 more if required, and bags rings.

Resolved: 2 long arm litter pickers and 8 bag rings are to be purchased and gifted to the Group.

88.20 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

The report of the External Auditor's report was presented and noted. There were no issues arising.

88.20 Precept

A suggestion to include a budget for assistance to residents in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic was put forward. Councillors were reminded of the need to provide items to allow costings to be obtained.

90.20 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

91.20 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 January 2021.

92.19 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.

93.19 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

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