

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 9 February 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

11.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors B Paillusson and S Myers.

12.22 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Almond, as a trustee of The Old School and Cllr Peet, as an employee, declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 6(ii) and Cllr Fenemore, as a member of the Men's Sheds group declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6(iii).

13.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2022

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

14.22 Public Participation

Problems with sewage coming from drain covers along Grape Lane were reported. This has been reported to the Environmental Health Officer. This will also be raised at the next meeting of the River Douglas Catchment Area Group.

Flooding on Carvers Brow, due to faulty valves in the river wall, resulting in residents being unable to leave the village has been reported to Lancashire County Council.

United Utilities had inspected the leaking sewer pipe on the public footpath running alongside the railway line. Problems exist with the United Utilities mapping system for the pipes.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

15.22 Planning Matters

22/00039/FULHH Conversion of rear storage part of house into living accommodation with utility room on the ground floor and bedroom to 1st floor and single storey rear extension at 71 Station Road

22/00043/FULHH Single storey rear extension, enlargement of existing rear dormer and alteration to existing garage entrance at 25 Grape Lane

22/00069/TCON Notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area including the felling of 1no. pear tree at 19 Highfield Road

22/00073/FUL Erection of 1no. detached dwellinghouse, following the demolition of the existing stables (Resubmission) at Moorcroft House, Moor Road

22/00086/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including the crown lift, thinning and addition of a cable brace to 1no. oak, coppicing of 1no. holly, crown thinning of 1no. birch and 1no. willow and felling of 1no. oak, 1no. chestnut and 1no. lime at Croston Hall Estate. Grape Lane

22/00087/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including crown lift of 2no. sycamore, 3no. elm, 1no. oak and 1no. sycamore, removal of sycamore saplings and 2no. low limbs and felling of 1no. elm at Croston Cemetery, Carr Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

16.22 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

ii) a grant request on behalf of Croston Village Archive, towards the costs of equipment and consumables, was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £300 was awarded.

iii) a grant request on behalf of Croston Men's Sheds, towards the costs workstations, was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £320 was awarded.

iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 400.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 259.20	Newgate Nurseries	Replacement trees
£ 1057.98	Staff costs	Salaries and deductions

17.22 Neighbourhood Priorities

The refurbishment of the telephone kiosk housing the defibrillator is to be submitted as a priority project.

18.22 Lancashire County Council 2022-23 Budget Consultation

The details were noted.

19.22 Rural Electric Vehicle Car Club

Information was provided of schemes in London and the USA. The lack of available parking and spaces for charging points was highlighted. It was noted the survey was intended to gauge interest in rural areas.

20.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Details of a report for presentation at the next meeting of the River Douglas Catchment Area Group were provided for endorsement by the Parish Council.

21.22 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 March 2022.

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