

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 8 February 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

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

### 12.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon, B Paillusson and G Stubbs.

### 13.23 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 14.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2023

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 15.23 Public Participation

A representative of Croston Together provided information on proposed improvements to the natural play area. The Group has been successful with a grant application for part of the costs and requested the Parish Council provides funds to enable the project to be completed. To help reduce costs, volunteers will remove the old play bark for use on planted beds and the Bloom Group would assist with recycling some of the old wooden structures. The cost of a log train was queried and it was suggested the Men's Shed could provide one at a much reduced cost. It was pointed out all the proposed equipment is manufactured to comply with BS standards.

The possible re-opening of Midge Hall station was mentioned.

Ivy on the wall along Town Road growing from Croston Park was reported.

HGV's are persistently damaging bollards at the junction of Turflands and Carr Lane.

A van, belonging to a local business, was seen using the disabled space on the Village Green.

Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: Agenda item 7 was brought forward

### 16.23 Recreation Park Play Area Improvements

Three quotations for the replacement of equipment had been provided for Councillors. The preferred contractor was Playdale Playgrounds Ltd, at a cost of £8659 (+VAT), with replacement play bark to be sourced locally.

Resolved: a contribution towards the project of up to £4500 was agreed.

### 17.23 Planning Matters

22/01308/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension at Whalley Fold, Station Road

23/00014/TCONH Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including the crown lift of 1no. cherry and 1no beech tree at 8 Town Road

23/00028/FULHH Part two storey, part single storey side extension attached to new pitched roof to front porch at 36 Westfields

23/00062/FUL Erection of 1no detached two bedroom bungalow dwelling and detached garage for residential use class C3 at Land to North of 23 Out Lane

23/00103/TCON Notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area including the felling of 1no. willow at 1 Home Farm Mews Grape Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

#### 18.23 Financial Matters

i) The monthly financial monitoring statement was presented.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 24.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 424.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 144.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play equipment inspections
£ 1179.01	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements

#### 19.23 Central Lancashire Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation

Councillors considered a response to the consultation. Concerns are to be raised regarding the lack of a suitable access to the Land off Out Lane and the impact of the on local infrastructure including school places, medical facilities and drainage.

#### 20.23 Disposal of Assets

The disposal of closed circuit TV equipment was considered. The equipment is around 15 years old and is now obsolete.

Resolved: the closed circuit TV equipment is to be disposed of and removed from the asset list.

#### 21.23 Neighbourhood Priorities

Suggestions for priorities for the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting were considered. The Parish Council's two wooden notice boards are in need of replacement and a suggestion for one to be replaced as a Neighbourhood Priority, with the Council replacing the other was made.

Resolved: a replacement notice board is to be put forward as a Neighbourhood Priority.

#### 22.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 23.23 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 March 2023.

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