

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 10 July 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet, (Chairman), K Almond, M Cowley, P Fenemore, B Paillusson and G Stubbs.

Also present Borough Councillor Sloan, P Buckley (MP's Office) and 8 Members of the Public.

### 77.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon and S Myers.

### 78.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 79.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 June 2019

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 80.19 Public Participation

A lengthy debate took place regarding the Meadow Lane bridge. A resident queried whether Chorley Council Planning Department had been invited to attend the meeting to provide information on the process which resulted in the construction. The meeting was advised no response had been received to the invitation. The resident offered an opinion the wrapping represented an improvement and requested the opinion of Councillors.

A resident described the wrapping as an act of vandalism and expressed concerns as to whether any of the costs involved if Network Rail is to remove it would fall on the Parish Council.

Information provided by Network Rail of an option to put mesh on the approaches was distributed.

An opinion was offered that Network Rail should be informed of what residents actually want rather than what they don't want. It was suggested a Group should be formed along the lines of the Flood Group, which had proved highly successful and could report back to the Parish Council.

A resident complained about the installation of a boundary sign on Grape Lane which was close to a carved stone.

A resident reported the sight line from Rectory Close was obscured by overgrown bushes.

In response to a previous request for applications from local children to be given priority for enrolment to Bishop Rawstone Academy the Governors had advised that, as proximity to the school is the final determining factor, it is currently unlikely applicants from Croston would be unsuccessful in obtaining a place.

A meeting is to be arranged with Bretherton Parish Council regarding HGV's in the villages.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 81.19 Planning Matters

19/00552/FULHH First floor side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch at 41 Lonsdale Drive

There were no objections to this application.

19/00578/FUL 'Conservatory type' extension complete with motorised retractable roof to form additional covered dining space adjacent to the existing dining room at Bishop Rawstone C Of E

Academy, Highfield Road. Chorley Council is to be asked to take the possible impact of increased run off on the existing surface water drainage system into account when deciding this application.

19/00636/FULHH Erection of detached garage with first floor office space at The Stables, Grape Lane. Concerns were raised regarding the over development of the site which is within the Croston Conservation Area/Green belt.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of adverse impact on the openness of the Green belt.

#### 82.19 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:

£ 5040.00	The Potting Sheds	Recreation Ground works
£ 4158.00	The Potting Sheds	Recreation Ground works
£ 30.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 169.72	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 1389.96	Amberol	Planters and tubs
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 11170.20	Shiloh Construction (NW)	Car park tarmac
£ 6942.00	Yates Playgrounds	Recreation Ground works
£ 478.83	Employee 1	Salary
£ 497.04	Employee2	Salary
£ 42.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 169.72	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting
£ 478.83	Employee 1	Salary - August
£ 497.04	Employee2	Salary - August

#### 83.19 Appointment of Croston United Charities Nominee

The appointment of a further nominee to Croston United Charities was considered.

Resolved: Cllr Myers was appointed.

#### 84.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - the entrance signs have been installed.

Chorley Liaison - a report on Japanese Knotweed infestation, endorsed by Councillors, will be presented at the next meeting in a bid to get the volunteer training provided by Chorley Council.

Croston in Bloom - the judging for North West in Bloom will take place between 10:00am and 12:00 on Wednesday 17 July 2019.

The Rec Development Group has been offered a container, at a reasonable cost, for storage of equipment and the Lengthsman's litter trolley and other equipment. The container will be painted in a sympathetic colour. The Group had also queried the possibility of two additional bins as the existing bins were overflowing. Chorley Council will be asked to supply two bins.

#### 76.19 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 September 2019.

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