

CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

22.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Iddon, G Stubbs and N Woodcock.

23.22 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

24.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 February 2022

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

25.22 Public Participation

Tree roots are causing a problem on Castle Walks

Flooding on Syd Brook Lane, following works to a new entrance, was reported.

Problems with sewage coming from drain covers along Grape Lane were again reported.

A general increase in anti-social behaviour in the village was reported, with youths on electric scooters causing problems. It was mentioned the Police were aware of the issues.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

26.22 Planning Matters

22/00183/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of conservatory and porch) at 39 Grape Lane

22/00175/FULHH Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension at 10 Coniston Way

22/00200/FULHH Erection of a detached two storey outbuilding (following the demolition of existing detached garage) at 1B Out Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

27.22 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 20.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 400.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance
£ 259.20	MCB Print	Newsletter
£ 1853.17	Staff costs	Salaries, reimbursements and deductions

28.22 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review of the risk assessment in accordance with guidance within the publication Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2021. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

29.22 Disposal of Asset

The disposal of the defunct speed indicator device was considered.

Resolved: the device is to be disposed of.

30.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - the refurbishment of the K6 telephone kiosk, which houses the defibrillator was approved as a Neighbourhood Project for 2022-23.

31.22 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 April 2022.

32.22 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.

33.22 Acquisition of Land

An offer to purchase an area of land was considered. The offer was not accepted.

34.22 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's salary was reviewed.

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