

Cromford Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held in the
Cromford Institute, Cromford.

Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Barbara Bowman (Chair); Kate Wakefield; Iain Wakefield; Marie Szegota; Alistair Fraser; Matt Birch; and Jeremy Beckett.

23/3.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Boyack (illness), Cllr March (holiday), Cllr Nutting (personal), S Bacon (Clerk) and Cllr Murphy (DCC)

Best wishes were sent to Cllr Boyack.

23/3.2 Variation to the order of business

It was **RESOLVED** to delay item 5 until Eilish Scott arrives.

23/3.3 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Beckett declared interests in agenda items 15d Tree Works Application T/23/00054/TCA and 17c Payments for Approval.

23/3.4 Public Speaking

There was no public speaking.

23/3.5 Arkwright's Society Representative

Eilish Scott the Arkwright Society Representative and formally an inspector of historic buildings and Historic England gave the following report:

- a) The Green Entrepreneurs fund project to generate electricity for the mill site with a water driven turbine, solar panels and heat pump. This will produce 25% of the mill's power needs. It will also improve water supply to the canal. There is an Archaeologist on site as the excavation work progresses. The main project is to begin in April and will hopefully, be running by September. There is also an educational project with local secondary and primary schools.
- b) The Corn Mill Archimedes Screw – the housing is being rebuilt and the turbine restored after stripping and rebuilding. A Community Interest Company has been formed with the power from the Corn Mill to be fed into the national grid and the funds used to benefit projects in the village.
- c) There is currently no progress on the Bear Pit.
- d) A new finance officer has been appointed to develop a new master plan for the site as the previous plan was developed in 2012. A condition survey on the first mill has been carried out. A feasibility study of the current users and events programme and other potential use and engagement. The society is trying to promote increased use of public transport and is

giving additional support to Belper North Mill Trust as the museum there has closed. They are caring for the artifacts and hope to have a temporary exhibition at the Cromford Mill site.

- e) The aqueduct is still in storage at DCC and will connect to the repair of Mill 18 and also there is a possibility of integrating it with traffic calming.

23/3.6 Minutes of the previous meetings

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15 February 2023, as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr I Wakefield and seconded by Cllr Szegota.

23/3.7 Matters arising from the previous meeting (non decision making)

1. It was noted that there was no further information on the Clean and Green team.
2. There was as yet no further information on the Slinger quarry planning application
3. There was also no further information on the new owners of Ball Eye quarry.

23/3.8 Reports

a. Footpaths

Cllr Beckett reported that there is a loose stile board on the footpath from Barnwell to Intake Lane. It was also reported that the Footpath Warden had completed his annual appraisal.

b. Speedwatch

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

c. Station Volunteers

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

d. Landslip Update

Cllr Bowman reported that the latest landslip update has been posted on the website and social media.

e. Tourist Map Working Party Update

Cllr I Wakefield reported that he had had contact with Adrian Farmer and is looking at the possibility of amalgamating with the project on the D.V.M.H site which has now come to an end. Cllr I Wakefield will meet with Mr Farmer on Thursday 16th in the Marketplace.

f. Bear Pit

The Arkwright society representative gave an update in their report.

23/3.9 Village Enhancement

Market Place Lamp Post – the council has received a draft contract for a community asset transfer of the lamp post. The council noted that when they had made the initial enquiry it was only for the Parish council to do some maintenance work rather than take it over entirely. The council are willing to contribute to the cost of renovation/ refurbishment. The Clerk will write to the officers at DDDC.
Action: Clerk

23/3.10 Great British Spring Clean

The litter pick will take place on Saturday 1st April between 10am and 1pm. Cllr Bowman will advertise this.

23/3.11 A5012 Proposed Works

It was reported that two meetings had been held at the Community Centre and Cllr Bowman will produce a draft response to circulate.

23/3.12 Parish Council Quality Scheme

It was agreed to defer this to the April meeting.

23/3.13 Outside bodies:

- a. **Cromford Institute** – There was no further report.
- b. **Cromford Community Centre** – Cllr Bowman reported that a letter had been received by local businesses regarding the closure of the toilets. Cllr Bowman has replied by email requesting the up-to-date accounts and the date of the next AGM. The question of insurance had been raised and it was noted that the council insure their own equipment. The Clerk will contact the manager again regarding the date of the AGM and the accounts. **Action: Clerk.**
- c. **Cromford Meadows Sports Club** – There is no further update.
- d. **Celebrating Cromford** – Cllr Fraser reported that there was a meeting held on Wednesday 22nd but only four people had attended. The date has been set for the 10th and 11th June. There has been a positive response from the hostellers and a village walk is being organised with an event at Oakhill on the Sunday. The rest of the programme is being arranged with a resident applying for street licences. It was noted that a Treasurer is also required by the group.

23/3.14 Communications

- a. **Newsletter** – Cllr Beckett noted that the deadline of the next magazine needed to be reconsidered in view of the Celebrating Cromford date.
- b. **Parish Council website** – Cllr Beckett reported that the website draft is completed but there as be no further progress as of yet.

23/3.15 Planning Decisions:

- a. Tree Works Application T/23/00051/TCA, Remove 1no. Ash tree at 156 The Hill Cromford Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3QU
- b. Tree Works Application T/23/00042/TCA, 5x cherry plum - Prune to previous points, leaving approximately 2m tall stems at The School House North Street Cromford Matlock Derbyshire
- c. Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan
- d. Tree Works Application T/23/00054/TCA, Fell 1no. Cyprus tree (T1) at 5 The Hill Cromford Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3RF

The Council had no objections to applications a), b) and d) and the Clerk will forward this to the planning department. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Nutting will draft a response to the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan and circulate it to all the councillors. **Action: Cllr Nutting**

23/3.16 Items for Decision

None

23/3.17 Finance & Administration

- a. **Approval of Internal Auditor for 2022/23** – it was reported that the Clerk researching new auditors due to the suggested 3 year limit on using the same auditor and this will be decided at the next meeting.
- b. **Balance in the Bank** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the presented financial report – proposed by Cllr K Wakefield and, seconded by Cllr Birch.
- c. **Items for approval and payment at this meeting** - It was **RESOLVED** to pay all items listed below proposed by Cllr K Wakefield and, seconded by Cllr Birch.

Invoices for payments in March 2023	
O Sturt - Grit bin refill & grit	166.80
Clerk's Wages	529.65
Footpath Warden Wages	123.12
Cromford Institute - Hire (Jan-March)	125.00
J Beckett - Printing	31.34
LMCreative - Magazine Printing	325.00
Cromford Institute - s137 grant (insurance)	634.21
Total Payments	£1,935.12

23/3.18 Items for information

None

23/3.19 Correspondence

1. A request for a bus stop has been received from the W.I. – this will be forwarded to Cllr Murphy (DCC)
2. An issue with the street lighting at the bridge and Lea Road to the train station was received – this has been forwarded to Cllr Murphy (DCC).

23/3.20 Parish Council Calendar

Parish Council Meetings

- Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 6.00pm in the Cromford Institute – Finance Committee Meeting
- Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Full Council Meeting
- Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7pm in the Cromford Institute – Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and an Ordinary Meeting

23/3.21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Appendix A

CPC Meeting 15th March 2023 Reports

Speedwatch – Cllr Bowman

We had a session at the top of the Hill on 1st March. Only 50 minutes as it was bitterly cold, but we caught 9. This was the 3rd time one of the vehicles had been caught by a Speedwatch team (not all ours) so they would get a visit from the police.

Not had a session since due to the weather!

Station volunteers – Cllr Bowman

We had a session on 1st Friday of the month and continued with the weeding etc

Leashaw Landslip – Cllr Bowman

STWA are expected to start work to stabilise the main. I have posted the DCC update on Cromford FB pages

Snow wardens – Cllr Bowman

Thanks to all the volunteers who managed to turn out in the past week and clear snow & salt pavements