

## Cromford Parish Council

### Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.30pm

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**Present:** Councillors: J Beckett (Chair); B Bowman (Vice-Chair); R Boyack; A Fraser; J March; S Mosley and M Nutting. Cllr I Ratcliffe (DCC) and Cllr G Purdy (DDDC). 1 Member of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Locum Clerk)

#### **21/3.1 Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Beckett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs K Wakefield and M Birch.

#### **21/3.2 Variation to the order of business**

There was no variation to the order of business.

#### **21/2.3 Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr Boyack declared an interest in item 21/3.18 c).

#### **21/3.4 Public Speaking**

- a) A resident of Ridgewood Drive updated Councillors regarding parking issues on Intake Lane, 'Police Aware' notices had been posted, vehicles were still being parked illegally without MOTs.
- b) **Cllr Ratcliffe** – the capital programme was now on the DCC website. Advised residents to continue reporting Intake Lane issues to DVLA and Environmental Health. Concern over rising traffic noise and nuisance on the A6.
- c) **Cllr Purdy** – issues on Intake Lane had been passed to Community Safety Officer, advised residents to keep reporting matters to DVLA and Police. It was not too late for people to comment on proposed Ward changes. Owners of Alison House wanted to work with residents to resolve parking issues and were proposing to reinstate a bollard at the end of North Street. Very concerned about the dust issue in Cromford, quarries are causing an environmental hazard and firm action needs to be taken.
- d) There was no representation from members at this meeting.

#### **21/3.5 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17 February 2021 as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Mosley.

#### **21/3.6 Approval of Contract and Job Description for the Footpaths Officer**

Contracts had now been signed by the Footpaths Officer and Locum Clerk.

#### **21/3.7 Appointment of Staffing Sub Committee and approval of terms of reference**

The Council resolved to accept the terms of reference as previously circulated, proposed by Cllr Bowman seconded by Cllr March. Members of the Staffing Committee were to be Cllrs Beckett, Bowman, Mosley and March, with Cllr Boyack as substitute.

**21/3.8 Recruitment of Clerk/RFO report from Chair**

The Council were still awaiting a report from DALC.

**21/3.9 Operating of Payroll/Payroll Provider**

Clerk to obtain quotes from payroll providers prior to a decision at the next meeting.

**21/3.10 Trees around Mill Pond**

The District Council were not able to carry out this work.

**21/3.11 Report on Meeting re footpath around Dene Quarry – possible link between FP23 and FP21**

Cllrs Bowman and Mosley had attended a meeting, there was a proposal that the temporary route be made permanent. The Council resolved to apply for the adoption of a new footpath to link footpaths 23 and 21. Action: Cllr Boyack

**21/3.12 Community Speed Watch Update & Purchase/Storage of Equipment**

No further information since last meeting.

**21/2.13 Station Volunteers**

Work on the big bank was almost complete, planters were being filled with bee friendly plants.

**21/3.14 Dust on the roads around Cromford**

The problems of dust and spillage on roads around Cromford was still of great concern. Un-sheeted lorries need to be reported. Discussion regarding the best way to get companies to address the problems.

**21/3.15 Police Matters**

DALC now had a police representative on the executive committee, but it had been noted that police would not attend Parish Council meetings unless there was a serious issue.

**21/3.16 County Council & District Council Matters**

No further matters raised for County and District Council.

**21/3.17 Newsletter**

Cllr Beckett had collected the newsletters and the Council agreed to go ahead with delivery.

**21/3.18 Planning Decisions:**

**a) 21/00070/FUL - Erection of shed (retrospective) - Agents House Derby Road High Peak Junction Cromford**

The Council had no objection to this application.

**b) Extension off cemetery and associated infrastructure and landscaping works - Land North Off Steeple Arch Cemetery Wirksworth**

The Council had no objection to this application but suggested a bus shelter be erected close by.

c) **21/00288/FUL – Two Storey Side Extension – 14 Beech Walk, Cromford**

The Council had no objection to this application.

**21/3.19 Trello - Casework/Complaints Procedure**

The Council resolved to continue using the free version of Trello.

**21/3.20 Items for Decision:**

a) **Approval of purchase of Trello Licence at a cost of £869**

The Council resolved not to purchase a licence for Trello.

b) **Approval for the Clerk & Cllr Beckett to attend Year End Accounts & Audit Training at a cost of £60**

The Council resolved to approve attendance at the above training.

**21/3.21 Finance**

a) **Balance in the Bank/Budget Appraisal/Approval of Financial Statements**

The transfer of funds to Unity Trust Bank was now complete. This showed a balance in the account of £32,714.27. The Clerk to investigate opening a reserve account at Unity Trust. The Council agreed to hold a Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday 7 April at 7.30 pm.

*Action: Clerk*

b) **Items for approval and payment at this meeting**

The Council resolved to approve the following items for payment, proposed by Cllr Boyack seconded by Cllr Bowman:

DALC Subscription	514.63
Highland Print Services	443.00
DALC Training	60.00
Spotless (Feb)	50.00
Clerk's Salary	288.38
Footpaths Officer	138.46
Footpaths Officer Expenses	131.95

**21/3.25 Items for Information**

- The Council set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting for Wednesday 5 May at 8 pm.
- The legislation around Councils holding remote meetings was unclear at the moment.
- Councillors to make individual representations regarding proposed Ward changes in Derbyshire Dales.
- Corona virus figures for Derbyshire Dales were very high but this was due to a contained outbreak at Sudbury Prison

**21/3.26 Correspondence**

All correspondence had been sent out by email.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7.30 pm**