

Cromford Parish Council

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

Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Barbara Bowman (Chair); Kate Wakefield; Iain Wakefield; Marie Szegota; Alistair Fraser; Matt Birch; Jenny March and Jeremy Beckett. Sian Bacon (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

23/4.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Boyack (illness), Cllr Nutting (personal) and Cllr Murphy (DCC)

23/4.2 Variation to the order of business

Item Celebrating Cromford was moved to directly after item xx public participation section.

23/4.3 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Bowman, Beckett, March planning application 14b.

23/4.4 Public Speaking

There was no public participation at this point.

23/4.5 Celebrating Cromford

A resident raised that celebrating Cromford had held a meeting at the weekend and things were moving forward. The Coronation was raised as well and bunting was raised. It was queried if the Parish Council were putting up the bunting for the coronation. Celebrating Cromford will supply the bunting and it was agreed the bunting would go up for both the coronation and Celebrating Cromford. Flags were raised and Cllr Fraser noted that some criticism had been received over the lack of Union Flags and there is no union flag bunting. It was agreed that Cllr Fraser, Cllr K Wakefield and the Clerk will liaise to purchase bunting and Union Flags. **Action: Clerk, Cllr K Wakefield and Cllr Fraser.**

It was agreed that the bunting will go up prior to the Coronation and then additional bunting will be put up for Celebrating Cromford.

Cllr Fraser reported the following from the meeting:

FLAGS AND BUNTING

The flags and bunting will be put up for the Coronation and will remain up until after Celebrating Cromford. It was noted that a proposal for the Parish Council to put the flags and bunting up and a team led by TM will take it down.

STREET PARTIES

Each establishment will offer their own events on the day of the Coronation

Oakhill (have already set their programme of events - Saturday they have a private event. Sunday they are having a Coronation Garden Party with live music from 'Dammit Jack'.

The Greyhound have been contacted about Celebrating Cromford and the Coronation but as yet have no responded.

It was agreed that all establishments would contact the committee by 5pm on Friday 21 April of the final preparations for the day. Celebrating Cromford will coordinate a programme of events and put it out on the newly created Facebook page and Cromford Matters. Each establishment can then also advertise their own events.

It was also noted that not everyone has access to social media so posters will need to be done for display in the shops etc.

Cllr Beckett will take help with the photography exhibition.

It was noted that all residents are welcome to attend the Celebrating Cromford meetings.

Cllr Beckett proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Purdy and noted that since 2007 he has worked very assiduously for Cromford. It was agreed by all that thanks should be given.

23/4.6 Minutes of the previous meetings

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15 March 2023, as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr Beckett.

23/4.7 Matters arising from the previous meeting (non decision making)

1. Cllr Beckett reported that he has been invited to be a director for the Community Interest Company as a resident with a particular interest in the Bear Pit.

23/4.8 Reports

a. Footpaths

Cllr Beckett reported that he's not been out much noted that the tree has been removed at (repaired path) which has prevented the council from claiming the MMA from the County Council but it was noted that the tree has been removed. The MMA will be claimed for the strimming and the Clerk and Cllr Bowman will submit a new form.

b. Speedwatch

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

c. Station Volunteers

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

d. Tourist Map Working Party Update

Cllr I Wakefield reported that he was waiting for contact from Mr Farmer who is putting together a list of costs and that he will come back to the council when he has the information.

23/4.9 Village Enhancement

Planting – Report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

Market Place Lamp Post – the Council have deferred the decision on adoption to the next council who will begin in May.

23/4.10 Great British Spring Clean

Cllr Bowman reported this had taken place and plenty of rubbish was collected.

23/4.11 A5012 Proposed Works

It was noted nothing more had been heard about this and it would be passed to the next council to chase up.

23/4.12 Parish Council Quality Scheme – Adoption of the Council Complaint’s policy

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Complaints Policy as presented with the addition of the Cromford Logo and page numbers, proposed by Cllr K Wakefield and seconded by Cllr I Wakefield.

23/4.13 Outside bodies:

- a. **Cromford Institute** – it was noted that new lighting has been put in and the war memorials have been reinstalled. The 200 club has begun to earn a profit which is good and the money is being used for improvements with the floor being looked at next.
- b. **Cromford Community Centre** – Cllr Bowman reported that there has been no further information.
- c. **Cromford Meadows Sports Club** – There is no further update.

23/4.14 Communications

- a. **Newsletter** – Cllr Beckett reported that the recent newsletter has gone out. The deadline for submissions is the 5th May with some articles in. It will be published and distributed before Celebrating Cromford. It is expected to be distributed before the end of May.
- b. **Parish Council website** – Cllr Beckett reported that the new website was ready but there has been a hitch getting the domain name and with communication to the council email address. The Clerk has extended the storage amount to the emails and Cllr Beckett and the Clerk will chase up the old domain name. **Action: Clerk**

23/4.15 Planning Decisions:

- a. 23/00281/LBALT Replacement of windows and doors, re-instatement of blocked up windows and removal of internal wall. - 36-38 Bedehouse Lane Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3QZ
- b. 23/00228/LBALT Installation of adhesive tactile strip along platform edge - Cromford Railway Station Lea Road Cromford Bridge Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5JJ
- c. Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan

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

Cllr Nutting has drafted a response to the Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Plan Consultation which has been circulated to all the Councillors. Cllr Bowman and the Clerk will put in some additional wording and send it.

23/4.16 Items for Decision

- 1) Purchase of Flags and Bunting for the Coronation** – it was **RESOLVED** to spend up to £500 on Union flags and bunting for the Coronation proposed by Cllr Beckett and seconded by Cllr K Wakefield.
- 2) Staff Training Costs** – it was **RESOLVED** to pay £450 to the Clerk to pay the registration fee for SLCC to complete her CILCA course proposed by Cllr Beckett and seconded by Cllr Bowman.
- 3) Planting purchases for the Station** – it was **RESOLVED** to spend up to £200 for plants and equipment to get the planting done ready for Celebrating Cromford. proposed by Cllr Szegota and seconded by Cllr Beckett.

23/4.17 Finance & Administration

- a. Approval of Internal Auditor for 2022/23** – it was **RESOLVED** to use John Marriott Accountants for the 2022/23 audit proposed by Cllr March and seconded by Cllr Fraser.
- b. New Signatories** – It was **RESOLVED** to make Cllr Fraser and Cllr Szegota signatories on the Unity Trust Accounts – proposed by Cllr Bowman and, seconded by Cllr Beckett.
- c. Balance in the Bank** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the presented financial report – proposed by Cllr Birch and, seconded by Cllr Beckett.
- d. Items for approval and payment at this meeting** - It was **RESOLVED** to pay all items listed below proposed by Cllr Beckett and, seconded by Cllr Fraser.

Invoices for payments in April 2023	
B Bowman - Snow phone & snow supplies	62.99
DD Payroll - Jan-March payroll	36.00
Community Heartbeat Trust - defib pads	72.00
Total Payments	£ 170.99

- e. Delegated Authority for Salary Approval in April, May and June** – it was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk for paying the salaries for April, May and June to ensure salaries are paid during the election period, proposed by Cllr Beckett and seconded by Cllr I Wakefield.

23/4.18 Items for information

It was reported that Ball Eye Quarry has new owners and should be represented at the next quarry liaison committee meeting.

23/4.19 Correspondence

1. Road works – road closed at Godfrey Hole Hopton – 15th – 19th May between 18:00 and 6:00
2. DDDC – the bins will be emptied to their usual schedule for the week commencing May 1st

23/4.20 Parish Council Calendar Parish Council Meetings

- Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7pm in the Cromford Institute – Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and an Ordinary Meeting
- Wednesday 21st June 2023 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary meeting
- Wednesday 19th July 2023 6pm in the Cromford Institute – Finance Meeting

23/4.21 Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th May 2023 following an Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting beginning at 7pm in the Cromford Institute.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Appendix A

CPC Meeting 19th April 2023 Reports

Cllr Bowman’s Reports:

Speedwatch - arranged session had to be cancelled due to lack of people (I had a hospital appointment at the last minute)

Station Volunteers: We need to sign the lease to occupy for the land under Network Rail control. In Russ's absence I am liaising with Sian & Al Morley for the station adopters. WE have had various cancellations of work sessions due to the awful weather & Easter etc, but on the whole the planting is looking good., though we have had losses of some shrubs & perennials due to the extreme cold this winter We had a session this week, mainly weeding

Village enhancement: money in the budget for planting. Can we decide to spend some of this this meeting for the summer planting eg up to £200 of the £300 budget for 23-24 so planting can happen in late May / June despite council quoracy.

The Great British Spring Clean - we had a good turn out for this and collected bags of rubbish. I have thanked people via the Cromford village Facebook page