

## **Cromford Parish Council**

### **Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7.30pm**

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**Present:** Councillors: Beckett (Chair); Bowman (Vice-Chair); Birch; Boyack; March; Mosley; Nutting and Wakefield. Cllr J Pawley (DDDC) and Cllr I Ratcliffe (DCC) Mrs B Kirkham (Locum Clerk)

#### **20/9.1 Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Beckett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from District Councillor Purdy. The Council has 1 vacancy, Clerk to find out if this could now be advertised. The Vice Chair also paid tribute to a former Councillor Chris Thompson who had recently died. Action: Clerk

#### **20/9.2 Variation to the order of business**

There was no variation to the order of business.

#### **20/9.3 Declaration of Members Interests**

There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.

#### **20/9.4 Public Speaking**

Cllr Ratcliffe stated that details of the Highways Capital Programme would be published shortly and she hoped that residents' comments regarding the Via Gellia works would be taken into account.

Cllr Pawley apologised for recent non-attendance at Parish Council meetings and updated the Council on her work: a contentious new travellers' site at Tansley was proposed; proposed Ward boundary changes in Derbyshire Dales would reduce the number of District Councillors from 39 to 34; Discussions regarding 'Vision Derbyshire' were also underway.

#### **20/9.5 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19 August 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

#### **20/9.6 Confidential Minute item 20/8.7 Page No 1318**

The Council resolved to accept the confidential minute from the meeting on the 19 August 2020 as a true record.

#### **20/9.7 Minutes of sub-committees and partnerships**

There had been no sub-committee or partnership meetings held since the last Parish Council meeting.

#### **20/9.8 Review of Contracts of Employment for the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and Parish Footpaths Officer**

Duties and Conditions of Employment had been agreed with the Footpaths Officer. Cllr Boyack to following up on the risk assessments. Personal Protective Equipment was required. Cllrs Boyack and Mosley to draw up a budget. Action: Cllrs Boyack & Mosley.

**20/9.9 Village Litter Pick**

This was planned for 26 September, 2 briefings would be held with a maximum of 6 people per session starting at 9.30 and 10.15 am. Areas to be covered included A6, Market Place, North Street etc. Litter bags and pickers provided.

**20/9.10 Trees around Mill Pond**

Numerous responses had been received from residents. Council agreed that selective pruning and removal of saplings needed to be done. Clerk to contact Chris Payne, the Tree Officer. Action: Clerk

**20/9.11 Licence for the erection of a Christmas Tree**

The Council resolved to go ahead with the licence application at a cost £100 for 5 years.

**20/9.12 Christmas Tree Lights**

The Council resolved to purchase LED lights at a cost of £380. Action: Cllr Boyack

**20/9.13 Parking on North Street, consideration of residents parking scheme**

A permit scheme for North Street was unlikely to go ahead as such schemes were expensive to administer and required a large number of residents to participate. Residents to be advised to look at the County Council website for more information. PCSO to be asked to attend North Street at busy times.

**20/9.14 Removal of BT Phone Box & request for Bus Shelter**

Derbyshire County Council had stated that the area was too small for a bus shelter and was in too close a proximity to the crossing.

**20/9.15 Request for Double White/Yellow Lines at junction of Bede House Lane**

Cllrs Boyack and Wakefield to draw up a sketch plan and supply photos. Action: Cllrs Boyack and Wakefield

**20/9.16 DALC Training**

Cllrs Bowman and March to attend the Finance & Budgeting for Councillors course. Councillors were not interested in attending the Equality training at the present time. Action: Bowman and March

**20/9.17 Ward Boundary changes in Derbyshire Dales**

Clerk was asked to write to the District Council and suggest that Homesford be joined to the Masson Ward. Action: Clerk

**20/9.18 Community Pay Back Scheme**

Participation in this scheme had previously proved to be too expensive.

**20/9.19 Community Speed Watch & Speed Gun**

Volunteers had done the online course. On-site training to be done as soon as possible, suggested locations were on The Hill at the junction with Bakers Lane and also junction of Hawthorn Drive. Equipment would be shared and stored by Matlock Bath Parish Council. Action: Cllr Bowman

#### **20/9.20 Friends of Cromford Station – New Licence Agreement**

The Council resolved to accept the new 1-year licence agreement. Clerk to check that £1,000 payment for the work to the sleeper wall had been received. Action: Clerk

#### **20/9.21 Footpath Minor Maintenance Claims**

The previous years' claims had been submitted. Work was underway on items approved at the last meeting. Footpath Officer's report had been received. Cllr Beckett to investigate problems with the footpath around the quarry. Action: Cllr Beckett

#### **20/9.22 Police Matters**

##### **a) Community Speed Watch**

This item had already been covered under item 20/9.19.

##### **b) Parking Issues**

This item had already been covered under item 20/9.13.

#### **20/9.23 County Council & District Council Matters**

##### **a) Green Bin Collections**

A letter would be sent to all residents regarding the new arrangements for garden waste collection from April 2021, although there was some confusion over the use of sacks.

#### **20/9.24 Station Volunteers**

It was noted that more volunteers were required.

#### **20/9.25 Newsletter**

Cllr Beckett to sort out a date for the publication of the next newsletter. Action: Cllr Beckett

#### **20/9.26 Planning Decisions:**

##### **a) T/20/00121/TCA Consultation on Tree Works Fell 1no. Norway Spruce at Rogulem Cottage, Bakers Lane, Cromford**

The Council had no objection to this application. Action: Clerk

##### **b) 20/00745/BALT Replacement windows to front elevation, addition of boiler flue to rear roof slope and sky dish to rear at 63 The Hill, Cromford**

The Council had no objection to this application. Action: Clerk

##### **c) T/20/00135/TCA Fell 1no. Lawson Cypress (T1) and 1no. Cedar tree (T2) 105 Derby Road Cromford**

The Council had no objection to this application. Action: Clerk

##### **d) 20/00827/FUL Proposed agricultural building to store hay and straw Land North East Of Derby Road Cromford**

The Council had no objection to this application. Action: Clerk

#### **20/9.27 Policy Reviews: Update on Casework/Complaints Procedure**

The Casework/Complaints Log was proving problematic. Cllr Beckett to investigate. Action: Cllr Beckett

### **20/9.28 Items for Decision**

The Council resolved to vire £250 from reserves to the training budget. The Council resolved that bank statements should now be sent to the Locum Clerk. Action: Clerk

### **20/9.29 Finance**

#### **a) Date of Finance Committee Meeting**

Members of the Finance Committee agreed to meet in person on Wednesday 30 September at 2 pm at the Cromford Institute.

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

The Treasurers Account showed a balance of £11,351.80 and a balance in the reserve account of £31,186.42.

#### **c) Items for approval and payment at this meeting**

Highland Print	443.00
Spotless	50.00
Clerk's Salary	578.47
Footpath's Officer Salary	138.66
Footpath's Officer Expenses	5.50
Locum Clerk - Brenda Kirkham	682.77

### **20/9.30 Items for Information**

Cromford Playgroup to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

A resident had requested that dogs be kept on leads in Intake Lane, signs were requested for both ends of the footpath between Intake Lane and Barnwell Lane. Notices were available from the PCSO and the District Council.

There would be a meeting with the local Safer Neighbourhood (Police) Team on Arkwright Gardens 10-12 on Thursday 24 September.

Clerk to contact Platform Housing to ask why they had not responded to the Parish Council within their agreed timescale; an article should also be put in the newsletter. Action: Cllr Beckett & Clerk.

Cllr Bowman had a meeting arranged with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust regarding the wildlife planting scheme, costs would be brought to the next meeting.

### **20/9.31 Correspondence**

All items of correspondence had been sent out by email. The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.30 pm**