

Cromford Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Beckett (Chair); Bowman (Vice-Chair); Birch; Boyack; March; Mosley and Nutting. Cllr J Pawley (DDDC), Cllr G Purdy (DDC) and Cllr I Ratcliffe (DCC). Simon Gill and Simon Wallwork from the Village Hydro Project. Mrs B Kirkham (Locum Clerk)

20/10.1 Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Beckett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Fraser and Wakefield.

20/10.2 Variation to the order of business

Item 20/10.4 d) was brought forward.

20/10.4 d) Village Hydro Project

Simon Gill and Simon Wallwork gave details of the project, a report on the project had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The project would bring waterpower back to Cromford. The project was largely welcomed by members who raised various questions. There was some interest in setting up of a Community Interest Company and it was agreed that this would be discussed by the Chair and Simon Wallwork when further information was received.

20/10.3 Declaration of Members Interests

Councillors Beckett and Boyack declared an interest in item 20/10.25 c).

20/10.4 Public Speaking

- a) There were no members of the public present
- b) Cllr Ratcliffe briefed Councillors on several issues and explained her concern about recent spillages from lorries in Cromford and felt that this matter should be taken to the directors of Tarmac.
Cllr Purdy briefed Councillors on various matters including work on climate change; the impact on Cromford of a possible redirection of heavy traffic from Ashbourne and the possible changes to the structure of District and County Councils.
Cllr Pawley reported on the following: Hall Lees Park had been awarded Green Flag status; an incident on Rose End Avenue Cromford and the Tiny Trees project. Cllr Pawley also agreed to follow up on an issue regarding the Car Wash.
- c) No members declared a prejudicial interest at this meeting.

20/10.5 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 16 September 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

20/10.6 Minutes of sub-committees and partnerships

The Finance Committee minutes had been circulated to members, these would be signed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

20/10.7 Review of Contracts of Employment for the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and Parish Footpaths Officer

Cllr Becket had received an email from the Clerk and had requested advice on the matter from DALC.

20/10.8 Approval of Contract of Employment for the Footpaths Officer

Cllr Boyack had drafted out the contract and was working on the job description. During the absence of the Footpaths Officer, Councillors were asked to report any footpath issues that were brought to their attention. Cllr Beckett to report that the bin near the School was overflowing. *Action: Cllrs Boyack & Beckett*

20/10.9 Trees around Mill Pond

Councillors were awaiting a meeting with the Tree Planning Officer.

20/10.10 Cromford Playgroup

The Council resolved to donate up to £100 to the Playgroup towards the cost of PPE which was necessary due to Covid-19.

20/10.11 Planning White Paper – Planning for the Future

Cllr Bowman stated that if new proposals go ahead then the Parish Council may need to consider doing a neighbourhood plan.

20/10.12 Request for Double White/Yellow Lines at junction of Bede House Lane

This matter was to be left until the next meeting.

20/10.13 DALC Training

The latest list of DALC training courses had been circulated. Cllr Boyack wished to attend the Planning Essentials training on the 2 November. Cllr Boyack to provide details of a free GDPR course. *Action: Cllrs Beckett, Boyack & Clerk*

20/10.14 Ward Boundary changes in Derbyshire Dales

Masson Ward was currently over-represented, so Masson Ward may only have one Councillor in the future. The Parish Council vacancy had been advertised and had not received any response, so the Council were now able to advertise the co-option of a new Councillor.

20/10.15 Community Speed Watch & Speed Gun

One Community Speed Watch session had been held; an item on the Community Speed Watch to go in the newsletter to request volunteers. Cllr Ratcliffe had offered a grant of £200 towards the cost of a speed guns and equipment. Cllrs Purdy and Pawley to be asked if they could contribute £100 each from their Local Projects Fund. Cllr Bowman to provide item for newsletter. *Action: Cllrs Beckett & Bowman*

20/10.16 Friends of Cromford Station

Volunteers still able to continue their work. Plants had been provided by East Midlands Railways. The Railway bank had been cleared and planted. Cllr Boyack to provide item for newsletter and purchase more plants. *Action: Cllr Boyack*

20/10.17 Police Matters

a) Community Speed Watch

This matter has been dealt with under item 20/10.15 above.

b) Parking Issues

Some vehicles had received parking tickets. It was noted that some vehicles had been left unattended for several months, but that some of these were on private land.

20/10.18 County Council & District Council Matters

Councillors discussed the issues regarding spillage from lorries; ideally offending lorries should be reported to the County Council quoting vehicle number, date/time and location. Quarry Liaison minutes to be circulated to all Councillors.

20/10.19 Wildflower Planting on DCC Verge

Wildflower planting on the highway verge outside Chestnut Court may prove to be problematic. The Council resolved to look at planting in an area near the Station.

20/10.20 Station Volunteers

This matter had been dealt with under item 20/10.16 above.

20/10.21 Newsletter

The deadline for items for the newsletter was 25 October.

20/10.22 Planning Decisions:

a) 20/00843/FUL - Ground floor rear extension - Hillside View Scarthin Cromford

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

b) T/20/00145/TCA - Fell 1no. hybrid Black Poplar growing within shelterbelt Woodland - Oakhill Orchard/Rear of Alison House, Intake Lane, Cromford

The Parish Council did not wish to comment on this application.

c) T/20/00153/TCA - Fell 3no. Sycamore trees (T1, T2 and T5) and 2no. Ash trees (T3 and T4) - Derwent House Mill Road Cromford

The Parish Council would not like to see these trees removed but they will defer to the technical expertise of the DDDC Tree officer.

d) 20/00922/LBALT - Blocking up of fireplace and installation of flue - 6 North Street, Cromford

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

e) 20/00728/FUL - 39 Barnwell Lane Cromford - Extension to outbuilding and use as ancillary accommodation – additional information provided permitted with conditions

This application has now been permitted with conditions the Council did not wish to comment on the additional information provided.

f) 20/00610/FUL Notification of Appeal – Erection of dwelling house – Elmcroft, Derby Road Cromford

The Parish Council did not wish to make any further comment, previous comment by the Parish council will be noted at the appeal.

20/10.23 Policy Reviews: Update on Casework/Complaints Procedure

This matter was to be left to the next meeting.

20/10.24 Items for Decision

The Council resolved to vire £50 to the planting budget. *Action: Clerk*

20/10.25 Finance

a) Online Banking

The Council resolved to go ahead with online banking. Clerk to speak to the Bank. *Action: Clerk*

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

The Treasurers Account showed a balance of £8,680.80 and a balance in the reserve account of £31,187.51. The Council resolved to approve the financial statement as presented, proposed by Cllr Bowman seconded by Cllr Mosley.

c) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

DALC Training Courses Inv Nos 2510 & 2515	150.00
DALC - Contract Review	120.00
R Boyack (Wheelbarrow tyre)	15.00
Spotless	50.00
Cromford Playgroup	100.00
Councillor Postage Expenses (JB)	9.12
Clerk's Salary	578.47
Footpaths Officer	138.46
Locum Clerk - B Kirkham	661.52
D Sturt	800.00

Cllr Boyack updated the Council on his progress with the purchase of Christmas lights.

20/10.26 Items for Information

The Council resolved to join the District Council Snow Warden scheme providing volunteers were covered by the Council's insurance. Clerk to check the insurance situation. *Action: Clerk*

Remembrance Sunday Memorial would be held on 8 November at 2 pm, Cllr Beckett to place a wreath in Cromford, Cllr Bowman to place a wreath at Scarthin. *Action: Cllrs Becket & Bowman*

Thanks to the District Council for repairing paving around Cromford War memorial. Repairs to stiles on footpath 49, Clerk to check that they had been reported. *Action: Clerk*
It was noted that Cromford Community Centre had been refurbished and had now reopened.

20/10.27 Correspondence

Letter of thanks received from the Royal British Legion. All other items of correspondence had been sent out by email. The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.30 pm