

## Cromford Parish Council

### Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.30pm

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**Present:** Councillors: Beckett (Chair); Bowman (Vice-Chair); Birch; Boyack; Fraser; March; Mosley and Wakefield. Cllr G Purdy (DDC) and Cllr I Ratcliffe (DCC). 1 Member of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Locum Clerk)

#### **20/11.1 Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Beckett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr J Pawley (DDDC).

#### **20/11.2 Variation to the order of business**

Item 20/11.4 d) was brought forward.

#### **20/11.4 Public Speaking**

d) A member of the public and resident of North Street, Cromford, explained the difficulties being encountered whilst work was being carried out to properties in North Street on behalf of the Landmark Trust. Whilst work was being carried out properties were 'shrink wrapped' and there was a 1.8 metre tunnel provided. The detail and impact of the work had not been effectively communicated to residents and tenants. Tenants had virtually no natural light in their properties; noise and parking were real issues for all residents and the work was likely to go on for over 12 weeks. The resident was asked to contact Cllrs Purdy and Ratcliffe and pass on their concerns to Sarah Dines MP.

#### **20/11.3 Declaration of Members Interests**

Councillors Beckett declared an interest in item 20/11.19 e); Cllr Bowman and Boyack both declared an interest in item 20/11.22 c).

#### **20/11.4 Public Speaking**

a) There were no other items raised from the public other than under item 20/11.4 d) above.

b) Cllr Ratcliffe briefed members on issues regarding the use of Intake Lane. Members raised concerns about safety issues from a new access on to Derby Road from Intake Lane, this matter was being investigated.

Regarding improvements to the Bedehouse Lane junction, following an officer investigation, Cllr Ratcliffe reported that the County Council were unable to take any action to improve the junction.

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that repair works to Lea Road would be delayed which would impact on residents and businesses, members felt that this was unacceptable and further investigations should have been carried out earlier by the County Council. Cllr Ratcliffe did not agree and felt that everything possible had been done by the County Council officers, it was suggested that the Parish Council email the County Council with their concerns. *Action: Clerk*

There was concern over the erection of a new fence at Mill Pond this matter had been raised with the District Council.

c) There was no representation from members at this meeting.

**20/11.5 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21 October 2020 as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr Mosley and seconded by Cllr Bowman.

**20/11.6 Minutes of sub-committees and partnerships**

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

**20/11.7 Review of Contracts of Employment for the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and Parish Footpaths Officer**

The Clerk was hoping to return to work. Cllr Beckett to contact DALC regarding contract review and occupational health support. Cllr Beckett to also write to the Clerk. *Action: Cllr Beckett.*

**20/11.8 Approval of Job Description for the Footpaths Officer**

This matter was still on-going.

**20/11.9 Claim to add a public footpath from alabaster Lane to Public Footpath No 70**

It was noted that this path was already well used, and the Council were all in favour of the proposal to make this a public footpath. *Action: Clerk*

**20/11.10 Trees around Mill Pond**

Representatives from the Parish Council had met with the District Council Tree Officer. The Tree Officer agreed that work needs to be carried out to the trees and an application needs to be made from the Parish Council. The Parish Council resolved that a decision on this matter would be made at the December meeting.

**20/11.11 Arkwright Society & Village Hydro Project**

Grant funding for this project had now been secured and discussion were taking place regarding the setting up of a Community Interest Company.

**20/11.12 Community Speed Watch Update & Purchase/Storage of Equipment**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions no speed watch activities could be carried out at the present time. £200 had been received from Cllr Ratcliffe towards the cost of equipment, further funding applications had been submitted. Three other possible sites had been identified for speed watch. The purchase of equipment to be an item on the December agenda.

**20/11.13 Snow Warden Scheme & approval of expenditure of up to £150**

The Parish Council had completed the forms and applied to be part of the scheme this year. An item requesting volunteers had been put in the newsletter. Volunteers would be covered by the Parish Council insurance. No grit was required as the Council still had surplus supplies from last year. Cones would be needed for when volunteers were clearing snow around Scarthin, the cost of tabards and cones was likely to be around £150.

#### **20/11.14 Friends of Cromford Station**

Planters had all been set, volunteers were still working hard on clearing weeds. Only 6 volunteers were allowed to work at any one time. Cllr Fraser offered to donate plants; these were gratefully accepted. *Action: Cllr Fraser*

#### **20/11.15 Police Matters**

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

This matter had already been dealt with under item 20/11.12 above.

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

No matters to report at present.

#### **20/11.16 County Council & District Council Matters**

There were no additional matters to be raised with the County or District Council at the present time other than those noted under public speaking.

#### **20/11.17 Newsletter**

The newsletter had gone on to 12 pages, Cllr Beckett has received the invoice, and this will be paid when the newsletter is published.

#### **20/11.18 Parish Council response to Tree Planning Applications**

Cllr Bowman reported that when the Council is asked to comment on tree applications due to legal restrictions it is not always possible for the Parish Council to be granted more time to comment. The Council resolved that should these applications fall outside the normal full Council meetings then the Council should hold an extraordinary meeting via zoom to approve comments.

#### **20/11.19 Planning Decisions:**

##### **a) 20/01012/FUL- Application to render external wall and external alterations – 38A Barnwell Lane, Cromford**

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

##### **b) 20/01013/FUL- Replacement Garden Store & Summer House – Four Trees, 109 Derby Road, Cromford**

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

##### **c) 20/01018/LBALT- External & Internal Alterations – 90 The Hill, Cromford**

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

##### **d) 20/01008/FUL- Installation of standalone solar array – Hillside View, Scarthin, Cromford**

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

##### **e) T/20/00171/TCA – Tree Works – 43 Market Place, Cromford**

Permission for this work had already been granted.

##### **f) T/20/00180/TCA – Tree Works – The Old Vicarage, Intakes Lane, Cromford**

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

#### **20/11.20 Policy Reviews: Update on Casework/Complaints Procedure**

This matter was to be left to the next meeting.

#### **20/11.21 Items for Decision**

There were no items for decision.

## **20/11.22 Finance**

### **a) Online Banking**

This item was to be dealt with at the next meeting of the Finance Committee in January and then recommendations brought to the next full Council meeting.

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

The Treasurers Account showed a balance of £7,969.28 and a balance in the reserve account of £31,188.03. The Council resolved to approve the financial statement as presented, proposed by Cllr Fraser seconded by Cllr Bowman.

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

DALC Invoice No 2452	50.00
Planting Expenses (BB)	51.89
Christmas Tree Lights (RB)	89.70
Spotless (Oct)	50.00
Clerk's Salary	578.47
Footpaths Officer	138.46
Locum Clerk - B Kirkham	576.76

## **20/11.23 Items for Information**

The Clerk confirmed that the Council had now received all outstanding Minor Maintenance Agreement payments including those due for the current 20/21 year.

The Clerk had followed up on the request for a footpath sign at Bedehouse Lane.

The issue with stiles on footpath 40 had been sent to the Footpaths Officer.

The Christmas tree would be erected in the next few days.

There was still an issue in the village of spillage from some poorly sheeted quarry lorries.

## **20/11.24 Correspondence**

All correspondence had been sent out by email.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 7.30 pm**