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**Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held at the
Cromford Community Centre, Market Place, Cromford
Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: J Beckett (Chair); B Bowman (Vice-Chair); R Boyack; J March; S Mosley; M Nutting and K Wakefield. Cllr D Murphy (DCC) and Cllr G Purdy (DDDC). Mrs B Kirkham (Locum Clerk)

21/6.1 Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Beckett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Birch.

21/6.2 Variation to the order of business

There was no variation to the order of business.

21/6.3 Declaration of Members Interests

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

21/6.4 Public Speaking

- a) A resident from North Street expressed their concern about the number of cars using the road, the volume of tourists/holiday makers in the area and litter. The jitty was overrun with weeds and brambles. Cllr Purdy agreed to investigate the issues raised and Cllr Murphy would see if anything could be done regarding signage. **Action: Cllr Purdy & Cllr Murphy.**
- b) Cllr Purdy was disappointed with recent comments made at the Quarry Liaison group regarding dust on the roads in Cromford. The District Council were having problems with refuse collections, their contractor, Serco was having difficulty recruiting/training drivers. Cllr Murphy had spoken to the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding un-sheeted lorries/trailers, it was felt that a short campaign by police visiting quarries and stopping offenders would help to reduce the problem. Cllr Murphy to pursue a signage issue for Intake Lane.

21/6.5 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

21/6.6 Recruitment of Clerk/RFO report from Chair

A revised advertisement had been placed on the DALC website, the job was also being advertised on the County Council website and in the Peak Advertiser. The new closing date was the 9 July.

21/6.7 Community Speed Watch Update & Purchase/Storage of Equipment

The order for the speed gun had been placed. The Council needed to approve additional expenditure to cover the cost of signs and jackets.

21/6.8 Station Volunteers

Cllr Boyack had submitted a grant application for £500. Volunteers were now able to meet in increased numbers but only 2 volunteers were allowed on the station platform at any one time, this may cause problems when planting up the boxes.

21/6.9 Dust on the roads around Cromford

The Council resolved to send a letter to CRH, the owners of Tarmac, proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Wakefield. **Action: Clerk**

21/6.10 Vehicle problems on Intake Lane

Cllr Murphy is aware of the issues which include cars looking for Black Rocks; caravans looking for Alison House which then have difficulty turning around; youths in cars in the late evening.

21/6.11 Parking Problems

Complaints had been received about parking on Via Gellia and Water Lane above Walkers Garage. Parking on North Street was also a problem, pedestrians sometimes had to walk in the middle of the road to avoid parked vehicles.

21/6.12 Police Matters

Several complaints had been received from residents regarding cars speeding on The Hill and excessive noise. Youths late at night at Black Rocks was also an issue.

21/6.13 County Council & District Council Matters

There were no further matters to be raised with the County and District Councils.

21/6.14 Newsletter

The newsletter had gone out. Interest had been shown in the item regarding footpaths, the Council queried whether there were any used and unregistered footpaths in the parish.

21/6.15 Planning Decisions:

- a) **Tree Works Application T/21/00096/TPO, Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order 026 - Fell 1no. Oak tree (T1) and plant replacement and remove deadwood from within Crown of 1no. Hornbeam tree (T2) and reduce stag head growth back to suitable live growth at Woodend Lea Road Cromford Bridge**

The Parish Council had no objection to this application but would like a replacement oak tree to be managed by pollarding. **Action: Clerk**

- b) **CM3/0817/40 - Slinger Top Quarry, Cromford - Development of a lateral extension to the southwest of the existing permitted operations to provide the winning and working of minerals, associated ancillary operations, and amended restoration scheme through landfill at Slinger Top Quarry**

Consideration of this application was to be left until the next meeting.

- c) **21/00731/FUL - Conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation - 39 Barnwell Lane Cromford**

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

21/6.16 Trello - Casework/Complaints Procedure

The fence at millpond cottages had now been removed, a hedge/shrubs has been planted.

21/6.17 Items for Decision:

a) Purchase of Community Speed Watch Equipment additional expenditure of £120

The Council resolved to approve the additional expenditure of £120.

b) Advertising the Clerk/RFO vacancy with DCC at a cost of £112

The Council resolved to go ahead with placing advertisements in the County Council job sheet and the Peak Advertiser at a total cost of £324.50.

c) Set up working party to review Standing Orders

It was resolved that the working party to review the standing orders would consist of Cllrs: Bowman, Wakefield, March and Nutting, the group would meet on Monday 28 June at 3 pm. **Action: Cllrs Bowman, Wakefield, March & Nutting**

d) Date, Time & Venue of Finance Committee Meeting

The Council agreed that the next Finance Committee Meeting would be on Wednesday 7 July at 8 pm at the Cromford Institute.

21/6.18 Audit 20/21

a) Internal Auditor's Report

The Council resolved to approve the Internal Auditor's Report, proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr March.

b) Approval of Annual Governance Statement

The Council resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement, proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Mosely.

c) Approval of Annual Accounting Statement

The Council resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statement, proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Mosely.

d) Approval of Certificate of Exemption

The Council resolved to approve the Certificate of Exemption, proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Mosely.

21/6.19 Finance

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

The balance in the Unity Trust account was £45,498.55.

b) Items for approval and payment at this meeting:

The Council resolved to approve the following payments, proposed by Cllr Nutting seconded by Cllr Boyack.

Planting Expenses (BB reimbursement)	55.74
Snow Phone (BB reimbursement)	50.00
Spotless	50.00
Protect Signs	200.56
J & J S Marriott	100.00
Peak Advertiser	255.00
Locum Clerk's Salary	422.11
Footpath Officer's Salary	110.90
HMRC	133.20

21/6.20 Items for Information

- Footpaths: Cllrs Boyack, Mosley and the Footpaths Officer were to attend a site meeting on Thursday 24th June at 12.00pm regarding the restoration of the Dene Hollow footpath, some of which was originally partly in Middleton Parish.
- The stile and fence on to Bow Wood Lane have now been replaced with a completely new structure.
- Litter bin: the litter bin in the area outside the school gates had now been removed. The location of a replacement bin needed to be agreed. Cllr Murphy agreed to follow up this matter. **Action: Cllr Murphy**

21/6.21 Correspondence

Most correspondence had been sent out by email including the consultation of a draft Revised Planning Services Statement of Community Involvement which was circulated by the Clerk on Monday 14th June.

21/6.22 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 21 July at 7.30 pm at the Cromford Community Centre

Signed Dated