

Cromford Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held at the Methodist Church, Cromford
Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 7.30pm

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

21/5.1 Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Beckett welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Cllr Murphy as the new District and County Council representative. Apologies were received from Cllr G Purdy (DDDC).

21/5.2 Variation to the order of business

There was no variation to the order of business.

21/5.3 Declaration of Members Interests

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

21/5.4 Public Speaking

- a) Cllr Murphy introduced himself to the meeting as the new District and County Council representative. Cllr Beckett and other members briefed Cllr Murphy on the issues of dust and spillage from un-sheeted lorries. Cllr Murphy to be invited to the next Quarry Liaison Group meeting. Cllr Beckett agreed to meet Cllr Murphy and take him around the village and explain some of the issues. **Action: Cllr Beckett**

21/5.5 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21 April 2021 as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr March and seconded by Cllr Nutting.

21/5.6 Recruitment of Clerk/RFO report from Chair

The Clerk and RFO vacancy had been advertised with a closing date of the 28 May. The Staffing Committee would meet in due course to discuss the applications and set a date for interviews.

21/5.7 Community Speed Watch Update & Purchase/Storage of Equipment

Community Speed Watches can now go ahead, although it may be difficult whilst the 2-metre rule is in force. Clerk to order equipment. **Action: Clerk**

21/5.8 Station Volunteers

Larger groups of volunteers can now work in most areas of the station. Residents need to be aware that there are significant changes to the train timetables.

21/5.9 Dust on the roads around Cromford

The Chair had sent a letter to the outgoing Police & Crime Commissioner but had received an unsatisfactory reply. Another letter had been sent to the new Commissioner, the local MP, County & District Councillors. Cllr Purdy was also campaigning for a resolution to the problem and was keeping Parish Councillors informed. The problem of dust from Dene Hollow is exacerbated as regulation for the mobile crushing unit used is regulated by Barnsley MBC. The District Council are looking at a number of issues to resolve the problems including adequacy of the wheel wash and sprinkler systems; dust monitoring; additional road cleaning; improved driver induction and daily visual inspections.

21/5.10 Vehicle problems on Intake Lane

Residents had contacted Councillors about the issues. Residents were urged to keep reporting incidents.

21/5.11 Police Matters

Councillors were disappointed that PCSOs were no longer attending Parish Council meetings. Clerk was asked to email the local PCSO with relevant information. **Action: Clerk**

21/5.12 County Council & District Council Matters

There were no further matters raised for the County and District Councils.

21/5.13 Newsletter

Cllr Beckett had received the draft newsletter which was now ready for proof reading.

21/5.14 Great British Spring Clean

It was hoped to run a litter pick round the village on the 12 June. Cllr Bowman to organise and do posters. It was noted that there was less litter around thanks to the excellent work done by the Wombles.

21/5.15 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2021-22

The Council resolved to go ahead with the Minor Maintenance Agreement. A list of proposed works and locations to go to Cllr Boyack. **Action: Cllr Boyack & Clerk**

21/5.16 Replacement Signs for the top of Intakes Lane

The County Council to be asked to replace the signs. Full details of the location for these signs and the Bedehouse Lane sign to be sent to Cllr Boyack. **Action: Cllr Boyack & Cllrs**

21/5.17 Planning Decisions:

There were no applications for consideration at this meeting.

21/5.18 Trello - Casework/Complaints Procedure

The dust issue and the fence around Mill Pond were the 2 outstanding issues on Trello.

21/5.19 Items for Decision:

a) Consideration and approval of Insurance Quotes

Four insurance renewal quotations had been received, after careful consideration the Council resolved to go ahead with a comprehensive quote from Zurich insurance at a cost of £663.74.

b) Extension of Locum Clerk Contract

The Council resolved to extend the Locum Clerk's Contract until the end of July 2021 proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Mosley.

c) Approval of Flower Tower maintenance at a cost of £300

The Council resolved to go ahead with the Flower Tower maintenance and village planting at various locations around the village including Hawthorn Drive and Scarthin War Memorial at a cost of £300.

d) Delegate approval of May salary payments to Chair/Vice Chair

As salary information was not available for approval at this meeting the Council resolved to delegate approval to the Chair and Vice Chair.

21/5.20 Finance

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

The balance in the Unity Trust account was £49,505.55.

b) Items for approval and payment at this meeting:

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

Cromford Methodist Church	25.00
Insurance	663.74
Spotless (April)	50.00

21/5.21 Items for Information

DALC were running a Health & Safety course if anyone wished to attend.
Cones had been placed around the 3p Bit area.

21/5.22 Correspondence

All correspondence had been sent out by email.

21/5.2 Date of forthcoming meetings:

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 16 June at 7.30 pm