

# **Cromford Parish Council**

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Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held at the  
Cromford Community Centre, Market Place, Cromford

Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 7.30pm

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**Present:** Councillors: J Beckett (Chair); B Bowman (Vice-Chair); R Boyack; A Fraser; S Mosley; and K Wakefield. Cllr D Murphy (DCC) and Cllr G Purdy (DDDC). Mr J Mee (Footpath Officer); Mrs B Kirkham (Locum Clerk)

## **21/7.1 Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Beckett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs March and Nutting.

## **21/7.2 Variation to the order of business**

It was agreed to move item 12 to be dealt with after item 6.

## **21/7.3 Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr Bowman declared an interest in item 21/7.22 e) and Cllr Boyack declared an interest in item 21/7.6).

## **21/7.4 Public Speaking**

a) Cllr Purdy updated the meeting on the current problem with the District Council waste collection service which has been caused by a number of factors, the pandemic, the need to isolate, lack of HGV drivers, lack of training for new drivers and Brexit. An emergency meeting of the District Council was to be held. Cllr Purdy also updated members on other District Council issues including a Travellers Site and Ashbourne Town Parking.

Cllr Murphy reported that the new Police & Crime Commissioner would be visiting the area. The issue of parking on the double yellow lines on the Via Gelia had been logged, the signage on Intake Lane had also been logged.

## **21/7.5 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 16 June 2021 as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr Bowman and seconded by Cllr Mosley.

## **21/7.6 Recruitment of Clerk/RFO report from Chair**

Five applications had been received, the shortlisting had taken place and interviews were to be held on Monday 26 July.

## **21/7.7 Community Speed Watch Update & Purchase/Storage of Equipment**

The Hi-Viz Vests had been ordered and a speed watch was provisionally planned for Monday 26 July.

## **21/7.8 Station Volunteers**

All restrictions had now been lifted. Cllr Boyack had applied for a grant to cover the cost of plants at the Station.

## **21/7.9 Dust on the roads around Cromford**

The details of one un-sheeted lorry had been reported. Recent heavy rain had helped the dust issue.

**21/7.10 Vehicle problems on Intake Lane**

Cllr Beckett suggested that name plates which include the 'No through road' symbol should be erected on both sides of the road. The hedge was currently obscuring signs.

**21/7.11 Parking Problems**

Cllr Murphy was following up parking issues at the end of North Street and above Walkers Garage.

**21/7.12 Footpath Officer's Report & Update on Dene Hollow Footpath**

A report on the work carried out on the footpaths around Cromford was handed to the Clerk. The current diversion of the Dene Hollow path was not acceptable, 2 alternative routes had been suggested. The strimming of the path which should be carried out by the quarry had not been done, Cllr Beckett to follow up. There was a problem with the stiles on footpath 60. Clerk to check that the footpath number is correct and report to County Council. A new footpath map with the new numbers clearly defined was required. **Action: Cllr Beckett & Clerk**

**21/7.13 Cromford Mill Dam/Pond – tree pruning and weeds**

Councillors were concerned that the Dam was silting up. More work was still needed at the Bear Pit.

**21/7.14 Overhanging trees – traffic lights to Masson Mill**

Cllr March had raised this matter with Cllr Purdy.

**21/7.15 St Mark's Churchyard**

The grass had now been cut and the churchyard tidied up.

**21/7.16 Installation of Memorial Bench in Cromford**

The Council felt that the most appropriate place would be on the corner of the A6 and the Market Place. Cllr Bowman to supply NGR number. Cllr Beckett to respond to the request. **Action: Cllrs Bowman & Beckett**

**21/7.17 Location of Replacement Waste Bin**

It was suggested that the new location for the waste bin be near the trough, although bollards would need to be placed around it. Clerk to write to the Headteacher. **Action: Clerk**

**21/7.18 Beacon for the Platinum Jubilee**

The Beacon had been found but needed to be checked, a request for help to be placed in the newsletter. The previous location had been sheep pastures although this site was not quite so visible now due to tree growth. **Action: Cllr Beckett**

**21/7.19 Police Matters**

The problems for noisy vehicles and motorcycles had been raised earlier in the meeting.

**21/7.20 County Council & District Council Matters**

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

**21/7.21 Newsletter**

The deadline for the September newsletter was the 6 August. Information about the Parish Councillor vacancy to be included in the newsletter. **Action: Cllr Beckett**

#### **21/7.22 Planning Decisions:**

- a) **CM3/0817/40 - Slinter 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 Slinter Top Quarry**  
The Council had no additional comments to make on this application. **Action: Clerk**
- b) **21/00147/LBALT – Internal Alterations - 95 The Hill, Cromford**  
The Council had no objection to this application. **Action: Clerk**
- c) **Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to not comply with Condition 3 of planning permission code no. CW3/0320/83 to permit the installation of four new swing jibs, revised sludge tank covers and relocation of the Motor Control Centre kiosk doors – Matlock Sewerage Treatment Works, Lea Road, Matlock DE4 5AA**  
The Council had no objection to this application. **Action: Clerk**
- d) **T/21/00111/TCA, Reduce branches of 1no. Yew tree back from adjacent telephone cables at Cromford Church of England Primary School North Street Cromford**  
The Council had no objection to this application. **Action Clerk**
- e) **T/21/00103/TCA, Fell 2no. Conifers (C), 1no. Silver Birch tree (SB) and 1no. Ash tree (A) at 110 The Hill Cromford**  
The Council had no objection to this application. **Action: Clerk**

#### **21/7.23 Trello - Casework/Complaints Procedure**

No new items had been added to Trello.

#### **21/7.24 Items for Decision:**

- a) **Donation to Peak District Mines Historical Society for the Bear Pit**  
There was more work to be done on the Bear Pit. The Council resolved to donate £100 now and a further £100 on completion.
- b) **Possible part payment of CiLCA course fees for new clerk**  
The Council resolved to pay £100 on the completion of each unit, there are 5 units.
- c) **Resolution to delegate August bank payments to Chair & Vice Chair**  
The Council resolved that approval of the August bank payments be delegated to the Chair and Vice Chair as it was proposed not to hold a meeting in August.
- d) **Extension to Locum Clerk contract**  
The Council resolved to extend the Locum Clerk's contract to the end of September 2021.

#### **21/7.25 Finance & Administration**

- a) **Report from the Finance Committee and approval to the change of wording to item 2.2 of the Financial Regulations and approval to continue making bank payments electronically.**  
The Council resolved to approve the change of wording from 'member' to 'finance committee' under item 2.2, the Council further approved the continuation of the use of electronic banking.
- b) **Finance Committee Membership**  
Membership of the Finance Committee was agreed to be Cllrs Beckett, Bowman, March, Nutting with Cllr Birch as substitute if necessary.
- c) **Balance in the Bank**  
The balance in the Unity Trust account was £44,103.23.
- d) **Items for approval and payment at this meeting:**  
The Council resolved to approve the following payments, proposed by Cllr Boyack seconded by Cllr Bowman.

<b>S Mosley (reimbursement for plants)</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>K Wakefield (reimbursement for plants)</b>	<b>36.94</b>
<b>Spotless</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Cromford Community Centre</b>	<b>36.00</b>
<b>DD Payroll Services</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Locum Clerk's Salary</b>	<b>422.11</b>
<b>Footpath Officer's Salary</b>	<b>110.70</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>133.40</b>

**21/7.26 Items for Information**

Cllr Boyack had submitted a new footpath application to Derbyshire County Council joining footpaths 21 and 23.

The Council needed a Press & Media Policy, Cllr Bowman to circulate a draft. **Action: Cllr Bowman**

**21/7.27 Correspondence**

All items of correspondence had been sent out by email.

**21/7.28 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7.30 pm at the Cromford Community Centre

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