

# **Cromford Parish Council**

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Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held in the  
Cromford Institute, Cromford.

Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 7.30pm

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**Present:** Councillors: Barbara Bowman (Chair); Jeremy Beckett; Matt Birch; Russ Boyack; Jenny March; Alistair Fraser; Kate Wakefield; Iain Wakefield; Marie Szegota; Mrs Sian Bacon (Clerk); Cllr G Purdy (DDDC); 2 representatives from the Royal British Legion and 2 Parishioners.

## **22/10.1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr M Nutting

## **22/10.2 Variation to the order of business**

It was **RESOLVED** to move agenda item 15b Christmas Arrangements to after agenda item 6 minutes

## **22/10.3 Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr Boyack declared an interest in agenda item 16b payments to be authorised as a Payee.

## **22/10.4 Public Speaking**

### **District and County Councillor Reports and Issues:**

#### **Royal British Legion Representative**

The Chair of Cromford RBL Mrs Furness and County Committee M Wakeman reported that as of last year the Remembrance Service is required to be run by Parish and Town Councils. Councils are required to insure the event which will involve attendees walking from Water Lane to the memorials. The RBL have a health and safety risk assessment which will be forwarded to the Clerk. The Clerk will contact the insurance about insuring the event. It was noted that the service will be held at St Mary's next year. October 27<sup>th</sup> is poppy day and the RBL will be selling poppies around village. The Clerk will organise a meeting with the RBL to discuss arrangements for next year. Cllr Bowman reported that the wreaths have been collected. The RBL have placed the poppies on the lamp posts. It was noted that the RBL is short on committee members and may have to close if more volunteers do not come forward to take on committee positions. **Action: Clerk**

#### **Intake Lane**

A resident reported that on Intake Lane the parking problem is currently slightly less but the garage is still parking too many cars and Ridgewood parking is still a problem. It is felt that there is a disregard for the residents and incidents of poor driving. Rock house is now being affected. It was noted that there is delegated authority to councils but the Parish Council has not heard anything back about action being taken. Cllr Purdy noted that he and the Parish Council had put pressure on the police but they are saying there are no offences and won't take action unless drives are blocked. The poor turning conditions are responsibility of the driver emerging. Cllr Purdy has checked to see if the business is in breach of planning but no conditions were attached so the owner can do what he pleases. He noted that the Rock house rat running has intensified but the only thing to do is close gates. The Clerk will write to the police again. **Action: Clerk**

## **Christmas lights**

It was noted that there was a Lantern parade 3 or 4 years ago for children. Cllr Purdy recommended the DDDC local project fund to get funding for the event.

## **Report from Cllr Purdy (DCC)**

Cllr Purdy noted that Mr Galsworthy has now responded to the request for information on the cost of maintaining the Market place lamp post. He noted that all local authorities in the country are facing increased financial burdens with uncertain government funding at the moment.

The signs on North Street on Intake Lane that were promised were raised and it will be raised with Cllr Murphy (DCC).

## **22/10.5 Minutes of the previous meetings**

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28 September 2022, as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Fraser.

## **22/10.5 Christmas Arrangements**

It was agreed that the event would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It was noted that the risk assessment and licence are both ok. The issue of the Christmas tree was raised and it was noted that the blue cedar was looking a bit tatty so Cllr Bowman will speak to Mr Sturt about the cost of a new one. It was agreed that Cllr K Wakefield will be the co-ordinator. The playgroup will put on a film then a lantern parade. The risk assessment for the lantern parade will be done by the parade organisers. The timings will be coordinated but usually it is a 6pm light switch on. It was recommended that the lantern parade look at the Local Project fund from the DDDC for funding. Cllr Beckett raised the issue of bringing in the Cromford Band. Cllr Bowman will look for a Santa and Cllr Beckett will do the training of volunteers on the PA use. A newsletter article will be put in for the event. The Clerk will discuss the event with the insurance company. **Actions: Clerk, Cllrs Bowman, Wakefield and Beckett.**

## **22/10.6 Matters arising from the previous meeting (non decision making)**

The Clerk will raise the no through road signs and the A6 trees with Cllr Murphy (DCC).

## **22/10.7 Reports**

### **a. Alms Houses**

The Council recommended that in light of the requests for cottage improvements the Alms Houses Trustees hold a meeting.

### **b. Wirksworth and District Trust Fund**

No report was given.

### **c. County Council Liaison meeting**

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

### **d. Footpaths**

Cllr Beckett reported that he had received an email asking for dates regarding the Dene Hollow repairs that are now completed, A site meeting will be held at 10.30am next Wednesday. Cllr Beckett will attend and has notified the Footpath Warden.

**e. Speedwatch**

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

Cllr Bowman noted that the watch may need more volunteers and it was agreed to ask for more volunteers in the newsletter. It was noted that each watch needs a minimum of 3 people but really 4-5 people to do it properly, no more than 5 are allowed though. Police do speedwatch training by teams but it's not as good as in person training.

**f. Station Volunteers**

The report from Cllr Boyack was noted (Appendix A)

Cllr Boyack reported that a train will be running the same as last year for volunteers to go to Derby Station memorial for Remembrance Day. East Midlands Railway will supply tickets. Alister Morley is now off until the end of year, DCC has appointed someone else in place but the person is not currently available. It was also noted that plants can be bought by DCC for the station. Some plants have already been purchased so Cllr Boyack is going to see if plants can be bought for planting on the approach.

**g. Lea Road Closure**

The most recent update was received and circulated by Cllr Boyack

**h. Bear Pit**

Cllr Beckett reported that a loose slab was carried away due to all the water now going into the hole it has made the hole significantly bigger. There is some concern the wall will collapse. Photos have been taken and the Arkwright's society has been contacted for a meeting but Cllr Beckett has not had a date yet. Cllr Bowman will chase Arkwright's society.

**22/10.8 Village Enhancement**

**Planting** – The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

Cllr K Wakefield queried a resident regarding the damaged wooden posts outside the Community Centre and Greyhound and it was noted that they were not owned by the resident but a resident will repair.

**Lamp post** – The quote from the DDDC officer requires cherry picker to change lightbulb on the lamp post. It was noted that it costs £300 to replace the bulb but DDDC shares a cherry picker with other jobs so it works out cheaper. The figures have been sent out.

**Covid Signs** – It was noted that the signs now look a mess. The Clerk will ask Cllr Purdy (DDDC) what the current situation is as the council were under the impression the signs were supposed to go in September. **Action: Clerk**

**Village Caretaker** – Cllr Fraser reported that Community Payback do charge and there is a waiting list. He will also need specifications for a quote.

**Bedehouse Lane Jitty** – Cllr K Wakefield reported that on the jitty it is really over grown and the pot holes have been filled in poorly. She noted that the whole area needs a good clear up. Cllr March reported that North Street is the same. The Clerk will report this to DCC and write to Cllr Murphy.  
**Action: Clerk**

**22/10.9 Outside bodies:**

- a. **Cromford Institute** – Nothing to report.
- b. **Cromford Community Centre** – BB reported that the rental agreement is written.

**22/10.10 Communications**

- a. **Newsletter** – Cllr Beckett reported that Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October is the absolute deadline for submissions.
- b. **Parish Council website** – Cllr Beckett asked residents for recommendations and was sent to Wish Cloud who have quoted £500 to set up then £20pm to support. Belper Town Council have used them it was agreed that the Clerk will take a look and bring to next meeting.

**22/10.11 Policies for Approval**

- a. **Cromford Community Centre Rental Agreement** – It was agreed that the Council requires a sketch plan of exactly what is to be rented. Cllr Bowman will approach the Community Centre to get one and then put forward the agreement.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the rental agreement as presented.

**22/10.12 Training**

Planning training was attended by Cllrs Boyack, Birch & Nutting. The law training has been delayed for Cllr Birch. It was agreed that more training will be done in May after the elections.

**22/10.13 Planning Decisions:**

- a. 22/01011/FUL - Caffeine & Machine Application
- b. 22/01088/FUL - Extensions and alterations to dwelling - Hideaway Cottage Willersley Lane Cromford Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5JG

The Council had no comment for application a) and no objection to application b) and the Clerk will forward this to the planning department. **Action: Clerk**

**22/10.14 Items for Decision**

- a. **Remembrance Day Arrangements** – At Water Lane. Posters going out. Insurance & Risk Assessment. JB will sort PA system in memorial gardens and for school on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. DDDC cutting hedge and cleaning up.

**22/10.15 Finance & Administration**

- a. **Balance in the Bank** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the presented financial report – proposed by Cllr Beckett and, seconded by Cllr Wakefield
- b. **Items for approval and payment at this meeting** - It was **RESOLVED** to pay all items listed below proposed Cllr Beckett and, seconded Cllr Wakefield.

<b>Invoices for payments in October 2022</b>	
Footpath Warden's Wages	111.84
Clerk's Wages	498.26
HMRC - PAYE	34.80
Cromford Institute - s137 Grant	527.93
Royal British Legion - Wreaths	40.00
R Boyack - Station expenses	55.72
Cromford Institute - Hall use (28th September)	37.50
DD Payroll	24.00
R Boyack - Station plants	109.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£1,439.05</b>

**22/10.16 Items for information**

There were no items for information

**22/10.17 Correspondence**

1. District Council Area Community Forums - November / December 2022 – Cllr Bowman to attend the forum for the central area.
2. Road closed - B5035 Porter Lane Middleton By Wirksworth for BT Pole Works 2nd and 3rd November between 09:30 and 15:30 each day
3. Derbyshire County Council Adult Social Care Strategy Meetings

**22/10.18 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute.

Signed.....

Dated.....

## **Appendix A**

### **CPC Meeting 19 October 2022 Reports – Agenda Item 8**

#### **County Council Liaison Forum: - Cllr Bowman**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – I sent my apologies & did not attend as I was still sneezing / wheezing / coughing. DCC will be putting a report about the meeting on its website & will send me the link – which I will forward to all.

#### **Speedwatch: - Cllr Bowman**

Held on 10<sup>th</sup> October. I did not attend due to Covid – thanks to Jeremy Becket for stepping in to run it. 6 drivers (3 local) written to by the police.

#### **Village enhancement:- Cllr Bowman**

Winter planting to flower towers not carried out yet due to Covid & after effects. To be done in next 2 weeks.

Planned planting of wildflowers etc at copper beech & near churchyard cancelled due to Covid. Hope to rearrange shortly.

#### **Station Volunteers – Cllr R Boyack**

Meeting at the station on Friday 7th October when 120 Petunias, 50 Tete a Tete Daffodils were planted into the tubs and troughs on the station platform,

A further 40 English Daffodil bulbs were planted on the banks of the station approach.

The purchase of these plants and bulbs was funded by grants from East Midland Railways and Cllr Garry Purdy's Community fund

The plants and bulbs were sourced locally from Forrest Nursery's.

General maintenance of the banks on the station approach will continue. Further planting of these areas will continue when the weather is clement.