

# **Cromford Parish Council**

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

Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 7.30pm

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**Present:** Councillors: R Boyack; K Mitchell, C Gould, P Ashley and R Walsh; Sian Bacon (Clerk), and John Mee (Footpath Warden).

**24/11.1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Birch and Murphy (DCC) gave their apologies.

**24/11.2 Co-option of new councillors**

There were no candidates for Councillor at this time.

**24/11.3 Variation to the order of business**

None

**24/11.4 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

**24/11.5 Public Participation**

None

**24/11.6 Minutes of the previous meetings**

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the previous meetings held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024, as true record of those meetings. They were signed by the Chair.

**24/11.7 Matters arising from the previous meeting (non decision making)**

None

**24/11.8 Reports**

**a. Footpaths**

The Footpath warden reported that he has handed his quarterly report in to the Clerk. There is a tree down at Rose End Meadows and trees down on the canal. The snow has brought down branches.

The Footpath Warden will look at whether any projects are needed. The Footpath Warden does require new PPE for a cost of £150.

**b. Speedwatch**

There will be no watches until after the new year due to the roadworks on the Hill.

**c. Station Volunteers**

Cllr Boyack reported that he represented the station volunteers to lay a wreath on the Derby Station memorial. In limbo for the plants. EMR give a grant they cannot apply to Community rail and has to come from station volunteers. Duffield is meant to be coordinating. DCC have appointed a Community Rail Liaison Officer who starts in January.

**d. Planting**

No Update

**e. Tourist Map Design**

Cllr Mitchell reported that she has met with the designer and looked at the sites. It is thought that the phone box space is too close to the road. The site where the grit bin is on the Market place was looked at. The artist is going to give two aspect views by the next meeting. Then the edges will be tweaked to decide what wants to be included. It was noted that a website could be set up to be accessed to show the businesses through the QR code. Cllr Mitchell is looking into organising the businesses to get a website up and running.

**f. Remembrance Day**

The Clerk reported that the Remembrance Day had been well attended and the service had been well organised by the church. The only issue had been the lack of PA for the school service on the following Monday.

**g. Meeting with DDDC Officers**

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Birch had met with the DDDC Estates Officer and it had been agreed that:

1. The Limeyard lighting would be moved onto an unmetered service by the DDDC meaning it would no longer be dependant on the toilet block to work. The work on this is in progress.
2. The Millpond will be looked at and a clearing/ cleaning will be arranged. It is hoped this will take place in spring time.
3. The Market Place lamppost will be painted. The DDDC is working on getting quotes for the work.
4. Market Place posts. The DDDC are working on getting quotes for the posts but have asked the Parish council to coordinate the project as there are areas with posts that do not belong to the DDDC and these will need to be paid for either by the Parish Council or the landowners.

**24/11.9 Village Taskforce Formation**

This will be discussed at the December Meeting.

**24/11.10 Market Place Posts**

It was **RESOLVED** to move forward with organising the posts once quotes have been received from the DDDC and speak to the landowners for their contributions towards the posts on their land.

#### **24/11.11 Village Matters**

- a. **Hedges, roads and drains** – None
- b. **Quarry Dust Complaints** – it was agreed to report the dust problems to Environmental Health and request dust monitoring. The Environment agency and the Quarry and Mines Inspectorate will also be notified.
- c. **Christmas Arrangements and Light Costs** – It was **RESOLVED** to move a budget of £450 for the Christmas Tree and ancillary lighting. The lighting ceremony and lantern will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **24/11.12 Outside bodies:**

- a. **Cromford Institute** – a new toilet has been fitted and the roof repaired.
- b. **Cromford Community Centre** – The bar manager is leaving on the 8<sup>th</sup> December. It was noted that the Centre is in a deplorable state.
- c. **Celebrating Cromford** – Cllr Mitchell reported there was a meeting which the lantern parade was discussed. Food will be put on.
- d. **Derwent Valley Mills Heritage** – Nothing to report.

#### **24/11.13 Communications**

- a. **Newsletter Update** – The Clerk reported the newsletter is in progress and should be coming out with the Peak Advertiser soon.
- b. **Council Facebook Page** – it was agreed to promote the facebook page in the Newsletter.

#### **24/11.14 Planning Decisions:**

- a. **24/00986/VCOND - Removal of condition 2 of application no. 24/00679/LBALT - Removal of existing electric heating system. Installation of heating system, radiators, fan heaters, associated controls and pipework - The Arkwright Museum Building 1 Cromford Mill Mill Road Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3RQ** – No Objection
- b. **T/24/00243/TCA - Reduce crown of 1no. Beech Tree from 17 meters to 3 meters - Yew Tree Cottage Willersley Lane Cromford Derbyshire DE4 5JG** – No Objection
- c. **24/00932/FUL - Demolition of existing Garden Centre buildings and structures. Erection of new office, showroom, manufacturing facility and warehouse, with associated parking and circulation. Erection of new building for charity use, with storage, changing rooms and club room. - Cromford Garden Centre Derby Road Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3RN** - it was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds there may be a deleterious effect on the environment of the canal and the wildlife from the discharges and on highways concerns.
- d. **24/00864/LBALT - Proposed replacement of windows - 144 The Hill Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3QU** – No Objection

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public at this point due to discussion of staff pay

#### **24/11.15 Finance & Administration**

- a. **Balance in the Bank** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the presented financial report
- b. **S137 Grant** – The Council has received a grant request from the Cromford Institute for £100 for a community lunch. It was **RESOLVED** to grant £100.
- c. **Staff Pay Award 2024** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the staff pay award.

- d. **Budget 2025/26** – it was **RESOLVED** to carry the budget through to the December meeting
- e. **Precept 2025/26** – it was **RESOLVED** to carry the precept through to the December meeting.
- f. **Items for approval and payment at this meeting** - It was **RESOLVED** to pay all items listed below.

<b>Invoices for payment in November 2024</b>	
Clerk's Wages inc back pay	771.99
Footpath Wardens Wages inc back pay	262.20
Community Heartbeat Trust - Defib pads	76.74
Clerk - Remembrance Wreaths	44.48
Cromford Institute - Hall Hire	137.50
R Boyack - remembrance Wreath	25.00
M Birch - Lights for xmas tree	300.63
Footpath Warden petrol	7.55
HMRC - PAYE	121.70
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£1,747.79</b>

**24/11.16 Items for information**

1. ROW/3327436 & ROW\_3327437 - Derbyshire County Council (Upgrading to Bridleway of Public Footpath No. 41 - Parish of Cromford) Modification Orders 2021 & 2022

**24/11.17 Correspondence**

None

**24/11.18 Parish Council Calendar**

**Parish Council Meetings**

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary Meeting
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Finance Committee Meeting
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary Meeting
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6pm in the Cromford Institute – Quarry Liaison
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary Meeting
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 6.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Staffing Meeting
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary Meeting
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Finance Committee Meeting
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary Meeting
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 6pm in the Cromford Institute – Annual Parish Meeting
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 6.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary Meeting

**24/11.19 Date of next meeting**

- The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute.

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