

Cromford Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Cromford Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: J Beckett (Chair); M Birch; R Boyack; K Wakefield; S Mosley and M Nutting. Cllr I Ratcliffe (DCC) and Cllr G Purdy (DDDC). 1 Member of the Public. Mrs B Kirkham (Locum Clerk)

21/4.1 Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Beckett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowman and March and Cllr Ratcliffe (DCC).

21/4.2 Variation to the order of business

There was no variation to the order of business.

21/4.3 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Beckett declared an interest in item 21 b).

21/4.4 Public Speaking

- a) A member of the public updated the Council on the parking issues on Intake Lane, Police Aware stickers had been put on some vehicles. Rubbish from vehicles and oil on the road were still matters for concern. The matters had been reported to Environmental Health.
- b) Cllr Purdy – Cllr Pawley’s funeral had been a very moving tribute to her life and work in the community; investigations at Dene Quarry were ongoing; the end of the legislation for Councils to hold remote meetings was causing difficulties, some District Council officers would be given delegated powers, the outcome of a legal case was awaited. The District Council is eligible to receive levelling up funds from the government, but the deadlines for applications are very tight. The problem of un-sheeted lorries was not necessarily caused by lorries coming from Tarmac and other local quarries. Cllr Purdy agreed to follow up on dust monitoring and the removal of the fence on Mill Pond

21/4.5 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

21/4.6 Recruitment of Clerk/RFO report from Chair

The salary recommended by DALC included the work of the RFO.

21/4.7 Community Speed Watch Update & Purchase/Storage of Equipment

Community speed watches were likely to resume after the 17 May. The Council resolved to go ahead with the purchase of equipment.

21/4.8 20s Plenty for Derbyshire

The Council resolved to accept the principle of the 20s Plenty for Derbyshire campaign for certain areas of Cromford.

21/4.9 Station Volunteers

It was hoped that all volunteers would be able to return after the 17 May.

21/4.10 Application to Derbyshire Rural Action Grants for £500 for flowers and shrubs at Cromford Station

The Council resolved to support Cllr Boyack's proposal for an application of £500 to the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund. *Action: Cllr Boyack.*

21/4.11 Dust on the roads around Cromford

The dust from quarries was causing major problems in the village. The mobile crusher was hired from Barnsley, the home authority regulates the environmental standards for the operation of the crusher, so it was difficult for Derbyshire Environmental Health Officers to take action. Local officers were looking to see if there was any breach of planning regulations. The need for the sprinkler system to be repaired and the very dry weather had exasperated the problems of dust. The installation of a new sprinkler system should reduce dust. Cllr Beckett had written to the Police & Crime Commissioner requesting that the police should enforce the sheeting of lorries under the road traffic act, to date no response had been received. Cllr Beckett, as Chair of the Parish Council and Quarry Liaison Committee, agreed to write to the Police representative on the DALC Executive Committee and request that the police take action. *Action: Cllr Beckett*

21/4.12 Vehicle problems on Intake Lane

This matter had been raised with Cllr Purdy. The PCSO would visit the area but had limited powers to act.

21/4.13 Sign at top of Intakes Lane

The Clerk had reported this matter to the County Council Rangers at Middleton Top.

21/4.14 Police Matters

There were no other items to be raised under this item.

21/4.15 County Council & District Council Matters

A meeting had been arranged with Cllr Ratcliffe, Cllr Beckett and representatives from Alison House and the School regarding the placing of a bollard outside Alison House.

21/4.16 Newsletter

The next newsletter was due to be delivered in June.

21/4.17 Great British Spring Clean

The Council resolved to go ahead with the scheme whilst maintaining social distancing. Volunteers were welcome.

21/4.18 Planning Decisions:

- a) 21/00341/FUL – Conversion of garage with 2-storey extension, single storey extension and loft conversion – 33 Intake Lane, Cromford**

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

- b) 21/00334/FUL – Installation of 3 No. Heat Pump Unit to eastern elevation – Scarthin Books, Scarthin, Cromford**

The Parish Council resolved to object to these proposals on the grounds that if the application were to go ahead it would be noisy and visually intrusive. *Action: Clerk*

- c) T/21/00048/TCA – Remove 4 No. Elm Trees (T1, T3, T7 and T8) 3 No. Ash Trees (T2, T5 and T6) and 1 No. Hawthorn Tree (T4) – Land to rear of 17-19 Market Place, Cromford**

This application had been withdrawn.

21/4.19 Trello - Casework/Complaints Procedure

The Council resolved to continue using the free version of Trello.

21/4.20 Items for Decision:

- a) Appointment of DD Payroll Services as the Council's Payroll Provider**

The Council resolved to go ahead with the appointment at a total cost of £240 per annum, proposed by Cllr Mosley, seconded Cllr Nutting.

- b) Opening Reserve Account at Unity Trust and transferring £25,000 to Reserve Account**

Council funds in the current and savings accounts at Lloyds had all been transferred into one current account at Unity Trust. The Council resolved to open a reserve account with Unity Trust and transfer £25,000 into that account, proposed Cllr Boyack seconded Cllr Mosley. *Action: Clerk*

- c) Delegate approval of April 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.

- d) Date of Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting**

Cllr Beckett to email staffing committee members with a proposed date. *Action: Cllr Beckett*

21/4.21 Finance

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

The balance in the Unity Trust account was £31,069.85.

- 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.

Celebrating Cromford	240.00
D Sturt	214.80
J Beckett (Flowers)	59.50
Spotless (March)	50.00

21/4.22 Items for Information

A resident had asked about the availability of allotments. Cllr Wakefield to follow up. *Action: Cllr Wakefield*

21/4.23 Correspondence

All items of correspondence had been sent out by email.

21/4.24 Date of forthcoming meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 5 May at 8 pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 5 May following the Annual Parish Meeting

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 19 May at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.