

Cromford Parish Council

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

Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Marie Szegota; Alister Fraser; Philip Curzon and Matt Birch (Chair).
Sian Bacon (Clerk), John Mee (Footpath Officer), Cllr Murphy (DCC) and 2 members of the public

23/6.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Boyack and Cllr I Wakefield.

23/6.2 Co-option of new councillors

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Philip Curzon to the Council. Mr Curzon signed the acceptance of office and joined the councillors.

23/6.3 Variation to the order of business

None

23/6.4 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no interests declared.

23/6.5 Public Speaking

Cllr D Murphy (DCC)

Cllr Murphy gave an update on the Via Gellia Road project. He has spoken to the lead project manager and now that feedback has been received from consultations designs are being done which are being re-costed. Some plans have been sent to residents at the Clatterway for review around the areas of road crossing. The major issue with the project is the budget, the County Council were granted the money before covid and had no one to design the work at that time but have now got people in however, costs have gone up in three years with inflation. This means some lesser features may disappear due to the increased cost. It was also found that DCC don't own all of the verges along the Via Gellia and some trees on the stretch require removal for ash die back but some of this work will have to be done by the land owners. The Peak Park are liaising with highways over the gantries as the Peak Park aren't happy with them however the cameras are required by the government as the major element of the project to slow the traffic is the cameras so this need to be in. By October the council should have drawings of the project.

Cllr Murphy reported that outside Masson Mills the retaining wall had failed due to the trees damaging the wall. The council had cut back the trees previously. The wall is going to be repaired on the 10th July with the County council paying for the work.

Cllr Murphy is also looking into the footpath sign reported by Jeremy Beckett.

John Mee (Footpath Warden)

Mr Mee reported the dangerous overhanging trees on the A6 at Cromford courtside that are obscuring the lights and road signage. Cllr Murphy will report this.

There are overhanging hedges at 22 and 24 the Hill causing problems and pushing people on the pavement into the road. There are also overgrown hedges at 27 and 17 Hawthorn Drive also pushing people into road. Cllr Murphy will report this. Cllr Birch will send photos.

The Dene Hollow footpath was raised at the Quarry liaison meeting and it was noted that it was to specification. Mr Mee will walk it and report back.

The Lime yard was raised by a resident and it was reported that a private owned garage been chained off with a tree down. It's not clear whether tree has been cut or fallen. There is also no lighting there now which is making it unsafe. The council will try to establish who is the landowner, if tree was cut or fallen and if the chain is permitted.

23/6.6 Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes will be approved at the next meeting due to an IT issue making them unavailable.

23/6.7 Matters arising from the previous meeting (non decision making)

There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

23/6.8 Reports

a. Footpaths

This was discussed in the public participation section.

b. Speedwatch

It was noted that Speedwatches are being held.

c. Station Volunteers

There was no report from the station volunteers at this time.

d. Planting

It was reported that summer bedding is in the towers.

23/6.9 Representatives to Outside Bodies

- a. Community Rail Partnership** - It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Boyack will be the Council Representative on the Community Rail Partnership.
- b. Quarry Liaison** – it was agreed to look at placing more members on the Quarry Liaison Committee in July when more members are co-opted on to the council.
- c. Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site** – it was agreed to look at placing a member on the DVMWHS in July when more members are co-opted on to the council.

23/6.10 Outside bodies:

- a. Cromford Institute** – the AGM will be held next Wednesday at 7.30pm. It's been advertised on Facebook. £120 was raised from canine first aid course. During the Celebrating Cromford weekend the institute held an exhibition and raised just under £300 over the weekend. The institute is now in profit with the 200 club and Cllr Fraser has donated £100 from his win. The painting has been done and the rubbish removal done. The accounts will be sent to the Clerk.
- b. Cromford Community Centre** – There has been no further information.
- c. Cromford Meadows Sports Club** – There is no further update.
- d. Celebrating Cromford** – Report from Cllr Fraser was noted (Appendix A). Cllr Birch reported that the food truck and the Bell will donate £50 to Celebrating Cromford.
It was noted that the bunting needs removing. Mrs Taylor-Wilde will help if she is available. Cllrs Birch and Fraser will organise the removal for Saturday at 1pm.

There will be a meeting organised for Tuesday at the Boat from 6pm. Fundraising is being looked at.

23/6.11 Communications

- a. Newsletter** – There is no further update but Cllr Szegota will liaise on the next deadline with Mr Beckett.
- b. Parish Council website** – the Clerk reported the old website should be handed over by the end of the week and the new one going live at the same time.

23/6.12 Audit – Internal Audit Report 2022/23

The internal audit report was noted by the council and will be published on the website. It was noted that the system of internal control was functioning properly for the 2022/23 financial year. It was also noted by the auditor that the council should look to co-opt members as soon as possible to allow for proper functioning in 2023/24.

23/6.13 Audit – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23, proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Curzon.

23/6.14 Audit – Annual Accounting Statement 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Accounting Statement 2022/23, proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Szegota.

23/6.15 Audit - The Certificate of Exemption for 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Certificate of Exemption 2022/23, proposed by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr Curzon.

23/6.16 Planning Decisions:

- a.** 23/00581/FUL | Installation of waterwheel and turbine within existing wheel pit in mill yard - Revision of 22/00244/FUL | Building 10 Second Floor Cromford Mill Mill Road Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3RQ

- b. Tree Works Application T/23/00065/TCA, Felling of 2 Ash trees heavily infected with dieback and 1 ash tree with medium levels of dieback. All trees are directly above and threatening the main access footpath from the lea road to the sewage works and then high peak trail. Total 3 trees. at Bow Wood End Lea Road Lea Bridge Derbyshire DE4 5AA
- c. Tree Works Application T/23/00092/TCA, Re-pollard 2x Poplar trees (T1, T2) to previous pollard points. Fell 1x dead Poplar tree (T3) and replant with 1x standard Hornbeam at Car Park Cromford Wharf Mill Road Cromford Derbyshire
- d. 23/00582/LBALT | Installation of waterwheel and turbine within existing wheel pit in mill yard - Revision of 22/00303/LBALT | Building 10 Second Floor Cromford Mill Mill Road Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3RQ
- e. 23/00598/FUL | Erection of single storey rear and side extension | 28 St Marks Close Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3QD

The Council had no objections to applications a), b), c), d), and e) and the Clerk will forward this to the planning department. **Action: Clerk**

23/6.17 Items for Decision

None

23/6.18 Finance & Administration

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

Invoices for payment in June 2023	
Spotless	100.00
B Bowman - Plants & Snowphone	65.00
J Marriott - Internal Audit	100.00
S Mosley - plants	16.00
Footpath Warden - Petrol	15.97
Footpath Warden Wages	123.12
Clerk's Wages	544.05
Total Payments	£964.14

23/6.19 Items for information

None

23/6.20 Correspondence

1. DDDC – Notice that the annual electoral canvas will be beginning on the 12th July.
2. DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum – 18th September 2023

23/6.21 Parish Council Calendar

Parish Council Meetings

- Wednesday 19th July 2023 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary meeting
- Wednesday 19th July 2023 6pm in the Cromford Institute – Finance Meeting

- Wednesday 20th September 2023 6pm in the Cromford Institute – Quarry Liaison Meeting
- Wednesday 20th September 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary meeting

23/6.22 Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute.

Signed..... Dated.....

Appendix A

Celebrating Cromford 2023 – Cllr A Fraser

This year's Celebrating Cromford took place over the weekend of 9th, 10th and 11th of June.

Prior to the event a great deal of hard work went in regarding planning, permissions, events licensing and insurance.

This year's programme was produced with sterling work being carried out regarding selling advertising space in order for printing costs to be covered. This was amazingly achieved and under an extremely tight schedule was achieved and distributed to all households in Cromford with a surplus for visitor availability in local businesses. Additional publicity was in place with laminated A4 information sheets on lampposts.

Events took place all around the village, from St Mary's Church through to Community Centre, Scarthin, The School, Cromford Institute, North Street, Methodist Church including the Play Group, The Boat Inn, The Bell Inn, The Greyhound Inn and outside numerous private residences.

Activities included Historical walk around the village, tractor pull, Live Music, Live Dancing, Fell Race, School Summer Fair, Historical Exhibition including artefacts, photos and presentation, Table Top Sale, Craft Stalls, Animal Handling, St Mary's Church open for visitors, Spiderman, Iron man and Elsa, Community Bands, Morris Men, Belly Dancers, Casino Night, Tug of War, to name a few.

We were lucky with the weather and there were many Visitors in the village.

A huge huge thank you to everyone who put in the time and effort on making the Weekend a huge success.

Moving on we have to engage in fundraising events to continue putting on and developing the weekend.