

# Cromford Parish Council

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

Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 7.30pm

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**Present:** Councillors: Matt Birch (Chair); Marie Szegota; Alister Fraser and Sian Bacon (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

## **23/5.1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr R Boyack (illness), Iain Wakefield (personal) and Cllr Murphy (DCC).

## **23/5.2 Co-option of new councillors**

There were no candidates who had come forward.

## **23/5.3 Variation to the order of business**

None.

## **23/5.4 Declaration of Members Interests**

None.

## **23/5.5 Public Speaking**

Mr Beckett reported that the County Council have installed a fingerpost sign which has been stuck to his privately owned garage with no consultation and no consent. It was noted that it has been placed on private property. Though the county council need to put signs to public foot paths and Mr Beckett is not opposing the footpath but the location of the sign is a problem. He has written to the County Council and the Clerk will chase this up. **Action: Clerk.**

Mrs Taylor-Wilde gave an update on the Institute. She reported that financially the institute is in fairly good shape and the committee will send a copy of the accounts to the Clerk for the records. They have £3500 in bank but the committee have many plans for the money. The AGM will be held next month.

The Community Centre was raised and it was queried whether there was any information on the toilets. The Clerk reported that there was no information at present. It was also reported that there are no lights on down the lime yard and it appears the electricity has been cut off.

## **23/5.6 Minutes of the previous meetings**

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19 April 2023, as a true record of that meeting with an amendment to the item 23/4.5 Celebrating Cromford that Cllr

Beckett is helping with the photo exhibition not organising it, proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Szegota.

### **23/5.7 Matters arising from the previous meeting (non decision making)**

1. Flags and Bunting for Celebrating Cromford – it was queried whether there is enough bunting and what the plan is to put it up. It was agreed that this will be raised at the Celebrating Cromford meeting and a plan will be put in place. It was noted that there is plenty of bunting at the school.

### **23/5.8 Reports**

#### **a. Footpaths**

There was no report at this time.

#### **b. Speedwatch**

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

#### **c. Station Volunteers**

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

#### **d. Planting**

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

#### **e. Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership**

The report from Cllr Bowman was noted (Appendix A)

### **23/5.9 Planning Decisions:**

- a. 23/00485/CLPUD, Certificate of Proposed Lawful Use- Use of garden shed as a holiday let in addition to the current ancillary use. at 14 The Hill Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3QL – no comment
- b. 23/00489/FUL - Erection of two storey extension and alterations - Clips Head Willersley Lane Cromford Derbyshire DE4 5JG
- c. 23/00451/FUL - Erection of single storey pumphouse in association with new fire sprinkler system, the installation of a water storage tank and related works including the relevant demolition of a toilet block building in a conservation area - John Smedley Limited Boiler House Lea Mills Lea Road Lea Bridge Derbyshire
- d. 23/00323/LBALT - Installation of replacement windows to front elevation - 85 The Hill Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3QU
- e. 23/00516/FUL - Extensions and alterations to dwelling - Hideaway Cottage Willersley Lane Cromford Derbyshire DE4
- f. 23/00487/FUL - Single storey rear extension, alterations to roof and installation of dormer window - 1 The Newlands Alabaster Lane Cromford Derbyshire DE4 3QJ
- g. Appeal by Scarthin Books, Scarthin Books of Cromford, Scarthin, Cromford - 22/00678/FUL - 23/00017/WREP - APP/3316401

The Council had no objections to applications c), d), e) and f), no comment on applications a) and g) and an objection to application b) on the grounds of overdevelopment and concern for the pressure a larger number of people will put on the sewage and drainage systems at the site. The Clerk will forward these responses to the planning department. **Action: Clerk**

**23/5.10 Items for Decision**

There were no items for decision

**23/5.11 Finance & Administration**

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

<b>Invoices for Payment in May 2023</b>	
Clerk's Wages	544.05
Footpath Warden Wages	123.12
Zurich - insurance	682.26
Highland print - newsletter	509.00
Spotless	100.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 1,958.43</b>

**23/5.12 Items for information**

None

**23/5.13 Correspondence**

1. DCC - Temporary 30m.p.h Speed Limit on B5056 Grangemill for retaining wall repairs 29th May to 9th June 2023
2. Local Government Boundary Commission – Derbyshire County Council Boundary consultation.
3. DALC – the first DALC day is to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**23/5.14 Parish Council Calendar**

**Parish Council Meetings**

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 6pm in the Cromford Institute – Quarry Liaison meeting
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary meeting
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 6pm in the Cromford Institute – Finance Meeting
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 6pm in the Cromford Institute – Ordinary Meeting

**23/5.15 Date of next meeting**

- The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cromford Institute.

Signed.....

Dated.....

## **Appendix A**

### **CPC Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Reports**

#### **Speedwatch:**

The latest session was held on 16<sup>th</sup> May. It was an evening session held at the top of The Hill by Dene Quarry entrance. In an hour and a total of 231 cars, we logged 16 going at 36mph or faster in the 30mph zone (and by the functioning 30mph warning sign).

#### **Station volunteers**

We have been making steady progress weeding etc and pruning. In the next couple of sessions, we will be planting out summer bedding (weather permitting) on the platform planters. We look forward to seeing Russ Boyack back soon from his bypass op, to tell us what to do and keep us up to the mark.

#### **Planting**

The spring / winter planting is still looking OK and it has been very cold for summer bedding so none done to date. Aim to get done for Celebrating Cromford weekend

#### **Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership**

I attended this on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May in Russ's place. Like Russ, I will only report on matters of immediate interest to Cromford residents. Apologies but some of the technical stuff went right over my head!

1. Passengers' numbers using Cromford are still almost 24% down on the comparable period pre -Covid. How much of this was due to no through trains to Nottingham or to home working was not known.
2. The new EMR timetable is out with the restitution of the train service direct through to Nottingham. That is the good news. However, from May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> Network Rail will be working on the Milford tunnel, meaning that the train service will be replaced by bus from Matlock to Derby for this period. As on previous occasions EMR will have management teams out to explain to passengers what is happening & where to go to catch the bus. As a result, there will only be a sustained advertising campaign for the through Nottingham train from mid-June.
3. Industrial action continues by both ASLEF & RMT expected. When ASLEF strike – 31<sup>st</sup> May & 3<sup>rd</sup> June – no trains run. When RMT take action a skeleton level service can be run.
4. Routes for Remembrance will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November this year.
5. Cross country trains warned that there will be reduced services between Derby & Birmingham. This is because the station roof is being replaced at New St station, taking 2 platforms out of use while this happens. Hence reduced capacity through the station and reduced services.

6. Bus companies (Hulleys of Baslow) EMR, Cross Country & DCC are looking at through ticketing & integrated timetable and badging for some services from Chesterfield into the Peak eg Chatsworth.
7. Transpeak bus services will be improved on Sundays from July – to be hourly as the rest of the week.

### **Planting**

Planting ordered from Woolley Moor Nurseries.

We are away now - back late next Wednesday. I am picking the order up week next Thursday and will then plant out - no rain forecast this week so didn't want to do it before we went.. Sue Mosley is doing around the Scarthin war memorial