CROMFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 7:30pm

Present at the Meeting: Cllr R Walsh (Chair), Cllr J Richards, Cllr R Boyack, Cllr D Brown, Cllr K Mitchell, Cllr A Fraser, Cllr P Ashley, Cllr Birch

Minutes prepared by: Cllr P Ashley

26/04/01 **Apologies Received and Accepted by Councillors:** Cllr I Page

26/04/02 **Variation of Order of Business:** A presentation from Ellis Scott, CEO of Cromford Mills was given before the beginning of the meeting.
Ellis gave a detailed and illuminating presentation on the priorities for the next stages of development planned for the Mill. These included sharing details of the Strategic Plan and building transformation.
There was also discussion on the events planned to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the second Mill and North Street planned for 18th and 19th September 2026.
There was agreement that the Parish council should develop closer relationships with the Mill, including sharing of activities and supporting planning and grant applications. The Chair thanked Ellis for her presentation and for the of the Gothic Warehouse venue.
It was also agreed to take item 6n and 7a at this point with Ailish in attendance.

26/04/03 **Declaration of Members Interests: The following Councillors declared interest on a point on the agenda:**

No items to declare - **Resolved**

26/04/04 **Public Speaking:**
There were no members of the public in attendance.

(a) Police Liaison Officer was not in attendance.
County Councillor A Hunter was not in attendance.
Councillor N Whitehead was not in attendance.
(b) Members declaring a prejudicial interest – None to declare

26/04/05 **To confirm the minutes of the following meeting**
18th March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting (attached) **Resolved**

Items for Information

26/04/06 **To receive an update on:-**

(a) Footpaths – No report was received.
(b) Station Volunteers – Cllr Boyack gave an update on the work being done by the station volunteers.
(c) Speedwatch – Cllr Richards volunteered to be the link person for Speedwatch.
(d) Planting – Planting arrangements were in place.
(e) Hedges, roads, grit bins, potholes and drains to be reported – It was noted that a road sign on the A6 has the wrong display.
(f) Millpond Newsletter – Cllr Ashley indicated that this would be distributed in early May.
(g) Repainting of Milepost – No details for taking this forward were received at the meeting.

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(h) Parish Noticeboard Refurbishment – No more details were available.
(i) Speed Indicator Devices – Awaiting installation date.
(j) Defibrillator – Item going ahead as planned.
(k) Biodiversity St Marks Close – Discussions are continuing.
(l) Parish Council Storage Options – It was agreed to take up the offer for storage at the Mill.
(m) Cromford Map – it was agreed to investigate the costs to sell copies of this.
(n) 250th Celebrations –
(o) Lime Yard – Nothing further was agreed.
(p) Churchyard – This was reported as an item to be dealt with by DDDC.

26/04/07 Outside Bodies

(a) Cromford Institute Update – No report received.
(b) Celebrating Cromford Update – No update.
(c) Derwent Valley Mills Heritage Update – Included in item 2.

26/04/08 Finance & Administration

(a) Balance in the Bank – Circulated to all Councillors – **Resolved**
(b) Budget Variance – Circulated to all Councillors – **Resolved**
(c) Bank Reconciliation – Circulated to all Councillors - **Resolved**
(d) Items for approval and payment at this meeting – All payments approved – **Resolved**
(e) Budget 2026/27 – The budget was discussed.

Items for Decision –

26/04/09 Planning Matters

26/00328/LBALT Installation of 2no. chimney cowls with strap fixings to existing chimney pots – 8 North Street, Cromford, Derbyshire, DE4 3RG

The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

26/04/10 Business Continuity

Proposed for Closed Session In accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2) and the Local Government Act 1972 s100 (2) the following agenda items to be considered with members of the public and press excluded from the meeting for the reason that the matter is commercially sensitive - **Resolved**

To receive a report (verbal) on the ongoing absence of the Clerk
Confidential item.

Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 7.30pm