CROMFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 17th June 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

Minutes prepared by: Cllr P Ashley

26/06/01 **Apologies Received and Accepted by Councillors:** Cllr M Birch, Cllr N Huish

26/06/02 **Variation of Order of Business:** No variation

26/06/03 **Declaration of Members Interests: The following Councillors declared interest on a point on the agenda:**

Cllr Boyack – Member of the Rugby Club – **Resolved**
Cllr Fraser - Member of the Rugby Club – **Resolved**

26/06/04 **Public Speaking:**

Public Speaking: there were 5 members of the public present.

Mrs. Moseley described her many years of service to the Council and the community which she now serves by planting flowers and plants in the village. A request was made for £100 for compost, pots and plants to provide enhanced displays in the village. This was granted and will be actioned and approved by the clerk for speedy payment. Thanks were given by the Council members for Mrs. Moseley's work in the village.

Mr. Oxley confirmed that work had been done to clean the Bear Pit in preparation for Celebrating Cromford and requested payment of £200 (previously agreed). The council thanked Mr Oxley for his work.

Mrs. Taylor-Wilde informed the Council that copies of the Millpond had not been distributed to many areas in the village. Distribution had been haphazard and some copies of the Peak Advertiser had been stuffed into litter bins. This would be taken up with The Peak Advertiser and consideration would be given to funding an alternative method of distribution.

(a) Police Liaison Officer was not in attendance. County Councillor A Hunter was in attendance, There was discussion on the opening of the toilets at Cromford Wharf and the power plug for the Christmas tree. Cllr Hunter agreed to take these issues forward.
(b) Members declaring a prejudicial interest – None to declare

26/06/05 **To confirm the minutes of the following meeting**

20th May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting (attached) **Resolved**

Items for Information

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

(a) Footpaths – No report was received.
(b) Station Volunteers – Cllr Boyack confirmed planting had taken place at the station.

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(c) Speedwatch – Cllr Richards confirmed that Speedwatch took place on June 6th. There were 5 offenders, none local.
(d) Planting – No report.
(e) Hedges, roads, grit bins, potholes and drains to be reported – There was discussion as to how the Clean and Green team could operate more effectively in the village in the light of recent poor performance. A better dialogue is needed to ensure that the team do what is required. **Action: Cllr Hunter would investigate how they might operate more effectively**
Action: Cllr Walsh would invite the leader of the Clean and green team to the next meeting
The PC would identify area of the village which could benefit from enhanced cleaning by Ollie Sturt, or the Clean and Green team.
(f) Millpond Newsletter – It was noted that this has had a haphazard delivery. Cllr Ashley and Cllr Richards to investigate.
(g)Repainting of Milepost – This item to be taken off of the agenda.#
(h) Parish Noticeboard Refurbishment - Update on the Parish Noticeboard is urgent.
(i) Defibrillator - This is now installed and operative in the Institute. Thanks were given to Cllr Richard's work on setting this up.
(j) Biodiversity St Marks Close – No update.
(k) Cromford Map - Cllr Brown presented quotations for the production of maps. It was agreed to produce 1000 of these.
(l) Lime Yard Lighting - Cllr Walsh is liaising with DDDC to ascertain if they will maintain and light it. If they decline, the Parish Council have no power to enforce it.
(m) Churchyard Maintenance – The Parish Council will request DDDC improve maintenance.
(n) Pond – The traffic cones have now been removed.
(o) Speed Indicator Device – No update.
(p) Storage Options - Storage for Celebrating Cromford chairs etc. There was a possibility that storage could be agreed with The Mill, Cllr Walsh to speak with the Mill.
(q) Threepenny - There was discussion as to whether to consider a pricey renovation to this. Details of costings were provided by Cllr Boyack. It was agreed to find out whether the PC have the power to do it before we take this any further. It was agreed to ask DALC for advice.
(r) Temporary Toilets – Celebrating Cromford have paid for a temporary toilet for the duration of the weekend. It was agreed this might provide a way forward for the PC to provide this facility on a more permanent basis and it was agreed to do this for a three month trial. Cllr Mitchell provided details of providers and it was agreed to ask Sanitise to do this for 3 months. The PC would then review the arrangement. The only permission required is from the Estates department.
(s) Community Toilets – The toilets sign will need to stay to signpost temporary toilets.
(t) Hartington Community Group - It was agreed to invite a speaker from Hartington Community Group to attend the meeting in September to talk to the PC about the advantages of setting up such a system in Cromford .

26/06/07 Outside Bodies

(a) Cromford Institute Update – No report received.
(b) Celebrating Cromford Update – Cllr Fraser gave an update on the arrangements for Celebrating Cromford, which were well in hand.
(c) Derwent Valley Mills Heritage Update – No update.

26/06/08 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**

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(e) Budget 2026/27 – An update on the budget was provided.

Items for Decision –

26/06/09 **Planning Matters**
26/00639/LBALT
Replace main roof slate tiles with new slate tiles. Add 2 skylights to part of the rear elevation to improve the natural light into the main room.
18 The Hill, Cromford, Derbyshire, DE4 3QL

The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

26/06/10 **Market Place Seat**
It was agreed for Councillor Boyack would take his forward.

26/06/11 **S137 Grant Application**
The grant to the Rugby club of £1000 was agreed - **Resolved**

26/06/12 **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 15th July 2026 at 7.30pm

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