CROMFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7:30pm

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

Minutes prepared by the Locum Clerk: Katherine Furby

26/02/01 **Apologies Received and Accepted by Councillors:** Cllr M Birch, Cllr I Page

26/02/02 **Acceptance of Office** – Signed by Nigel Huish - **Resolved**

26/02/03 **Variation of Order of Business:** No variation - **Resolved**

26/02/04 **Declaration of Members Interests: The following Councillors declared interest on a point on the agenda:**

No declarations – **Resolved**

26/02/05 **Public Speaking:**
No members of public present.

Clerk to contact Cllr Whitehead regarding no response received from DDDC regarding the rat infestation.
Cllr Huish reported traffic cones in the pond, Clerk to chase this up with Cllr Whitehead.
Cllr Richards reported the bear pit has now been cleaned.

(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

26/02/06 **To confirm the minutes of the following meeting**
21st January 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting (attached) **Resolved**

Items for Information

26/02/07 **To receive an update on:-**

(a) Footpaths – Cllr Walsh to complete DCC minor maintenance agreement.
(b) Station Volunteers – Cllr Boyack attended a meeting with volunteers, each group is to receive a sum of money to use as required. The photograph is now in the final and the result will be on 3rd March 2026. Cllr Fraser gave thanks to Cllr Boyack and volunteers for their efforts.
(c) Speedwatch – There have been no meetings due to roadworks.
(d) Planting – There is no update on this item.
(e) Hedges, roads, grit bins, potholes and drains to be reported –
    1. Provision of drain on Water Lane – Several of the holes in the wall that are used for draining the water are blocked, this has been looked at but there has been no change. Cllr Mitchell to report again
    2. Cleansing of area between Memorial Garden and A6 – Cllr Fraser reported some works have nbeen carried out but there is still mud etc. Cllr Walsh discussed the

site meeting with the DDDC Clean & Green team including Cllr Richards. There is a fixed system on a rota basis of cleaning 4 times per year, but this can be moved around for works to be completed at different times. Cllr Richards advised that the more evidence of complaints and comments reported to DDDC will help with actions. Reports can be made online. DDDC to send the link for reports to Cllr Walsh. Cllr Richards requested everyone make reports of any issues direct to DDDC. This item is to be included in the millpond newsletter.

(f) Millpond Newsletter – Next edition to be delivered in 2 weeks.
(g) Repainting of Milepost – Cllr Boyack to request further quotes to be considered at the next meeting.
(h) Methodology for storing Council Records – No update on this item.
(i) Defibrillator – Clerk to speak with Cromford Institute to enquire about relocating the defibrillator.
(j) Parish Noticeboard Refurbishment – Cllr Richards obtained 3 quotes for a replacement noticeboard at the Market Place. It was agreed to go ahead with the quote received from Greenbarnes Ltd, it was decided to have the noticeboard in black. Clerk to obtain a quote from Mr. Sturt for installation.
(k) Speed Indicator Device – Cllr Richards gave an update on this item, currently awaiting installation.
(l) Village Maintenance Requirements – No requirements at present.
(m) Cromford Mill – Cllrs to attend visit, Cllr Brown gave apologies.

26/02/08 Outside Bodies

(a) Cromford Institute Update – No update on this item.
(b) Celebrating Cromford Update – Cllr Fraser circulated notes from the recent meeting, this was a very active and well attended meeting. Cllr Huish to be included in future emails.
(c) Derwent Valley Mills Heritage Update – Cllr Walsh to attend an online meeting in the next week and will provide a report.

26/02/09 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 – An update on the budget was provided.
(f) Financial Regulations – To be reviewed at the next meeting.

Items for Decision –

26/02/10 Planning Matters

(a) Fell 2 no. Elm (T1 and T5), 2 nos, Oak (T4 and T5) and 1no. Alder (T7), Crown reduce 1no. Birch removal of one branch (T2), Crown reduce 1no. Goat Willow removal of one branch (T6) and Crown reduce 1no. Oak to a safe height (T3)

High Peak Junction Visitor Centre Derby Road High Peak Junction Cromford Derbyhire

The Parish Council makes no objection to this application.

(b) Fell 2no. Ash trees

Car Park South of Bow Wood House Lea Road Lea Bridge Derbyshire

The Parish Council makes no objection to this application.

26/02/11 **S137 Application from Cromford Institute**
The application for a grant of £750 was approved - **Resolved**

26/02/12 **To consider the storage location of Council's physical assets**
Options for storage locations were discussed. The Parish Council will await official notice to vacate the Community Store.

26/02/13 **Provision of street lighting between Station and Village**
It was discussed that this area is poorly lit and it is very dark, it is particularly bad around the narrow footbridge over the bridge past the graveyard. To be discussed with DCC via Cllr Whitehead for consideration of improvements.

26/02/14 **Parish Council Website – Approval to spend up to £1,400 on new website and Councillor email addresses**
Clerk to enquire with current provider the cost of a members only section on the website to access documents. Item to be further discussed at the next meeting.

26/02/15 **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.

There being no further action the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7.30pm