

# Minutes - 10 May 2022

## CROWTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Crowton Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 10th May 2022 following the AGM at Crowton Village Hall

2022

#### Present

Cllr Richard Thorne (RT)(vice Chair), Cllr Joel Rutter,(JR) Cllr Jennifer Currie (JC),

Cllr Roger Hammond (RH), Cllr Elizabeth Stubbs(ES) Cllr Ralph Oultram (RO) Cllr Robert Stubbs (RS)

Ward Cllr Paul Williams,(PW)

Clerk T Whitlow (TW)

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#### Apologies for Absence were received from:

Cllr Ross McCrickerd(Chair)

Ward Cllr's Gillian Edwards & Charles Fifield

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#### Declarations of Members' Interests –RS, JR, ES planning application

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**Approve Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 12th April 2022 were approved & signed by the Vice chair

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#### Matters arising from Minutes of 12/04/2022

**(1) Facebook** –RM advised (email) that he has working with a villager to get the PC Facebook up and running.

**(2) Millennium Green benches:** RT, RS, JR to position & anchor the new bench that was purchased, currently at Cllr RM, on the MG

**(3) Millennium Green accidents/incidents signage:** RM has ordered 2 signs for the MG,

**(4) Station Road:** Surfacing – PW to speak to CF to find the outcome of CF escalating the state of Station Road. PW to suggest a meeting with highways, also to discuss with CWaC the possibility of extending the 30mph boundary on Ainsworth Lane, to beyond the bridge, due to the additional properties, and on Norley Lane from “The Poplars” to Kingsley Road.

**(5) Queens Jubilee:** RM supplied the flyers he has had printed. He has been in contact with the Church & WI. He will need assistance from others the day before the event setting up.

**(6) Trees for MG:** JC confirmed the request for trees has been sent to Mersey Forest

**(7) Post box painting:** Clerk had not managed to find a contact. To continue enquiries

**(8) RH** advised he had attended the Village Hall AGM, nothing to report back to PC

**RM**

**PW**

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**Public Participation :** No members of the public present

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**Planning Applications –**

**22/00959/FUL Darley Covert – Conversion of agricultural building into 1 dwelling**

There followed a discussion, Cllr's requested clerk to respond to planning asking for a Agricultural tie to be placed proposed application if approved, as this would support rural employment.

**Update Norley Lane:** The posts and gates have now been removed from the entrance to the site. The applicant is taking the planning application to appeal.

**TW**

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**Speed Indicator Display signs:** RT has emailed the supplying company to try to clarify product and price, he has had no response. Clerk to contact the company directly

**TW**

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**Parish Field:**

Clerk had advertised the lease for the field, 3 enquiries in total. Cllr's approved offering the lease, Clerk to contact successful person to organise the new lease. Lease to be signed before access to the land even if using during the notice period from outgoing tenant

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**Millennium Green external fence:**

To be carried over to the next meeting

**RO**

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**Broadband**

JC & RH updated on all the 5 various companies, there is difficulties with them all.

3 have not responded to enquiries.

JC & RH explained that the company that puts the infrastructure in owns it, they also explained that any company can put the infrastructure in without PC consultation. The PC involvement is purely to try facilitate the best possible option for the village, they are not recommending any particular company

Factco are very proactive and could have the infrastructure in place this year, although Open Reach have not been discounted, but they could be beyond 2 years, Open Reach appear not to be co-operating with small rural areas, favouring the more lucrative highly populated area's

The PC are conscious that they need to work with a company on this to ensure that all the village is encompassed at the initial stage, particularly those outlying properties, as once the infrastructure is in place it will be more difficult to try to make changes.

The CWaC digital specialist, Mike Dugine, is talking to Norley, Kingsley & Delamere Park, if all four areas use the same company there is a far higher chance of all outlying properties being included.

MD is to organise a meeting with the other parishes in the next few weeks.

**JC**

**RH**

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**Accounts-**

VAT reclaim to be submitted for 2021/2022.

Agreed that TW would reclaim the VAT for the previous 4 years, as the receipts would outweigh hours paid.

**Payments agreed:**

(1) Clerks salary (April)

(2) PAYE (last quarter 21/22) already paid by clerk, to be refunded

(3) Agreed for councillors/villagers to buy plants for planters as required during the year, to be refunded on production of receipts.

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**Any other business/village issues –**

(1) **Millennium Green:** Wooden staging to be removed, RS & JR to remove redundant/rotten wood from site, to be completed prior to the end of June.

**RS**

**JR**

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**Items for next agenda –**

SID's

Fibre Broadband

External fence on the Millennium Green

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**Date for next meeting –** Tuesday 14th June 2022 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.