

Minutes - 11 October 2022

CROWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Crowton Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 11th October 2022 at Crowton Village Hall

2022

Present

Cllr Ross McCrickerd (RM)(Chair), Cllr Jennifer Currie (JC), Cllr Robert Stubbs (RS)

Cllr Joel Rutter (JR) Cllr Ralph Oultram (RO) Cllr Roger Hammond (RH) Ward Cllr Charles Fifield

Clerk T Whitlow (TW)

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Apologies for Absence were received from:

Elizabeth Stubbs, Richard Thorne & Ward Cllr Paul Williams

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Declarations of Members' Interests –None received

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Approve Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 12th July 2022 were approved & signed by the Chair (no meeting in August or September)

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Matters arising from Minutes of 12/07/2022

(1) Broadband – Factco have organised a meeting with councillors, engineers and highways for 25th October. Factco are also organising a community meeting for the same evening, to be held at Crowton Village Hall. This has already been posted on Facebook by Factco. They are also going to organise drop in sessions at the Hare & Hounds for those who cant attend on the 25th October. TW & RM to keep facebook updated.

(2)Station Road surface- Unfortunately no progress made, the last meeting with Highways was cancelled outside of the Parish Council. Another meeting has been arranged for Monday 24th October.

(3) 30 mile hour zone- As above (44.2) Highways meeting was cancelled so no progress. Clerk was asked to email highways in regard to a 20mph zone past the school, as in so many other rural villages, including Kingsley which is on the B5153. PC has been told by Highways that this can't be done as the road is a main through road, yet from a resurfacing perspective it is a minor B road. It can't be both.

(4) SID's- As above (44.2) highways meeting cancelled. TW has found another company who can supply the SID's at a far more competitive rate, TW looking into the spec of these. To discuss at the next Highways meeting.

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Public Participation : No members of the public present

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Millennium Green

(1) Update on quote for removal of trees- Resolved to hold off on this until next year, pending further work on the MG (see46.3) so all work can be done together

(2) External fence:- There is a possibility that the fence actually belongs to highways as a safety fence over the brook, to establish this with highways at the next meeting, before doing anything further

(3) Proposed changes to entrance gates to make MG wheelchair accessible- Resolved that the PC will look at fundraising to make the gates and pathway through the MG wheelchair/pushchair accessibly TW to look into crowdfunding for this and to contact various charities with the onus on disabilities.

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Planning Applications –

No new planning applications have been received.

21/04313/FUL Quarry Bank Farm: An enforcement officer has contacted TW, as a follow up. They are still monitoring this site.

TW

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Correspondence – RM advised that there is funding available via ‘Community Pride’

Initial thought was to apply for funding for the MG, but now this is a bigger project, this should be applied for, to replace the Notice Board. Resolved

TW to obtain quotes for the replacement, and pass on to RM or CF

TW

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Accounts-

PC Computer –TW reported that the PC computer is not worth upgrading. There followed a discussion on whether to purchase a new computer, or pay an allowance to the clerk for use of own computer. Resolved to pay £20 per month for use of clerks computer, unless the PC can get funding via the Ward Cllrs. JC to look into this

Payments agreed:

(1) Clerk's salary August & September.

(2) HMRC refunded to clerk

(3) Zurich Insurance £364.54

JC

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Village issues – JR & RS raised the issue of Crewood Common Road, sinking in parts, is this due to the work being carried out by United Utilities? TW to contact UU to establish the problem. Also to report to Highways.

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Items for next agenda –

SID's

Fibre Broadband update

Station Road Update

30 mph update

Crewood Common Road

Budget 2023/2024

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Date for next meeting – Tuesday 8th November 2022 7pm