

Minutes - 8th November 2022

CROWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Crowton Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 8th November 2022 at Crowton Village Hall

2022

Present

Cllr Richard Thorne (Chair)(RT) Cllr Elizabeth Stubbs (ES), Cllr Jennifer Currie (JC), Cllr Robert Stubbs (RS) Cllr Roger Hammond (RH) , Ward Cllr Paul Williams (PW)

Clerk T Whitlow (TW) 1 Member of the Public

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Apologies for Absence were received from:

Cllr Ross McCrickerd & Ward Cllr Charles Fifield

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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 11th October 2022 were approved & signed by the Chair

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Matters arising from Minutes 11.10.2022

(1) Broadband – Factco have started the initial build, by installing boxes on top Road in Kingsley and Ainsworth Lane, Crowton. They will be working in the area this week, and the main contact will be working from the Hare & Hounds in the afternoon if anyone wants to ask questions. TW has received an email from a resident on Onston Lane, it appears 16 properties have been missed off the build plan, Charli (Factco) is looking into this and will send maps of the 3 village 's to TW next week.

(2) Station Road surface- Following teams meeting on 24th October, Station Road has been placed as high priority. Highways appear to be actioning "Report it" problems very quickly at present. This will be ongoing with the PC having meetings with Highways every 2 months.

(3) 30-mile hour zone- This again was discussed at the highways meeting. TW to push on the 20-mph zone by the school. Again, this will be ongoing.

(4) SID's- Information from the second company was requested by highways during the meeting, to ensure they are suitable, TW has sent this information over to them. TW also informed PC that this company has already supplied a large number with-in Cheshire, so no problems are envisaged. It was resolved to now only purchase one SID and 2 posts so that the SID can be moved within the village.

(5) Noticeboard: TW confirmed that she had sent a quote of £1260 for the replacement noticeboard to CWaC, to hopefully get this funded via Community Pride. TW to follow up if no response before the next meeting.

(6) Crewood Common Road – Highways meeting – this is to be resurfaced, following the sinking due to UU works.

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Public Participation: No issues raised

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Millennium Green

(1) Proposed changes to entrance gates to make MG wheelchair accessible

A working group have looked at the MG. The whole path will need resurfacing. There is a double gate at present at the entrance, this would need to be narrowed by extending the fence to incorporate a wheelchair friendly entrance gate. The exit gate near Crewood Common will not be made wheelchair accessible as the PC feel this would enable a wheelchair to exit onto a bad bend.

(2) External fence - The fact that fence (concrete & metal barrier) is over a stream makes it highly likely that this belongs to highways, this was also brought up in the highways meeting, but as yet not been confirmed.

(3) MG Charitable Trust - It was resolved to try to disband the Charitable Trust of the MG, whereby the PC would take on the responsibility. At present the PC are only “caretakers” for the MG. TW to also re-check that the volunteers are covered on the insurance whilst working on the MG due to the PC only being caretakers.

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Planning Applications –

No new planning applications have been received.

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Correspondence – Nothing received that hasn't been discussed/forwarded

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Accounts-

PC Computer –JC & TW had both contacted the ward councillors to ask if funding was available. There is no funding for a computer.

Budget – TW handed out a draft budget for members to look at before the next meeting. The Budget and precept need to be agreed at the latest at the January meeting.

Christmas tree - agreed to purchase Christmas tree and refreshments for Christmas tree lighting event on 2nd December (ES to give TW invoices)

Payments agreed:

(1) Clerk's salary October

(2) Refund ES £43.20 for plants

(3) PC agreed to make a donation to RBL for £50 for wreath.

(4) PC agreed payment to K Lightfoot for village maintenance £200

(5) PC agreed payment to W Clarke for village maintenance £250

(6) Clerks expenses April – October £314.92 (late due to no Aug & Sept meeting)

(7) Refund clerk USB port £20.96

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Village issues – RS & PW discussed the junction at Cheese Hill, Norley, although not Crowton, many villagers use this junction. TW to contact Norley clerk on a few items raised.

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Items for next agenda –

SID's

Fibre Broadband update

Station Road Update

30 mph update

Budget 2023/2024

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Date for next meeting – Tuesday 10th January 2023 7pm