**CROFT PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017

AT THE CROFT VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, MUSTARD LANE, CROFT

**Present:** Councillor Bland MBE (Chair)

Councillors, Cummerson, Griffiths, Thewsey.

# Part 1

**2018/116 Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest.**There were no declarations.

**2018/117 Apologies.**Councillors Allen MBE, Partington.

**2018/118 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2017.
Resolved**Approved.

**2018/119 Matters arising from the Minutes.
Minute 2018/112 Planning Application Planning Application 2016 / 28345 16 Oak Street WA3 7HH.**Members heard from the applicant and from residents.It was pointed out that Croft is an infill area within the green belt and is not actually green belt. The development would therefore not be a development in the green belt.
It was argued that the development would not seriously impact other neighbours and that other developments of a similar nature had been made in the locality.
**Resolved**
that the Parish Council removes its objections to the planning application.

**2018/120 Warrington Borough Council - Local Plan Review - Preferred Development Option Consultation.**Cllr. Bland reported that in addition to the Parish Council’s own response to the consultation, the Parish Council had jointly funded with other local Parish Councils a detailed appraisal of and response to the consultation document by an independent, professional body.
The Parish Council’s position is that it seeks to preserve the green belt.It was noted that Croft, Culcheth and Winwck are distinct villages and that too much development would destroy their individual characters**.**

**2018/121 Cheshire Constabulary**The verbal and written report were noted.

**2018/122 Website.**Councillor Partington’s update report was noted.

**2018/123 Winwick Lane**Councillor Partington had submitted a note informing the Parish Council of a resident’s update regarding potential developments to the weight restriction matters on Winwick Lane.
It would appear that Wigan MBC is considering placing a weight restriction on vehicles that use the part of Winwick Road which lies within its boundary, and the restriction is to apply only in the direction that leads to M6 Junction 22.
Wigan’s original intention had been to place the restriction in both directions of Winwick Lane that are within its boundary, but Warrington Borough Council had refused to put warning signs giving advance notice of this restriction on any of the route within its boundary.
The concern of Parish Councillors and residents alike is that any heavy traffic that is displaced from Winwick Lane may route itself through the Kenyon area of Croft Parish. The lanes there are not suited or designed for heavy vehicles.
Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Helen Jones MP asking for her support to resist Wigan MBC’s proposal. Mr. Mark Tune at Warrington Borough Council is to be included in the contact.

**2018/124 Correspondence – Dam Lane.**A resident of Dam Lane had written expressing their concern that Dam Lane, despite its Access Only status may become a cut through route for traffic delayed by the impending gas main works on Southworth Lane.
It was observed that diversion signs in respect of recent works on Smithy Lanehad confused motorists and had led to Dam Lane being used as a cut through.
**Resolved**the Clerk to write to Warrington Borough Council asking that signage placed for the forthcoming works should inhibit motorists’ access to Dam Lane.

**2018/125 Correspondence – evening bus service.**It was welcomed that Warrington Borough Transport may soon be able to issue favourable news about the evening bus service.

**2018/126 Correspondence –Lantern Parade / Christmas Tree Lighting Up Ceremony.
Resolved**that the Lighting Up Ceremony will take place on Friday, 1st December starting at 6pm and that the local schools’ choirs be invited to perform.

**2018/127 Poppy Appeal.
Resolved**that a donation of £50 be given to the Royal British Legion in respect of the wreaths supplied for Remembrance Sunday.

**2018/128 Village Clock.**The Clerk reported that the clock is not owned by the Parish, but is viewed by many as a village landmark.
The clock is becoming obscured by the growth of a tree.
**Resolved**the Clerk to approach the tree owner with a view to the tree being pruned, if necessary at the Parish Council’s expense.

**2018/129 Banking Survey.**The Clerk’s report was noted.
Councillors asked that the Clerk researchmoving the Parish Council’s banking arrangements to Lloyd’s Bank**.**

**2018/130 Update regarding the assignment of the lease to land at the Playing Field granted to British Gas PLC.**

There has been no recent progress. The matter is being handled by the respective parties’ legal representatives.

**2018/131 Financial Reports to end of September 2017.
Resolved**that the financial statements and the creditor schedules totalling £6,397.93 for September be approved.

**2018/132 Recess – Cross Lane, Bench.**Cllr. Griffiths will approach Mr. Iddon of Warrington Borough Council to have the bench relocated.

**2018/133 Recess – Cross Lane, road markings.**Cllr. Grime will request Warrington Borough Council to re-instate the road markingswith durable paint**.**

**2018/134 Recess – Browmere Drive / Mayhorne Avenue.**Cllr. Griffiths will approachMr. Iddon of Warrington Borough Council to seek assurance that the roads will be swept to remove the debris left after the recent road works.

**2018/135 Planning Application 2017/21278 Biffa Waste Services, Silver Lane WA3 6BX.**Full Planning – Proposed gas storage tanks, gas conditioning unit, one compressed natural gas generating engine and two battery units to replace three former landfill gas generating engines to provide short term operating reserve to the national grid. **Resolved**No objection.

**2018/136 Planning Application 2017/31304 8 Oak Street, WA3 7HH**.
Householder – Proposed Part two storey and single storey extension to rear.
**Resolved**No objection.

**2018/137 Planning Application 2017/31270 52, Deacons Close, WA3 7EN**Householder - Proposed single storey extension and garage conversion.

**2018/138 Planning Application 2017/31243 9, Lord Street, WA3 7 DB.**Householder – Proposed enlargement of existing home office to provide sanitary facilities and separate meeting room. Replacement of existing glazed first floor structure with solid walls and roof. Rear extension to kitchen/utility room to create new garden room and internal alterations. Replacement of existing open porch roof and new enclosed porch area under roof.

To meet the Borough Council’s deadline of 21 days for comments, the following application was circulated to Members.

**2018/139** **Planning Application 2017/31181 18 Wadeson Way, WA3 7JP.**Members confirmed there were no objections.

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