**CROFT PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2018

AT THE CROFT VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, MUSTARD LANE, CROFT

**Present:** Councillor Cummerson (Chair)

Councillors Allen MBE, Bland MBE, Griffiths, Partington, Thewsey,

**Apologies:** Cllr Bland sent his apologies for the first part of the meeting.

**2019/207 Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest.**

None.

**2019/208** **Part 2**

Part 2 of the meeting was declared at the beginning of the meeting to

discuss the setting of the budget and precept for 2019/20.

**Resolved.**

The budget was set at £72,470 and a precept of £72980 is to be levied. Approved, with the addition of a subscription to the CPRE.

**Meeting declared open to the public**

**2019/209 Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November.  
Resolved.**Approved.

**2019/210 Sarah Long, a land agent acting on behalf of the vendor and Bellway Homes**

Ms Long attended the meeting to provide members with information on the Bellway Homes proposal to develop housing on the Heathcroft Stud site. Ms Long advised that the site had been identified as having the capacity for up to 90 houses, but that as the application was still in the planning stages she was unable to confirm the final total of houses that would be proposed.

Members enquired about plans for the provision of social and affordable housing along with the style of house that might be proposed

Members expressed that they would not pass comment on this presentation or any application until formalised plans were provided, but that their stance against development in any area of greenbelt land remained unchanged.

**2019/211 Matters arising from the minutes.**

2018/184 – Boundary fence issue.

The Clerk reported that he has still yet to receive an update from Warrington Borough Council on the status of this issue.

2018/187 – Food Bank donation request.

A representative from the Warrington Food Bank has been invited to attend the next meeting.

2018/206 – Street lighting.

This issue has been reported to Warrington Borough Council.

**2019/212 Parish Plan.**

Councillors discussed whether there were any immediate actions needing to be made based on the results from the Parish Plan. It was agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to review the points and identify the most pressing issues.

**Resolved.**

Cllrs Cummerson, Partington and Bland to meet separately and report back to Parish Council with their findings.

**2019/213 Peter Black’s response on behalf of the Parish Council to government housing planning consultation.**

Members were pleased with the report submitted by Peter Black in response to the Government consultation.

**2019/214 Correspondence was noted.**

**2019/215 HS2.**

At the HS2 consultation event held at The Daten 2 residents discovered that they would be affected by the proposed changes to the route. They had received no prior notifications of this from HS2. A third resident was approached by HS2 who offered to discuss the proposed route amendments under condition of them signing a non-disclosure agreement.

The end date for the consultation period is 21st December and all residents were encouraged to make a submission detailing their objections. Members reviewed and approved the official response from the Parish Council.

**2019/216 Christmas Lights Report.**

The Clerk reported that the ceremony went well on the whole, however some changes would be required for the future. Areas requiring attention included: an increase in the number of stewards, better amplification for anyone addressing the crowd, locking the playing field gate to prevent children going on the play area, making provisions for the anchoring of a shelter to provide cover for attendees, PCSO to be asked to attend in a formal capacity.

**Planning Applications**

**2019/217 2018/34047 10 Lady Lane.**

Householder – proposed part single, part 2 storey front extension, rear garage extension and ridge height increase.

**Resolved.**

No objection.

**2019/218 2018/33983 98 Mustard Lane.**

Householder – proposed detached oak frame garage and car port.

**Resolved.**

Objected on the grounds that the positioning of the car port at the front of the property would adversely affect the visual amenity of the property as seen from the road and would be more appropriately positioned at the rear of the property.

**2019/219 2018/33984 98 Mustard Lane.**

Householder – Proposed single storey oak framed Orangery extension to rear.

**Resolved.**

No objection.

**2019/220 618 A&B Warrington Road, (formally The Owls, Hunters Lane).**

Section 191 (Existing lawful development certificate) use of land for residential purposes including construction and occupation of number 2, detached dwellings together with access roads. Planning permission was granted for the development (planning approval 2010/16124) but it is alleged that pre-commencement conditions were not discharged. This application seeks to make the development ‘lawful’

**Resolved.**

There was no opportunity for comment on this application

**2019/221 2018/33946 4 Gosling Road.**

Householder – proposed single storey extension to the side and rear.

**Resolved.**

No objection.

**2019/222 Financial Reports.**

The Clerk advised members that he had been unable to prepare the financial reports as the bank statements had yet to be delivered. An email copy of the report will be issued to members once the statements have been received.

**Recess.**

**2019/223 Resurfacing of Smithy Brow.**

A resident raised the question of what will happen to the bus service that goes along Smithy Brow in the evening and also if there are plans for a traffic diversion. The point was also raised that there are works planned for the sewage pipes along that route and surely it makes no sense to be resurfacing now if the roads will be dug up again in the near future.

**Resolved.**

Clerk to ask for clarification from bus company on affected services and also from WBC about the potential United Utilities work.

**2019/224 Kenyon Lane drain.**

The man hole outside of number 92 Kenyon Lane links to a drain that goes to another man hole towards The Plough. This section of drain periodically blocks and is blocked now.

**Resolved.**

Clerk to request for inspector to review with a view to getting drains jetted.

**Members Referrals.**

**2019/226 Grit Bin.**

Cllr Thewsey advised that the grit bin near the Memorial Hall has been vandalised and now does not fit properly.

**Resolved.**

Clerk to contact WBC to request a repair.

**2019/227 Memorial Hall groundskeeping.**

Cllr Thewsey enquired if it would be possible for David Platts to provide a quote for the maintenance of the land in front of the Memorial Hall.

**Resolved**

Clerk to contact David Platt for a quote.

**2019/228 Lady Lane overgrowth.**

A resident has contacted Cllr Cummerson to inform that while walking with a pram, she was forced to walk in the road due to the overgrowth on the footpath.

**Resolved.**

Clerk to report to WBC.