**CROFT PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 19th MARCH 2019

AT THE CROFT VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, MUSTARD LANE, CROFT

**Present:** Councillor Cummerson (Chair)

Councillors Allen MBE, Bland MBE, Partington, Thewsey,

**Apologies:** CllrGriffiths.

**2019/249 Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest.**

None.

**2019/250 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January.  
Resolved.**Approved.

**2019/251 Michael Vivona – Presentation on proposed M62 service station at J11 Birchwood.**

Mr Vivona made a presentation to members about the proposed new service station which would be built at J11 on the M62. Consultation sessions will be held in the local area on 4th April at Croft Memorial Hall and 6th April at Gorse Covert Primary School.

**2019/252 Local police report from PCSO.**

The PCSO reported that there has been a lot of positive work being done in the local schools with a recent focus on internet safety and also anti bullying.

**2019/253 Matters arising from the minutes.**

**2019/232Foodbank donation**

A request was sent to the Warrington Foodbank to request confirmation that any monies donated by Croft Parish Council will be allocated to only be spent on food and supplies for Warrington residents and will not be spent on administration or overhead costs. Warrington Foodbank have responded with confirmation that this request can be met.

**2019/233Boundary fence issue.**

The Clerk has chased the Council again for an update on the boundary fence issue but has yet to get a response.

**2019/244 Demolition of 12 New Lane.**

The owner of 12 New Lane addressed members to explain that the property had been demolished on the advice of a structural engineer and will be rebuilt to the pre-approved planning application. The property owner raised to members that they had been informed that their property had been discussed on an internet forum, however members advised that the Parish Council did not have any jurisdiction on the site.

**2019/254 Croft Bowling Association.**

Croft Bowling Association have sent a request to the Parish Council to hold car boot sales on the Playing Field on both of the bank holidays in May.

**Resolved.**

Members had no objections to the request.

**2019/255 Croft Carnival.**

The Croft Carnival Committee have requested access to the Playing Field on Sat 6th July for the Carnival stalls and for permission to have animals on the field as part of the Carnival attractions. A request was also submitted for Croft Parish Council to cover the cost of the insurance for the event which would total £585.

**Resolved.**

Members approved the requests relating to the Playing Field. Members approved the request for financial assistance.

**2019/256 Clerks Report.**

Correspondence was noted.

**2019/257 Security Bollard for carpark.**

A quote of £832.90 has been received for the supply and fit of 2 security bollards for the Playing Field Carpark.

**Resolved.**

Approved.

**2019/258 Gas distribution site.**

The Clerk has requested that the owner of the gas distribution site in the Playing Field make a contribution to the demolition cost.

**2019/259 Croft Parish Council website and social media.**

Members were given a summary of the usage figures for the website, along with information on the plans to increase awareness of the site through the social media pages. Members requested that outcomes from Peter Blacks work for the Council be added to the website.

**Resolved.**

Clerk to add Peter Black documentation to the website.

**2019/260 Toilet block.**

The Clerk informed members that having made initial contact with WBC about the proposed demolition of the toilet block it has been discovered that there are a number of processes that must be followed in order to comply with demolition guidelines. As there is no one on the Parish Council with qualifications in this area, the Clerk suggested that a architect be employed to oversee the demolition & reprovisions of the toilet block, in order to ensure that it is completed lawfully. This work would include boundary fencing and new surface composition

**Resolved.**

Approved that the Clerk should find a suitable architect to undertake the works.

**2019/261 Use of Peter Black Consultant.**

The Clerk informed members that local councils in the area have been submitting local plans that impact on Croft Parish. The consultant Peter Black has been employed recently to investigate these local plans and object on behalf of Croft Parish Council. The cost of these services, which were detailed in the Clerks report, has been split with Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council. The Clerk asked members if they were content with continuing to use Peter Black for this purpose.

**Resolved.**

Members approved the continued use of Peter Black.

**2019/262 Financial Report.**

The Financial Report showed that the Parish Council accounts are in balance with no discrepancies. There was an expected slight overspend to budget in December but overall accounts are returning to a balanced position for year end. The creditors list showed a total of £6743.13.

**Resolved.**

The financial reports were approved.

**2019/263 Parish Plan Monitoring Committee.**

The Chairman requested that members of the community volunteer to join the Parish Plan Monitoring Committee. A number of residents agreed to volunteer their services.

**2019/264 Warrington Borough Council draft local plan.**

Warrington Borough Council have recently published a draft of their local plan for the town. The Clerk has been informed by WBC that the only information events for residents will be taking place in the town centre in the Halliwell Jones Stadium. There will be 6 events taking place during the month of May, with letters sent to residents in April to notify them of specific details. Members discussed the possibility of holding their own information event, however as there would be no representative from the WBC Planning Department attending, it was agreed that an event held by the Parish Council was unlikely to provide the level of detail required.

**Resolved.**

The Clerk will publish information on the WBC town centre events to the social media pages, website and notice boards once it becomes available.

**Planning Applications.**

**2019/265 Application 2019/34453 Eaves Farm House**

Demolition of Farm House.

**No objection.**

**2019/266 Application 2019/34461 12 New Lane**

Full Planning: Replace detatched dwelling.

**No objection.**

**2019/267 Application 2019/34374 11 Heath Lane**

Notice of application for works to a protected tree (s)

T1- Silver Birch crown thinning up to 30% Crown Lifting.

T2 – Copper Birch crown thin up to 30% crown lift.

T3 – Acer species crown thin upto 30% crown lift.

T4 – Cedar Atlantica crown thin up to 30% crown lift. Crown reduction up to 2 meters on side nearest to the house and up to a meter and a half all over.

T5 – Horse Chestnut crown thin up to 30% crown lifting and crown reduction of a meter all over but possibly by 2 meters over trampoline area.

T3 – Acer species crown reduction of a meter all over.

**Resolved.**

No opportunity to comment.

**2019/268 Application 2018/34150 2 Dam Lane.**

Lawful Development Certificate – Proposed 2 storey rear extension and single storey side extension.

**Resolved.**

There was no opportunity to comment on this application.

**2019/269 Application 2019/34330 Hilbre, Winwick Lane.**

Householder – Proposed 2 storey sitting room and bedroom extension to side elevation.

**Resolved.**

No objection.

**2019/270 Application 2019/34524 Spring Wood, Spring Lane.**

Full Planning – Proposed new stable block and horse riding area.

**Resolved.**

No objection.

**Members Referrals.**

**2019/271 Flooding on Smithy Lane & New Lane.**

It was reported that there was flooding across the road and pavement. The Clerk explained that he has been informed by WBC that they will only /attend to flooding if it is over half of the road, in that instance all they will do is put up a ‘Road Flooded’ sign.

**2019/272 Littering by road workers.**

It was reported that road workers have left materials that had been used for roadworks by the Bowling Green. There have also been bags of sand, bollards, and signs discarded around the village, along with stones being scattered along the pavements.

**Resolved.**

The Clerk will report these issues to WBC.

**2019/273 Bench on Cross Lane / Warrington Road.**

A resident noted that the bench on Warrington Road has still yet to be relocated.

**Resolved**

Clerk to chase relevant department.

Members Referrals

**2019/274 Pot holes on Oak Street.**

A resident has contacted Cllr. Thewsey to report that the number and depth of pot holes in the road means it is now hazardous to drive along.

**Resolved.**

Clerk to report to WBC

**Part 2**

**2019/275 Grounds Maintenance.**

The grounds maintenance contractor submitted a request to increase fees by 2%. This would be the first increase in 7 years.

**Resolved.**

Approved.

**2019/276 Clerk office relocation.**

The Clerk informed members of4 a number of costs associated with the upcoming office move and requested that these be approved.

**Resolved.**

Approved.