**CROFT PARISH COUNCIL**

 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER 2019

AT THE CROFT VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, MUSTARD LANE, CROFT

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

Councillors, Partington, Cummerson, Thewsey.

**Apologies:**.Cllr Allen MBE, Griffiths

Borough Councillor Davidson

# Part 1

**2020/138 Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest.**None.

**2020/139 Minutes of the meeting held 17th September 2019**
**Resolved**
Approved.

**2020/140 Matters Arising.**

2020/110. Cross Lane Bench. The bench on Cross Lane has yet to be relocated as the department responsible for undertaking the move have prioritised their work elsewhere. They are now working to confirm the ownership of the land where the bench is proposed to be move to and to establish that hedge access will not be impeded.

2020/110. Boundary Fence. The Clerk has received an update from Warrington Borough Council who have consulted with Solicitors and are expecting to serve notice on 11/10/19.

2020/111. The local schools have confirmed that they will be attending the Christmas Lights Switch On and the Christmas Tree has now been ordered.

2020/114. Heath Lane Speeding. Warrington Borough Council have advised that the Police Community Liaison Committee would not support an ANPR road sign.

**Resolved.** That The Clerk will order road signs similar to those already in place in the village.

2020/116.CYAC Funding Request.. CYAC have sent a letter to the Parish Council detailing their current income and expenditure and requesting additional funding from the Parish Council. This request will be considered during the budget setting process.

2020/117 J11 Service Station. The Parish Council objection to the proposed service station at M62 J11 was been submitted. A post was also published on social media pages informing viewers of grounds for objection that they could use should they wish to object.

2020/120 Tree Planting. The Clerk has spoken with the Playing Field Groundskeeper, who advised that the number of trees proposed by the Brownies for planting would be a suitable amount. He recommended that in order to best condition the grounds, 10

additional trees be planted prior to the 30 trees being planted by

the Brownies, This work was estimated to cost approximately £450.

**Resolved.**

That the Clerk arrange for these works be undertaken.

2020/121. Playing Field Toilet Block. The Clerk has been contacted by a resident looking to build a coffee shop within the Croft area. The Clerk will circulate the correspondence to members for a future decision to be made.

2020/131 Pumping Station. Residents have contacted the Parish Council requesting that they oppose the proposed erection of a new telecommunications mast.

**Resolved.**

That an objection be submitted to the proposed development.

**2020/141 Police Report.**An Officer informed members that there has been another break in at the rectory on Lady Lane and some of the features of the house have been stolen. The other crimes reported were mainly thefts from insecure vehicles.

**2020/142 Culcheth Life Update – Cllr Partington.**Cllr Partington informed members that Culcheth Parish Council post an update in Culcheth Life Magazine 6x per year and that, with the Parish Council no longer circulating a newsletter, it may be worthwhile arranging for more regular updates to be posted in the magazine.

 **Resolved.**

 That the Parish Council publish an update 3x per year and request that updates are published in the form of an article, rather that in an advertisement style.

**2020/143 Eaves Farmhouse.**

A summary was circulated the members detailing the points that led to the recent confusion regarding the numerous planning applications submitted for the property. Cllr Cummerson observed that the most recent application states that the footprint of the new property will be identical to that of the old one. Cllr Cummerson then showed members a photograph illustrating that this does not seem to be the case.

**Resolved.**

That the Clerk forward the picture to the Warrington Borough Council Planning Department along with concerns about the footprint being over developed.

**2020/144 Correspondence**.

Correspondence was noted

**2020/145 HGV in Village.**

A resident addressed members to inform them of a recent issue whereby a HGV had attempted to cut though the village and, being unable to safely navigate the roads, had to stop traffic to manoeuvre the vehicle back the way it had come. Cllr Bland requested that the Clerk contact Warrington Borough Council to discuss the wider traffic issues within the village.

**Resolved.**

That the Clerk will contact Mark Tune of WBC to arrange a meeting.

**2020/146 Remembrance Sunday.**

The Clerk sought approval from members for the purchase of wreaths for this years Remembrance Sunday Memorial. Cllr suggested a donation of £25 for each of the 3 wreaths.

 **Resolved.**

 That the Clerk order 3 wreathes with a total donation of £75.

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**2020/147 Croft Carnival AGM.**

Members were invited to attend the Croft Carnival AGM, taking place on 21st November in the Village Hall.

**2020/148 Financial Report.**The Parish Council is currently underspent compared with the annual budget, however this will imminently be offset by the payment of rent and utilities to CYAC and also by the expected purchase of new road speed signs.

Budget monitoring and bank statement documents were presented to members. The creditors list was for £4274.78 and the bank reconciliation was balanced.

 **Resolved.**

 That the Financial Report be approved.

 **Planning Applications.**

**2020/149 2019/35794 3 Heath Lane, Croft, WA3 7DH**

Full Planning – Proposed construction of a single dwelling house.

 **Resolved.**

 No objection.

**2020/150 2019/34596 Eaves Farmhouse, Cross Lane, Croft, WA3 7AR**

Full Planning – Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and new dwelling with alterations to existing access to include gated vehicle access.

 **Resolved.**

 No objection.

**2020/151 2019/35817 103 Heath Lane, Croft, WA3 7DT**

Discharge of condition – Proposed discharge of condition 13 (Characterisation, remediation and verification) on previously approved application 2019/35067 (Proposed replacement dwelling with new dormer bungalow, new access arrangements and associated landscaping)

 **Resolved.**

 There was no opportunity for comment.

**Recess**

**2020/152** A resident informed members that the zebra crossing near to St Lewis’ has been unlit on the side next to the church for at least 1 week.

 **Resolved.**

Clerk to report to WBC.

**2020/153** A resident asked if the damaged bollards on the Playing Field car park will be replaced, and if so, could they be replaced with bollards which are taller and more visible.

**2020/154** A member raised that the gate at the Sirocco site has not yet been altered. Cllr Partington informed members that he has been informed by WBC that they are not able to update on this case at the moment.

**2020/155** Parking by the schools was raised by a resident and it was suggested that the double yellow lines be extended in an attempt to alleviate parking at school drop off times.

 **Resolved.**

That the Clerk request an extension of parking restrictions in the vicinity of the schools.

**Members Referrals**

**2020/156** Cllr Cummerson reported that vehicles visiting the kennels on Lady Lane are still causing an obstruction and that a recent occasion saw 7 cars parked on the pavement.

**2020/157** Cllr Bland has received a request from a resident seeking

assistance in obtaining a TPO on an oak tree in the village estimated at being at least 100 years old. The council are required to provide a letter of assistance in order to support this proposal.

**Resolved.**

That the Clerk submit a letter of support for the protection of the oak tree.

**2020/158** Cllr Cummerson informed members that a building on Smithy Brow has been erected without any notification being provided to neighbouring properties or the Croft Parish Council. It is believed that this application has been submitted to and approved by Tameside Council.

 **Resolved.**

That Cllr Cummerson will provide the Clerk with further information on this.