**CROFT PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2021

ON THE ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM ZOOM

**Present:** Councillor Partington (Chair)

Councillors, Thewsey, Allen MBE, Bland MBE, Cummerson.

Borough Councillor Grime.

PCSO Samuel.

**Apologies:** Cllr Griffiths.

**2021/181 Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest.**None declared

**2021/182 Minutes of the Meeting held 15th Dec 2020**

**Resolved**

Approved

**2021/183 Police Report.**

PCSO Samuel briefed members on recent activities in Croft, Culcheth and Glazebury. There were no reported incidents of: Antisocial behaviour, burglary or vehicle crime. Speed monitoring took place on a number of roads within Croft and PCSO Samuel advised that he has arranged for a new speed monitoring site to be re-commissioned on Mustard Lane.

**2021/184** **Matters arising from the minutes.**

2021/170 A donation was made in tribute to former Councillor Jeff Shelley.

2021/171 No further information on the agreed action points has been received from WBC Traveller Team following the last meeting.

2021/147 A number of WBC departments have been contacted regarding erecting fly tipping signs, however attempts to identify the correct department to approve this have proven unsuccessful thus far.

2021/149 There has been no further progress to report on the speed activated road signs, however an invoice for them has been issued by WBC.

Resolved

Members agreed that payment should be deferred until the speed activated road signs are fully operational according to the order placed by the Parish Council.

2021/164 Queries regarding the drains have been made to the drainage department but have so far been unanswered.

2021/174 Play equipment works have been started. HAGS SMP sent through an inspection report for the play area that appeared to be a duplicate of the report that raised the requirement for the works to take place. Following a query by the Clerk, a new inspection has been commissioned by HAGS SMP.

2021/175 Quotes for works to trees and works to update the drainage system on the playing field have been requested and are pending.

2021/176 New benches have been ordered and action is underway for installation. Cllr Griffiths had suggested to the Clerk that the bench near to Spring Lane & Mill House Lane, which is also a Parish Council bench, be updated at the same time as the benches on the Playing Field.

Resolved

Approved

**2021/185 Parish Plan.**

Cllr Bland requested that members review the Parish Plan Action Plan to see if there are any points that can be addressed or reviewed. It was suggested that members re-familiarise themselves with the Parish Plan and then agree on any points that can be actioned.

**Clerk Report**

**2021/186 Correspondence.**

Correspondence was noted.

**2021/187 Damage following approved development.**

A resident contacted the Parish Council to advise of damage to their land during an approved neighbouring development. The resident had been informed by WBC planning team that the issue was classed as a civil matter and as such, they would not be getting involved. Members discussed the matter and Borough Cllr Grime was able to advise that there are options available, such as asking for Borough Cllrs to refer the matter to the development management committee or to ask for a second opinion from the planning team.

**2021/188 Extension of gratitude.**

Organisers of the Croft Christmas Trail extended their thanks to the Parish Council for the donation made, that allowed them to purchase gifts for all of the children taking part in the trail.

**2021/189 Financial Report.**

The accounts show that the Parish Council is currently underspent by an amount of £12,888.52. There are a number of large payments upcoming that are expected to significantly reduce, if not entirely clear, the underspend.

The January creditors list was shared with members and there was a cheque value of £11,550.55

**Resolved.**

Approved.

**2021/190 New banking provision.**

The Clerk updated members on the action to move Parish Council investment from WBC into a bank account and informed members that Nationwide offer an account that is used by other local Parish Councils. The Clerk summarised the details of the account and asked members to consider the account for funds to be transferred into.

**Resolved.**

Approved.

**Planning applications**

Borough Cllr Grime left the meeting before Planning discussions took place.

**2021/191 2021/38342 Risley Prison, Warrington Road, WA3 6BP**

Full Planning – Proposed installation of smoke extract system to 5 accommodation blocks.

**Resolved.**

No objection.

**2021/192 CTIL\_123586\_TEF\_5680\_ Hermitage Green.**

Pre-planning application consultation – Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation at Cheshire WA3 7EW

**Resolved.**

No comments for submission.

**2021/193 2021/38371 3 Arkenshaw Road WA3 7HN.**  
Householder – Proposed 2 storey side extension.

**Resolved.**

No statutory opportunity for comment.

**2021/194 2021/38502 7 New Lane, WA3 7JJ**

Lawful development certificate (Existing) Permanent residential occupation of a pre-fabricated dwelling including use of the adjoining land as residential curtilage.

**Resolved.**

No statutory opportunity for comment.

**Members Referrals.**

**2021/195 Parkside Link Road**

Cllr Allen updated members on Peter Blacks work on the Park Side Link Road and commended him on his actions thus far.

**2021/196 Toilet Block.**

Cllr Allen had circulated information to the Clerk and members about another toilet block in Warrington that was being demolished and suggested that Croft Parish Council make contact with the concerned parties for advice and information on the project that could prove useful for the plans to demolish the Playing Field Toilet Block. Members were informed that Stockton Heath Parish Council were unable to assist with queries as the project was being managed by WBC Planning Department. An information request to this department by the Clerk as so far gone unanswered.

**2021/197 Footpath Issues.**

Cllr Cummerson informed members that the path near Mustard Lane & Heath Lane by Sirocco has a number of large holes in it and could become more unsafe if the area becomes overgrown.

**Resolved.**

That the Clerk inform the WBC Public Right of Way representative.

**2021/198 Parkside Public Enquiry.**

Cllr Partington shared a progress report with members and asked for agreement on a response to Haydock Point Park that has been drafted by Peter Black.

**Resolved.**

Approved.

**2021/199 Ultrafast Broadband Scheme.**

Cllr Partington informed members that following a public discussion on a local social media forum he had investigated a Government voucher scheme that advertised ultrafast broadband roll outs for local areas. The investigation uncovered in the small print that there would be monthly running charges to be agreed to, with no indication of the duration of commitment needed. Members agreed that although the scheme seemed promising initially, that it was not something that could be pursued by the Parish Council.