**CROFT PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 19:30 ON TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2021

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

Councillors Campbell (Vice Chair), Allen MBE, Farnsworth, Partington, Sharpe.

Helen Buckley (Clerk)

**Apologies:** PCSO Darren Samuel (Cheshire Constabulary)

**2022/147 Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**2022/148 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2021**

**Resolved.**

The minutes were approved.

**2022/149 Matters Arising**

2022/107 Christmas Tree Lighting Up Ceremony. The date has been set for 26th November.

The Clerk confirmed that the ceremony would not go ahead only if there was inclement weather forecast or a Covid outbreak. The insurance company has been informed of the event.

**2022/150 Matters Arising**

2022/108 Christmas Treasure Hunt. The council has not heard back from the organiser so it is presumed that this will not take place this year.

**2022/151 Matters Arising**

2022/110 Planters at Memorial Hall. The planters have arrived and the Clerk will follow up with the grounds maintenance contractor regarding their installation.

**2022/152 Cheshire Constabulary October Report**

As PCSO Samuel was absent, Cllr Bland read out his report. The report was noted.

**2022/153 The Local Plan (see also 2022/120)**

Cllr Bland gave an update on this. The last date for submission was Monday 15th. Croft Parish Council, along with Culcheth, submitted its response in time via Peter Black, a planning consultant.

There had been a ‘drop-in’ on Saturday 30th October which was well attended.

The proposal for Croft is a minimum of 75 dwellings but the council is concerned that this would lead to further development.

The Local Plan will not be determined until it’s approved by the planning inspectorate which could take over a year.

**2022/154 Traveller Encampment (see also 2022/105)**

Following on from the illegal encampment over the summer, Cllr Bland confirmed that he met with the building manager to discuss the possibility of installing barriers at CYAC. This would be the same as, or similar to, the ones on Culcheth village green.

The building manager will come back to the council with a price.

Cllr Allen updated that at Gorse Covert, concrete blocks were installed; however, these look unsightly.

She confirmed that WBC is looking at a couple of sites to try to tackle the issue.

**2022/155** **Toilet Block (see also 2022/114)**

Cllr Sharpe gave an update following on from a visit by a plumber to assess the work required. The plumber’s initial assessment suggests that all the work involved should come in under £15,000. However, this is needed as an official quote from him.

The Clerk is to obtain two further quotes.

**2022/156 Clerk’s Report – Correspondence:**

An email had been previously sent to WBC regarding the number 19 service. At the time of this meeting there had been no response. Clerk to send follow-up email in advance of next meeting.

Parking at Round Thorn – a resident who lives on this road was in attendance at this meeting and said that things are progressing. However, there is some concern around the cost. There was an incident on this road some weeks ago involving a disabled bus. Cllr Allen said that she would monitor the progress of the situation.

2022/121Grit bins: Cllr Allen to take forward with WBC. A request has been put in to have Kenyon Lane included on a gritting route as a priority.

**2022/157 Clerk’s Report – Speeding Issues Consultation:**

An invitation to jointly fund a trial deployment of average speed cameras has been issued by the Police & Crime Commissioner. We were unsuccessful in this application but have been placed on a waiting list. It was initially thought that the subscription amount was £5,000 as a one-off payment, however, this is actually an annual fee.

**2022/158 Clerk’s Report – Financial Reports**

The financial report was up to the end of September.

The bank reconciliation is balanced.

The September creditor list amounts to £5,485.03. There are no issues regarding the budget.

A list of November’s cheque payments was distributed to the councillors. This list amounted to £4,641.34.

**Resolved**.

Approved.

**2022/159 Clerk’s Report – Planning** **Applications for consideration at this meeting:**

**2022/160 Planning Application 2021/40296 – 7 New Lane, WA3 7JJ**

Description of development: Proposed replacement dwelling

**Resolved**  
No objection.

**2022/161 Planning Application 2021/40327 – 110 Heath Lane, WA3 7DS**

Description of development: Proposed single storey rear and first floor extensions

**Resolved**  
No objection.

**2022/162 Planning Application 2021/40447 – 24 Mill House Lane, WA3 7EZ**

Description of development: Re-submission proposed demolition of an existing conservatory, rear dormer and garage and the erection of two storey extension on previous application 2021/39551.

**Resolved**  
No objection.

**2022/163 Planning Application 2021/40417 – 7 Lord Street, WA3 7DB**

It’s believed that this application actually refers to number 17, not number 7.

Description of development: Proposed side rear and front, part single, part two storey extensions and remodelling of existing house.

**Resolved**  
Objection on the grounds of overdevelopment.

**2022/164 Planning Application 2021/40387 – 25 Mustard Lane, WA3 7BG**

Description of development: Proposed two storey rear extension following the demolition of the existing store, first floor rear extension and front porch extension.

**Resolved**.

No objection.

**2022/165 Planning Application 2021/39184- Brookside Farm, Lady Lane, WA3 7AY – notice of appeal**

Proposed two storey extension to rear of dwelling,

**Resolved.**

No objection.

**2022/166 Planning Application 2021/38686 – Land adjacent to 21 Lady Lane, WA3 7AY – notice of appeal**

Proposed infill development of one detached dwelling.

The council previously opposed this application in February due to it being in green belt and no exceptional circumstances.

**Resolved**.

Reinstate the original objection.

**2022/167 Planning Application 2021/40425 – Junction between private driveway and Wigshaw Lane**

Improvement of junction between private driveway and Wigshaw Lane and the creation of two passing points.

**Resolved**.

The parish council asked the clerk to request further information regarding this application.

**2022/168 Borough Councillor’s Update**

Further to the approval of Peel Hall and Parkside, Cllr Allen will request to have air quality monitors to assess air pollution levels.

**2022/169 Members’ Referrals**

Clerk was asked by the councillors to find out how much it would cost to relocate the speeding signs to Heath Lane and possibly install some rumble strips.

**2022/170 Date of next meeting**

21st December 2021