

CROMHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2019 at 7.30pm IN CROMHALL VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs David White (DW), S Aston (SA) Daren Jeffery (DJ), Mike Line (ML) – chair, Roland Hobbs (RH) and ward Cllr J O’Neill
In attendance: D Dunning (Clerk)
3 members of public

Cllr Line welcomed the members of the public who may be interested in joining the parish council.

04/2019. No 1 APOLOGIES:
None

04/2019. No 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: in any items on agenda:
None

04/2019. No. 3. ADOPTION of the MINUTES:
Minutes of the meeting on 13th March 2019 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the chair.

04/2019. No. 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Cllr Aston speaking as a member of the public confirmed he is working with Sally Patterson bio-diversity Officer at South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) to introduce wildflowers to roadside verges on the road from quarry to village.

The Burltons – bins have not been emptied, grass has not been cut and the boundary hedge is impeding the public footpath. The parish council is not responsible for this land but will report hedge to SGC. Ward Cllr John O’Neill to follow up bins and grass as this area may now be adopted by SGC.

04/2019. No. 5. PLANNING.

04/2019 5ai. To note application for a Mobile Street Traders
LI19/1264/STM – Gio’s Gelato to trade throughout the South Gloucestershire Area
LI19/1430/STM – Café 2 U to trade throughout the South Gloucestershire Area
LI19/1519/STM – Dom’s Super Whip to trade throughout the South Gloucestershire Area
Noted

04/2019 5aii. P19/2203/HED Cromhall Sewage Works Bristol Road Cromhall Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire. Removal of 1 no. 10 metre section of hedgerow. Hedgerow fully replanted upon completion of associated pipe laying works. **Approved**
Noted

04/2019 5aiii. To agree response to P19/2452/O Land South of Charfield Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire already circulated. Mixed use development of up to 900 residential units.
Resolved to submit response - Appendix 1

04/2019. No 5b Planning decisions

04/2019. No 5bi. PT18/4989/O Hunters Hall Bristol Road Cromhall Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire. Erection of 1no dwelling (Outline) with access, landscaping and layout to be determined, all other matters reserved. **Refused**
Noted

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04/2019. No 5bii. P19/0458/F Woodend Farm Woodend Lane Cromhall Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire. Demolition of existing building. Erection of building to form Class B1 Use and associated works (amended to previously approved scheme PT17/3634/F). **Approved with conditions.**

Noted

04/2019. No 5c Planning enforcement

04/2019. No 5ci. To note COM/19/0242/OD Land Adjacent To New Cottages Townwell Cromhall South Gloucestershire. Erection of two metre fence has been erected around the site.

Ward Cllr John O'Neill confirmed this matter is being dealt with by enforcement and planning permission will be required for fencing.

Noted

04/2019. No. 6 ITEMS FOR ACTION

04/2019. 6a To review any freedom of information requests for 2018/19 and compliance with Freedom of Information Act 2000

Resolved to confirm that Cromhall Parish Council had received no freedom of information requests for 2018/19 and its compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

04/2019. 6b To review asset register

Cllr Aston and clerk undertook full review.

Resolved that all assets had been checked and the asset register is an accurate reflection of council assets.

04/2019. 6c. To review and adopt a complaints procedure

Resolved to adopt complaints procedure.

04/2019. 6d. To agree publication scheme

Resolved to adopt publication scheme

04/2019. 6e. To review risk strategy and review and approve risk assessment

Council fully reviewed the risk assessment.

Resolved to adopt risk strategy and approve risk assessment.

04/2019. 6f. To receive update on Enforcement at The Orchards if available

Ward Cllr John O'Neill confirmed that no work has been undertaken and the next steps in the South Gloucestershire Council process is prosecution subject to a decision on whether this is in the public interest. A witness impact statement may be required which Ward Cllr O'Neill would present if the matter goes to court.

04/2019. 6g. To receive update on Hawker Knapp and agree programme of works.

There is some remedial work required and further chipping mulch is required. Funds are allocated in earmarked reserves

Resolved to approve that Cllr Aston undertake all necessary works.

04/2019. 6h. To receive update on village green by Royal Oak and agree any actions

Cllr Jeffery updated council on informal discussions regarding the wall, driveway and adjacent grass where there is erosion and the tarmac needs repairs, both limited due to the proximity of the rock-bed. The council had previously been unable to obtain affordable quotations for wall repairs.

Agreed to continue discussions to find possible affordable solutions.

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04/2019. 6i. To finalise arrangements for re-arranged annual parish assembly on 15th May at 6pm
Invitations have been sent out and the event published on the website. Posters will be displayed around the village. The event will start at **6pm** and refreshments will be provided. The annual council meeting will follow immediately after the assembly.

04/2019. 6j. To consider email advising that the geological board has been removed from Millennium Green and agree any actions

Noted

04/2019. No 7. ITEMS TO NOTE

04/2019. 7a. To receive footpaths update

Noted

04/2019. 7b. To note uncontested election and agree any actions

Council **noted** information on co-option.

04/2019. 7c. To note response to Cromhall spring clean on Sunday 14th April 2019

About 6 volunteers helped whilst others had cleared around their immediate locale. Collected 10 bags of rubbish including skis, paint and an exhaust. Tortworth Road appeared already cleaned by SGC. Agreed event needs to be held earlier next year as grass already long.

04/2019. No 8 REPORTS

04/2019. 8a To RECEIVE Report from District Councillor

- Few meetings due to 'Purdah' period prior to elections.
- Charfield Roadworks causing issues and have been extended to 10th May.
- JSP programme Officer should have made contact. Need to register to attend events for Charfield and Buckover. Likely to be 12 months before decision made.

04/2019. 8b. To RECEIVE and NOTE a verbal report from the Clerk

- Submitted spring clean information to 5Alive
- Wrote to grass contractor
- Forwarded election details
- Undertaking internal audits on 9th May
- Arranged updates on website including road issues, play area closure and meeting information
- Arranged for non-contested election notice to be displayed
- Arranged asset register checks
- Issues raised by councillor about The Green and council buying litter pickers
- Had a request for a skatepark in Cromhall, council agreed response.
- A resident has suggested 'Quiet Lanes' scheme. Do you want this brought formally to council?
- Wedding booking is no longer required.

Circulated emails:

Wotton Road Charfield roadworks

Chairmans Report Parish Meeting

Tortworth Parish Meeting and Spring Clean

Re arranged annual assembly meeting for 15th May

New Public Consultation: Hinkley Point C Power Station, Near Bridgwater, Somerset

Abandoned vehicle

Acton Court Open Days 2019

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Daphne Dunning

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Falfield, Tortworth, Charfield, Cromhall, Rangeworthy, Wickwar & Hawkesbury Upton Community Engagement Forum

Update - Wotton Road, Charfield - Carriageway Patching Works

More roadworks in the area. Please note the work over the motorway

Geological, Quartzite Quarry, Panel...formerly on the Green

Link group minutes

West of England Joint Spatial Plan Examination

Visit to Charfield Meadows Nature Reserve

04/2019. 8c. To RECEIVE report on Townwell play area

No problems

04/2019. 8d. To RECIVE any other reports.

Environmental Group meeting Tuesday 19th March

Cllr Aston attended, key issues fly tipping and footpaths

Noted

Cllr Aston updated council on visit to Charfield Meadows Nature Reserve

04/2019. No. 9. FINANCE

04/2019. 9a To receive financial update and AGREE and sign cheques.

Bank reconciliation March 2019							
Balance in bank at 1/03/19							£35,630.02
			IN	OUT	TOTAL		
			expenditure this month	£952.46	£952.46		
			prev month expenditure				
			Income	£0.00	£0.00		
				£0.00	£952.46	£952.46	
Balance as at 27/03/19							£34,677.56
Cheques not cleared							
			1475		£190.00		
			1481		£167.07		
			1482		£431.06		
			1484		£608.00		
					£1,396.13		
Actual							£33,281.43
To Note cheques already signed for April							
			Net	Travel	Expenses	VAT	Total
ALCA		2019/20 subs	£148.33	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£148.33
			£148.33	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£148.33
							LGA 1972 s143

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Cheques for signing April 2019		Net	Travel	Expenses	VAT	Total		
HMRC	tax Mar	£21.40		£0.00	£0.00	£21.40		LGA 1972 s112(2)
Daphne Dunning	Salary Mar & expenses	£407.04	£58.32	£45.75	£0.00	£511.11		LGA 1972 s112(2)
		£428.44		£45.75	£0.00	£532.51	£829.17	
TOTAL		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
							Actual	£32,452.26

Accounts authorised and approved by council.

Cllrs Line and Hobbs signed the cheques.

04/2019 9b. To review Q4 figures and agree any actions
Q4 figures were reviewed.

Resolved to agree and accept Q4 figures.

04/2019. No 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Purchase of litter picking equipment
Co-option

The Council meeting closed at 21.00hrs.

Date of next meeting: 15th May 2019 immediately after the Annual Parish Assembly meeting in Cromhall Village Hall

CHAIRMAN:-



15th May 2019

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Appendix 1 submission for P19/2452/O

Cromhall Parish Council concurs with the objections raised by Charfield Parish Council. The council is dismayed at the continuing over development of Charfield and the area surrounding J14 of the M5, despite the reasoned arguments for this not to happen at every JSP feedback meeting for the last two years, and the supplied written evidence on a vast number of unsolvable issues.

The council had initially hoped that reasoned efforts to highlight these issues would lead to sense prevailing, yet we appear to be met with a blind desire to 'dump and run' leaving a catalogue of highlighted issues for the wider community to suffer.

These include -

Unsustainable and uncontrolled growth at Charfield which will be detrimental to both the village of Charfield and the surrounding area.

- Many, many more houses approved for build beyond the discussed amount at the original JSP meetings.
- The growing approval of sites which apparently fall, outside of the strategic housing need identified in the JSP final proposal.

Roads:

- Increased pollution, over acceptable levels.
- Further strain on the already failing emergency service response times endangering lives.
- The absolute lack of available infrastructure to support a minimal uplift in housing within the surrounding rural area
- The massive impact on the essentially B / Minor road network, and the looming J14 bottleneck - even with junction improvements, as you cannot filter the cars off and away fast enough.
- The proposals will create gridlock congestion with increased hazard to pedestrians', cyclists and other road users.

Environment:

- Major increase in vehicles in a rural village already dependent on cars as poorly served by public transport. The looming penalisation for needing to commute to work when faced with congestion charges and extortionate parking charges as the public transport services are so sparse and impractical as to be rendered useless. With minimal local employment opportunities, car journeys are and will remain essential for work, schools, shopping, doctors and dentists etc.
- The impact on shrinking catchment area for doctors, dentist, schools. We are already seeing the impact of this in the villages beyond Charfield.
- Many local roads already at capacity eg B4509 Tortworth Road and inadequacy of proposals to mitigate problems with increased likelihood of serious accidents.

For Cromhall Parish Council the implications of this development stretch beyond Charfield itself. Cromhall is already experiencing a massively increasing impact of HGV's ploughing through our village on what are B-road as it is the main route to the M5. This not only increases the danger to our children who must run the gauntlet of walking down the 18" wide paths and cross the road to attend school, but with such large developments, Cromhall will face further increases in throughput and disruption from traffic seeking to avoid Charfield's 'slowed to a crawl run in', This will endanger residents with threats from traffic, pollution and noise, will deter walking and cycling and will be damaging the village infrastructure, turning a semi-rural set of villages into a near constant rat run.