

Cromhall Parish Council

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MINUTES

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30pm
at Cromhall Village Hall, Talbots End, Cromhall GL12 8AJ

APPROVED at next council meeting, held on 23rd May 2023
Signed copy held by the Clerk

Present:

Cllrs L Palmer, M Line, D White, A New, P Daly

In attendance: Ward Cllr J O'Neill and members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs M Daniel, D Jeffery

Public Participation

The Cromhall Road Safety Project (CRSP) put forward a proposal to take forward the implementation for the procurement installation operation and maintenance of a safe speed camera in Cromhall. Feasibility in terms of the installation requirements and running costs were provided over a five-year period. CRSP identified the benefits of such a system that has been implemented in Kingswood which have resulted in traffic calming outputs and overall mileage reductions. The best-case assumption of the funding required would be provided by donations from the quarry and a police grant and an additional funding request from Cromhall Parish Council which would be approximately £700. It was explained that confirmation of the police grant is being pursued for a decision. It was also explained that key to taking this forward is for the Parish Council to be identified as the senior responsible officer/owner and requires the support from the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed for the proposal to be added to the next agenda meeting for consideration also at which point the decision of the grant available from the Police should be made available.

Concerns were raised by the public on the high expansion in areas such to the solar farm, Earthworks, Cromhall Quarry prison expansion, housing which is believed to have a detrimental effect of village life.

Concern was raised on the Lithium Battery testing facility in Cromhall Quarry which was given planning consent last year. The discussions from the public were centred round the belief that inadequate public consultation had taken place along with an inadequate environmental impact assessment. It was considered that a thorough environmental impact assessment would assess the hazards and possible impact of an accident occurring and to decide on the application based on this analysis. The Ward Councillor stated that due process had been carried out under the planning process and that to overturn the decision would require intervention of the Secretary of State. The Ward Councillor agreed to go back to planning to gain assurance that due consideration had been given in the planning assessment for this facility and report back to the Parish Council.

Public concern was raised over the work carried out by Earthworks regarding the possible unapproved processing activities causing air pollution along with mud slides resulting in drainage problems. Ward Councillor would make enquires on the planning permission which includes the processes allowed and report back.

Discussions took place on the initial public consultation for 47 new homes by Redcliffe Homes on land north of Church Lane Cromhall. The impact on the roads and infrastructure requirements would have for a development of this size was discussed.

1. Apologies

Cllr M Daniel and D Jeffery sent apologies. **NOTED**

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations

None declared.

3. Minutes

AGREED that the minutes of meeting 28th February 2023 were an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public and Press

AGREED that no agenda items should be taken with the public or press excluded.

5. Clerk's Report

No written report received. New Clerk start date 1st May 2023 **NOTED**

6. Ward Councillor Report

No report provided due to the pre-election period known as purdah **NOTED**.

7. Planning

7.1 P23/00679/F **HM Prison Leyhill Tortworth Road Tortworth South Gloucestershire GL12 8BT** The retention of 40 single occupancy ensuite accommodation units at HMP Leyhill (retrospective)

Decision: **None**

7.2 P22/04731/F **Land off Bristol Road Cromhall South Gloucestershire GL12 8AQ** Erection of 32 no dwellings, with access, landscaping, and associated works. Creation of 110 space shared car park 6th April 2023. Revised plans submitted. Site layout adjusted to include play area; Building Elevations updated. Further comments accepted until 29th April 2023.

Decision: **Object** -Clarification on usage and maintenance of 10 spare parking spaces. Requirement for alternative multi- user sports area rather than play area, Challenging crossing point, Possible flooding issues against play area wall.

8 Items for consideration and decision

8.1 To Note we have agreed to buy coronation mugs for the school to distribute to children. Cllr Daly informed this was progressing and agreed to put the distribution on the Council website. **NOTED**

8.2 To consider the next steps with the bank account. No action taken this is deferred to May meeting. **NOTED**

8.3 To consider further grant applications and decide which to approve. No grant applications received. **NOTED**

8.4 To get an update on the grant application from South Glos for kings Coronation Celebration. SGC were unable to support the request due to the grant's registration being on hold. Action required to unlock the Councils grant registration. **NOTED**

8.5 To consider wayleave ownership request from National Grid. Action deferred to May meeting. **NOTED**

8.6 Council on current Clerk Recruitment status. Successful candidate informed and employment status to be ratified at the next meeting. **NOTED**

9 Finance- all approved

9.1 To NOTE the monthly bank reconciliation 31st January 2023. Chairman to sign as a true record. The reconciliation statement was signed off by Cllr New and Cllr Palmer. **NOTED**

9.2 To APPROVE accounts for payment and NOTE additional payments made in line with Financial Regulations. Email approval provided from Cllr Line **APPROVED**

Payee	Details	Amount	Chq no.
Cromhall Parish Hall & Recreation Trust	Hall hire	£20.00	1741
South Glos Council	Waste bin collection	£196.34	1742
Cromhall Parish Hall & Recreation Trust	Hall hire	£20.00	1743
Parish Council Websites	Website	£242.00	DD
Cromhall Parish Hall & Recreation Trust	Hall hire	£70.00	DD
South Glos Council	Grass cutting	£400.32	DD
Benefice Newsletter	Grant payment	£330.00	DD

10 Items for information only

10.1 To NOTE Cllr Line, Cllr Palmer, Cllr New, Cllr Jeffrey and Cllr Daniel are all elected as Parish Councilors from the 4th of May 2023 election. **NOTED**

10.2 To NOTE THE Council have two spaces available for the co-opting Councilors. Two parishioners of Cromhall have registered an interest. **NOTED**

11.Date of next meeting

23RD May 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Chairman:

Date: 23rd May 2023