

**IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2017**  
**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**  
**IRONVILLE COMMUNITY ROOM, VICTORIA CRESCENT, IRONVILLE**  
**COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**Present:**

Councillor J. W. Brown (Chair)

Councillors J. Bates, Mrs. K. Brown, Mrs. P. Cope, Mrs. R. L. Daniel, P. Smith (County Council & Parish Council representative), R. Tailby & Mrs. K. Whitehouse.

Also in attendance: six members of the public.

**28/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Councillor P. Clark.

**29/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

**RESOLVED:-**

None received.

**30/2018 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:-**

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 deferred to the next Council meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 for consideration of approval.

**31/2018 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised the meeting on proposals for a bridleway from the Stone Bridge along the Cromford Canal to Jacksdale with the present footpath upgraded as a multi-user route. An application had been submitted by Two Counties Bridleways.

**32/2018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(a) **Matters raised by the Public**

Residents expressed concerns with regard to the proposals in Minute 31/2018 above on the following grounds:-

- i. The existing footpath was not suitable for multi-user purpose due to the width of the path

- ii. The Cromford Canal presented a hazard as there are no existing barriers to prevent a fall into the water; this could be considered a hazard if the route is to be upgraded as pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and mothers with pushchairs and mobility scooter users would be in close proximity, considering the significant depth of unprotected stone edging into the shallow canal area.
- iii. The existing upgrading of the footpath surface through work carried out by the Friends of Cromford Canal and Waterways would be lost.
- iv. The existing barrier installed to prevent rogue motorcyclists using the route would have to be dismantled.
- v. Lots of voluntary work to improve the area and improve wildlife could be disturbed.
- vi. The public did support upgrading of the route for multi-users excluding horses, as with the agreement on the Codnor Park Reservoir route.
- vii. Residents supported the funding to be diverted towards improvement of the Lawn Bridge Project and the Station Road railway bridge to provide adequate bridleway network.

**33/2018      COUNTY COUNCILLOR PAUL SMITH**

Derbyshire County Councillor Paul Smith referred to the previous incidents which occurred in the parish before the preventative barrier was installed on the Cromford Canal, with motorcyclists regularly travelling along the footpath.

Residents were encouraged to submit comments to the Derbyshire County Council before the consultation closing date of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

An update to link the Lawn Bridge project with Ironville and Jacksdale received.

**34/2018      TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR UPGRADE TO BRIDLEWAY**

The meeting considered the following application received from Derbyshire County Council:-

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER  
SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF DERBYSHIRE  
THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ADDITION OF A BRIDLEWAY FROM PARKSIDE DRIVE TO CANAL TOWPATH AND UPGRADING TO BRIDLEWAY OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NOS 60 (PART) AND 20 – ALFRETON (NOW PARISH OF IRONVILLE)) MODIFICATION ORDER 2017  
The above Order made on 11 May 2017, if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Bridleway from Parkside Drive to the Canal Towpath and by upgrading to Bridleway Public Footpath Nos 60 (part) and 20 in Alferton (now Parish of Ironville).  
A copy of the order and the order map may be seen free of charge at County Hall, Matlock during normal office hours where copies may be bought at the price of £1.00 or at Ironville Post Office, Market Street, Ironville NG16 5NJ during normal opening hours.

Any representation or objection relating to the order must be sent in writing to the Director of Legal Services at the address below not later than 24 August 2017 and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the order, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Derbyshire County Council, instead of submitting the order to the Secretary of State may itself confirm the order. If the order is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Report above released by Derbyshire County Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Parish Council object to the application on the following grounds:-

- a) The existing footpath along the Cromford Canal is unsuitable for multi-use purposes due to its restricted width in parts. The route is well used by pedestrians, mothers with pushchairs and prams and for disability access. Upgrading to a bridleway would present real hazards through sharing of the route.
- b) The Cromford Canal is a protected route. The significant depth of the canal bed close to the existing towpath would present hazards to horse riders, taking into account the lack of barrier along the canal edge, the presence of the busy mainline train bridge above the proposed bridleway and other users of the route, which would include cyclists if the upgrade was approved.
- c) The Waterways Board working with Friends of Cromford Canal and volunteers has greatly reduced the incidence of motor bikers using the above footpath, by installation of a restrictive barrier. Removal of this barrier would almost certainly regenerate the recurrence of the anti-social activities which have been experienced in this community for many years, with rogue motorcyclists travelling along the back route from Jacksdale into Ironville and vice versa. Members of the public at the meeting were robust with their opposition against the removal of the existing restrictive barrier, fearing a re-introduction of the issue.
- d) The Parish Council is generally supportive of the improvement and increase in rights of way in principle, but would recommend the funding for which the upgrading of this path would require should be focused on the Jacksdale Lawn Bridge project. This would provide a much safer and accessible multi-user route within the original terms of the conditions to improve the area following opencast coal mining.
- e) The Parish Council refers to the upgrading of the Codnor Park Reservoir to a restrictive bridleway allowing cyclists but not horses and riders. This option would be supported for the Cromford Canal route.

In essence, Ironville Parish Council as a representative of the community, lends its support to the further development of the Lawn Bridge Project in favour of the above application to upgrade the Cromford Canal towpath route to a bridleway. The Council has consulted with local residents and the above concerns are considered valid with important factors against the development of the route as a bridleway for use by horses and riders.

The Parish Council continues to support the work of the Friends of the Cromford Canal and the Local Authorities to improve the area with rights of way and local heritage features to encourage an active lifestyle.

**35/2018      UPDATE ON MODIFICATION ORDER FOR MONUMENT LANE BRIDLEWAY**

It was reported the Order had been approved by the Planning Inspectorate for the re-instatement of a bridleway with removal of the gate situated at The Lodge on Monument Lane.

**RESOLVED:-**

Noted that Derbyshire County Council Rights of Way dealing with the matter.

**36/2018      FUTURE HOMESCAPES PLAY AREAS IN THE PARISH**

It was reported the play area on Casson Street require maintenance and improvements. Litter bins required regular servicing around the site.

**RESOLVED:-**

The meeting noted the site was the responsibility of Future Homescales. A letter to be sent reminding the organisation of its responsibilities.

**37/2018      BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS**

No reports.

**38/2018      ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS**

No report.

**39/2018      FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) **Annual Parish Council Accounts 2016 – 2017** prepared as Income & Expenditure statement by Messrs. Pells, Chartered Accountants, circulated to Council to support the draft statement of accounts prepared by Clerk.
- b) **Completion of Internal Audit 2016 – 2017** completed on behalf of the Parish Council by Messrs. Pells as above finding the accounts for the period in order and balanced.
- c) **Annual Governance Statement for Audit 2016 – 2017** circulated to Council for consideration.

**RESOLVED:-**

- i. That the Annual Parish Council Accounts 2016 – 2017 endorsed.
- ii. Noted the completion of the Internal Audit for 2016 – 2017.
- iii. That the document approved for submission to the external auditor Grant Thornton.

**40/2018      FINANCIAL MATTERS END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2016 – 2017**

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Annual Accounting Statement 2016 – 2017 circulated to Council approved for submission to the external auditor Grant Thornton as follows:-

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| a) Annual income 2016 – 2017      | £15,002.81 |
| b) Annual expenditure 2016 – 2017 | £18,448.89 |
| c) Closing balance 2016 – 2017    | £981.94    |

**41/2018      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Ironville Parish Council scheduled to take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room, Victoria Crescent, Ironville.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 p.m.