

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CROSS ROADS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2025
AT ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL, ALBION STREET, CROSS ROADS**

Present: Cllr Cotton (Chair), Cllr Anderson, Cllr Robertshaw and Cllr Senior and Cllr Underwood
District Councillors Brown, Poulsen and Cllr Herd (from 7.10)
Mags Smith, Clerk
9 Members of the Public

196.24 Apologies – Cllr Arana (work commitments) and Cllr Clarke (illness)

197.24 Recording of Council meetings
The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings was read and noted.

198.24 To record any disclosures of interest on the agenda.
No declarations were disclosed.

199.24 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025
Resolved: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2025 were approved.

200.24 Invited Guests

- **Report from District Councillors**

Cllr Poulson reported that the street light on Vale Mill Lane was now working, however the lamp on Ruth Street is without a lantern. A request was made to add Valley View Gardens to the list of new lights.
The Councillors, along with the Police had done a letter drop asking for consideration when parking on pavements leaving room for buggies to pass without going into the road. Police had attended a coffee morning and St. James and taken a walk in the park to engage with residents. Two events had been held at the school also.
The public consultation for the double yellow lines scheme is now open comments should be submitted by 10th April. The scheme will be advertised in the Keighley News and on websites.
Cllr Brown reported that signs had not been replaced on the new lampposts, if anyone notices a missing sign please let the Councillors know.
Grants for the City of Culture had been applied for some were unsuccessful. The wooden roses which were made for the Tour de France are being re-purposed if any groups would like some please let Cllr Brown know.

- **Report from West Yorkshire Police NPT**

In the absence of the Police no report was given.

201.24 Public Participation.

A resident raised Health & Safety concerns surrounding the bollards.
Someone is again throwing dog waste bags over the fence into the school field. Cllr Herd has some signs and will bring them.
Speeding is still an issue and it was felt that the yellow lines would not solve the issue.
Parked cars are more likely to slow traffic down. Cllr Poulson advised that a second speed gun had been purchased for the Worth Valley and it lived at the Contact Point. Cllr Senior will ask the PCSOs for a speed watch.

202.24 To consider funding signage for the Toad Patrol.

Quotes for the toad patrol signs had not been received so this item is deferred.

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203.24 To consider any planning applications received.

203.24.01 New Planning Applications – none

203.24.02 Planning Applications granted – None

203.24.03 Planning Applications refused – None

203.24.04 Any other Planning matters.

204.24 Financial Report.

To approve the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for March 2025

Current account Balance 12/03/2025 £8,839.09

Reserve account Balance 12/03/2025 £20,518.34

Green & Tidy (instal/rem xmas tree)	16/02/2025	960.00	IB82	34
Steve Thorpe (grit bin refills)	10/02/2025	594.00	IB83	27
St James Church (Feb room hire)	19/02/2025	40.00	IB84	22
Cllr Clarke members allowance	21/02/2025	150.00	IB85	23
D.Holmes (st signs install)	21/02/2025	180.00	IB86	35
SMS Workshop supplies (sign bolts)	06/02/2025	48.00	IB85	35
BT phone bill March	22/03/2025	54.32	DD	25
M. Smith (Fasthosts emails)	06/03/2025	7.20	IB86	25
Starboard Systems (scribe acc)	01/03/2025	50.40	DD	20
Bank Charge	31/03/2025	6.00	DD	39
Total		£2089.92		

Resolved: That the Financial Report and Payment Schedule for March 2025 were approved.

205.24 To receive an update on the bollards and planters for the park entrance.

Cllr Cotton advised that some of the bollards had not been installed in the correct positions. A site visit with BDMC will take place this week to resolve the issues. The design was agreed with the parks department but the measurements were not considered. As the manager of the parks department was on leave the contractors would not halt installation. It is likely that there won't be room for the two planters purchased, but one will go in the location already agreed and an appropriate place for the second would be considered. It won't solve all the problems but yellow lines in front of the entrance should hopefully discourage anyone parking there.

Resolved: That, if necessary, £500 would be set aside to help rectify the issue.

206.24 To consider any repairs to the roof of the Public toilets.

No quote as yet been received so this item is deferred.

207.24 To consider green areas for autumn planting.

The contractor is waiting for the garden centre to come back with an alternative to the rhododendron in the park. Areas that could be planted in autumn are Vale Mill Lane, behind the bus stop (though tree roots might not make that possible) the triangle outside Southams and around the trees in the park. Costs and availability will be brought to the next meeting.

208.24 To receive an update following Cllr Herd speaking to the Clerk of Keighley Town Council re: devolution of services.

Cllr Herd had spoken to Keighley Town Council but this is in the early stages so further information is needed which will be brought to Parish Councils in due course.

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- 209.24 To receive an update on any new parking issues.**
Cllr Senior had visited the Head teacher with concerns about parking at drop up/pick up Times. A message will go out to parents to be more considerate.
- 210.24 To receive an update on historic street signs.**
Cllr Senior advised that the street signs were in place and well received. Now phase 2 will continue to replace historic signs on buildings of a Victorian age. There are some, such as Nelson St, that need further consideration and those which should have 'leading to'. These will cost more and now that Elsfeld Patterns has closed, he is hoping to get costs elsewhere but it is likely to be more expensive. He proposes that the same budget (£11000) be allocated this year. There are 17 signs still to do in total.
The proposal will be considered following the year end when funds could be ring fenced. The question of what to do with the old signs will be considered at a future meeting. Cllr Poulson will take the request for a new sign for the Canberras to BDMC.
- 211.24 To receive an update on the Coat of Arms.**
The design is being worked on at present and once finalised and a Motto decided on, it will be brought back to Council for approval.
- 212.24 To consider an article in the Worth Valley Mag from the Chair of the PC.**
It was agreed that the Chair's report should be published but this would depend on cost. The Clerk to get an up to date cost from Worth Valley Mag.
- 213.24 To receive an update on the upcoming Clerk vacancy and to approve the job description, application and date for interview and to also approve members of the interview panel.**
Resolved: The previously circulated documents were approved with a closing date of 22nd April 2025 Interviews to be carried out on Saturday 26th April. The interview panel will consist of Cllr Arana, Cllr Cotton and Cllr Clarke.
- 214.24 Correspondence and items brought forward by the Chair.**
- **VE VJ Day Anniversary letter** – The school are organising various events. It was thought the PC could purchase a flag to be flown at Bocking Club and maybe smaller flags for shops. Cllr Cotton will investigate cost.

214.24 Date of next meeting. Wednesday 16th April 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.50

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