

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **25 March 2013** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton commencing at 7.00 pm.

**Present** : Councillors W Cook (Chairman), D Bray, S Cooper and P M Green and I Watson

**In attendance:** Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
Dave Rimmer (PCSTO)  
1 member of the public

### 140. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Cowan, G McGann, G Pentin and D Rostance.

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence be accepted.

### 141. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

### 142. MINUTES

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 February 2013 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman

### 143. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issues were considered:

- Development at the ex-Cronton Colliery – grant application
- Parked vehicles at the exit of The Roundabout are causing problems
- New street light locations

### 144. COMMITTEE MINUTES

**It was resolved** that the minutes of undermentioned Committees be noted:

- (a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 March 2013
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 4 March 2013
- (c) Environment Committee meeting held on 4 March 2013

### 145. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP. NO: **13/00050/FUL**  
LOCATION: Smaller Gorse Farm Alder Lane  
PROPOSAL: Erection of Detached garage block with first floor storage area, existing garage to be demolished

**It was resolved** that the Council made no observations on planning application 13/00050/FUL.

APP. NO: **12/00608/FUL**  
LOCATION: 17 Smith Lane Cronton  
PROPOSAL: Construction of a vehicular access  
**Decision: Grant**

APP. NO: **12/00701/OUT**  
LOCATION: 370A Cronton Road Cronton  
PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey bed and breakfast accommodation, including demolition of existing barns and silos  
**Decision: Refused**

**It was resolved** that decision on planning applications 12/00608/FUL and 12/00701/OUT be noted

#### **146. REPORTS**

- (a) **POLICE LIAISON** – Dave Rimmer (PCSTO) provided for information the crime figures since 2009. The total number of crimes decreased in comparison with previous years. Crime types in respect of burglary, criminal damages and drugs were briefly discussed. The Police and Council were happy with the situation.
- (b) **UK AGE** – No report.
- (c) **BUS SERVICE IN CRONTON** – Your Travel Borough Wide is carrying out a targeted survey. Information collected will be used to work out details of the proposed new route from Cronton through to Prescott.
- (d) **ENVIRONMENT** – In general, hedges in the village were nicely maintained with a few exceptions. Hedges at the junction of Hall Lane and Cronton Road is still an issue.
- (e) **PWCKV PARTNERSHIP BOARD** – The followings were considered by the Partnership Board:
- the new Knowsley Customer Travel Forum
  - Bus routes
  - Apprentice schemes
  - Problem solving regarding training opportunities, empty homes and social enterprises
  - The number of Partnership Boards will be reduced from 6 to 4.
- (f) **Code of Conduct** – No report.

**It was resolved** that the reports be received.

#### **147. THE PLAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**It was resolved that** the second invoice for £15,287.31 from County Landscape Development be approved.

#### **148. THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS**

**It was resolved** that the Conservation for Volunteers membership be renewed at £38.

#### **149. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

**It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 25 March 2013 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

**(b) Payments – It was resolved** that the understated payments be approved.

Cheque no.	Description	Amount (£)
1213	North West Labour Party (village newsletter printing charges)	6.85
1214	W Cook (Expenses paid in advance : microwave oven for the Parish Council office)	31.99
1215	W M Osborne (Reimburse Clerk for expenses paid in advance: Postage £1.5, Stationery £1.49 & Housing keeping £4 = £6.99)	6.99
1216	W M Osborne (Clerk's 2012/13 Mileage claim: for carrying duties - mileage 27 miles x 40p/m = £10.80, + £0.5 parking fee = £11.30, for attending the CiLCA training (5 sessions) at LALC Preston, approved by the Council - 349.1 miles x 40p/m = £139.64. <b>Total = £150.94</b> ). <b>Plus</b> electricity consumption for working from home <b>£22.85</b> per year. <b>Plus</b> Clerk's end-of-year salary payment adjustment (monthly standing order difference) = <b>Total £46.16</b> . <b>Grand Total = 150.94 + £22.82 + 46.16 = £219.92</b> )	219.92
1217	HMRC (Clerk's Jan, Feb & Mar 2013 PAYE & NIC = £422.85, and Employer's NIC £22.60 = £445.45)	445.45
1218	Sarah Chesters (Office Cleaner's March 2013 wages = 4 hrs x £7.25/h = £29)	29.00
1219	Broker Network Ltd (Annual Insurance Premium for 2013/14 - new Insurance Policy with Aviva through Came and Company. 3-year long term agreement.)	1,013.03
1220	County Landscape Development (for work carried out on the Pasture Play Area - quotation Ref No. 1046343 as per Valuation No. 2 dated 14/2/13 including VAT @ 20%. <b>Funded by Coalfields Regeneration Trust Grant, Knowsley Council and T Windle Jun Charity Trust</b> )	<b>15,287.31</b>

Direct Debit	Description	Amount (£)
	British Gas (Electricity 24/1/13 to 31/1/13 <i>estimated reading</i> ) <b>First invoice</b>	8.95

Standing Order	Description	Amount (£)
	W M Osborne (Clerk's February 2013 salary: net PAYE and NIC )	533.76

Receipts	Description	Amount (£)
	Allianz - insurance claim (picnic table in The Pasture)	515.80

## **150. INSURANCE CLAIM**

A quotation for repairing the three damaged wood sculptures at The Pasture had been received from the sculptor Andy Burgess for consideration. The total repairing cost is £225.

**It was resolved** that the quotation from Andy Burgess be accepted and an insurance claim for damages to the 3 wood sculptures at The Pasture be submitted to Aon.

**151. THE PASTURE PLAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The Interim Project Report on The Pasture 'Play Development Project' prepared by Knowsley Council on behalf of the Parish Council had been sent off to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and was accepted and approved. Members were pleased with the excellent achievement.

**It was resolved** that the Interim Report on The Pasture 'Play Development Project' be note.

**152. THE PASTURE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2013/18**

**It was resolved** that The Pasture Management Plan for 2013/18 be adopted.

**153. DRAFT MERSEY FOREST PLAN**

**It was resolved** that the draft Mersey Forest Plan consultation be referred to the next Environment Committee.

**154. CRONTON NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK**

**It was resolved** that the agenda for the Neighbourhood Network meeting to be held on 9 April 2013 be approved.

**155. HIGH SPEED BROADBAND**

Petition of residents helps speed up the progress of high speed broadband provision in the village. Work will be commenced on the 27 March 2013 and is expected to be completed within 48 hours.

**156. COLLECTIVE ENERGY SWITCHING**

An enquiry had been received from a resident regarding collective energy switching scheme in the Borough. The Chairman contacted the Ward Councillor Dave Williams and Knowsley Council is following it up.

**157. PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING**

**It was resolved** that the date of the Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting be changed from 13 May 2013 to 20 May 2013.

**158. ST ANNE'S WELL**

Steve Gowland (Knowsley Council), Councillor D Rostance and the Chairman will have a site meeting with Adler Spring Ltd to determine maintenance details.

**159. CRONTON NEWS**

The Spring Newsletter will soon be ready.

***The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 20 May 2013