

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 13 February 2017 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

Present : Councillors W Cook (Chair), D Bray, S Cooper, J Foran, G McGann and D Rostance

In attendance: V Osborne (The Clerk)
Philip Hurst (Green Space Development Officer – KMBC)
3 Members of the public

122. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors and P M Green and G Pentin be accepted.

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was resolved that a declaration of interest be received from Councillor D Rostance in agenda item 13 (a) – The Pasture: Filling in the gaps at the back of the field, as he lives on the opposite side of the field.

124. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

125. CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was resolved to change the order of business to consider **The Pasture** - agenda item 13 (a), (b) and (c) as the next item on the agenda.

- (a) **Filling in gaps at the back of the field** – There is a ditch behind the fence separating the field and the farmland. Councillor D Rostance was concerned about the gaps in the fencing as young children playing on the field might get through them and fall into the rather steep ditch. Anti-Social behaviour is another issue because the gaps are also used as a short cut by young people getting to Pex Hill at night.

The following course of action was suggested:

- To establish whose responsible for the maintenance of the fence.
- To liaise with environmental agencies and stakeholders for a risk assessment.
- To notify the Gala Committee to take special precautions to prevent potential incidents on the Gala Day.

Funding for repairing the fence is an issue. A site meeting will be held on Thursday with Ward Councillors to look at the issue.

- (b) **To change the entrance side gate to open inward** – A risk was identified that there is no barrier outside the gate to prevent children running into the road. The side gate should be changed to open inward. Councillor S Cooper will look into this.
- (c) **To integrate the Pasture (Centenary Field) into WW1 commemorations** – There is funding for small events and plaques. The followings were suggested:
- An event at the Gala.

- Sow poppies in the wildflower meadows.
- To take part in the national commemoration on the 11/11/18 by lighting a beacon.
- To involve young children and two schools.

The Chairman thanked Philip Hurst for attending the meeting and for his contributions.

126. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The followings were raised by members of the public:

- A resident was concerned about the way that incidents on Merseyrail trains were handled. It was responded that the Council will obtain information on emergency procedures from Merseyrail. Councillor G McGann will be the named contact.
- A resident was disappointed there were no toilet on Merseyrail trains.
- A resident commented that Police response was inadequate.

127. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 23 January 2017
- Finance and Police Committee meeting held on 23 January 2017

128. REPORTS

- Policing** – Police visibility is reduced. A burglary happened in the village recently.
- Healthwatch Knowsley** – No report.
- Transport** – No report.
- Environment** – Fly-tipping can only be reported on-line. Roads had been thoroughly swept. Railings by Kenley Avenue are in a bad state of repair. It will cost more if the refurbishment is further delayed.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

129. PLANNING APPLICATION

- APP. NO: 16/00804/FUL**
 APPLICANT: Mrs Gemma Carlisle
 LOCATION: 6 Hampton Drive Cronton WA8 5BZ
 PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR OF EXISTING DWELLING

It was resolved that the Council had no observations on this planning application.

- APP. NO: 16/00758/FUL**
 LOCATION: 37 Smithy Lane Cronton WA8 5DF
 PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS AND CANOPY TO FRONT ELEVATION.
DECISION Granted

It was resolved the above planning decision be noted.

130. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 13 February 2017 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

131. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

It was resolved that receipts and payments as listed in the attached Appendix be noted and approval.

132. PRECEPT FOR 2017/18

The activities and budgets of the Council were further discussed.

It was resolved that there will be no increase in the precept and the precept for 2017/18 be set at £21,252.22.

133. DRAFT HALSNEAD MASTERPLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) CONSULTATION

Further to the discussion at the previous General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting, **it was resolved** that the Council supported the Draft Halsnead Masterplan.

134. THE PASTURE

The current ground maintenance contract will finish on 31 March 2017.

It was resolved that a new contract for the Pasture grounds maintenance goes out to tender.

135. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) Dog fouling is a concern. The new village welcome signs had been erected.
- (b) A reminder for an update is to be sent to Knowsley Council regarding the parking issue in Iver Close.
- (c) The parking spaces outside the shops on Hampton Drive had been remarked.

136. CRONTON NEWS

Suggested topics:

- Dog fouling
- Achievements of individual Councillors

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date 27 March 2017