

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 15 February 2016 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 M O'Dowd

In attendance: Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
3 Member of the public

120. APOLOGIES

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

121. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

122. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 January 2016 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

123. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Loss of green belts in Knowsley – A member of the public was concerned about loss of green belts for housing development in the Borough. It was responded that green belts in Cranton are protected from developments.

Halton housing development close to Sandy Lane – A concern was also raised about the housing development at Upton Rocks close to the border of Cranton. It was responded that the newly adopted Knowsley Local Plan continues to protect the green belts at the border. The area provides a green belt zone and helps maintain the Parish's identity. The Council may consider responding to Halton Local Plan Consultations.

124. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 18 January 2016
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 18 January 2016

125. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – A scrambler bike incident happened on the fields of Mill Lane/Pex Hill had been reported to 101 by a Councillor but there was no Police attending the scene after a long time despite a quick response was promised. The Council will raise this matter with the Police.
- (b) **Healthwatch Knowsley** – Age UK Knowsley and West Mersey has ceased trading and has changed to Healthwatch Knowsley. Councillor D Bray will find out how this organisation can help benefit older people in Cranton.

- (c) **Transport** – Awaiting a reply from Halton Borough Council requesting toll free arrangements for residents in Cronton.
- (d) **Environment** – Residents in Chapel Lane have been informed of the pavement and road resurfacing works but not the Parish Council. Knowsley Council will be requested to notify the Parish Council any road work and road closure in the future.
- (e) **PWCKV Partnership Advisory Group** – Housing was discussed at the last meeting. Details will be given when the report is available.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

126. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application: 15/00534/FUL (amended red line – new valid date)

Location: Dragon House Farm, 370A Cronton Road, Cronton

Proposal: Demolition of existing barns and silos and erection of 4 no. three bed dwellings together with associated access and parking

It was resolved to object to the planning application on the following additional grounds:

- The proposal is totally against Knowsley Council's planning policies (Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted in January 2016).
- The proposed developments are new builds in the green belt. The new Knowsley Local Plan prohibits new builds in the green belts of Cronton.

127. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 15 February 2016 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

128. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

129. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved that bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2015 be approved and accepted by the Council.

130. PRECEPT FOR 2016/17

It was resolved that the precept for 2016/17 be set at £21,252.22, the same level as for 2015/16.

131. THE FUTURE OF EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES – UPDATE ONE

It was resolved that the Future of External Audit for Smaller Authorities update be noted.

132. KNOWSLEY COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

- (a) **It was resolved** that the adoption of three Supplementary Planning Documents by Knowsley Council on 27 January 2016 be noted.

(b) **It was resolved** that the consultation on other five Supplementary Planning Documents be noted. At this time, the Council has no comments to make but would request Knowsley Council to keep the Council informed of progress.

133. ST HELENS BC PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

It was resolved that the Consultation on the St. Helens Local Plan Scoping Document and Bold Forest Park Area Action Plan Publication Draft be noted.

134. HALTON BC PUBLIC CONSULTATION

It was resolved that the Consultations on Delivery and Allocation Local Plan (DALP) – DALP Scoping Document (Call for Sites) and the Community Infrastructure Levy Scoping Document be noted. Councillors S Cooper and G McGann will provide some draft comments for consideration at the next General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting.

135. ALLOWANCE FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

It was resolved that the Council has no Members' allowances issues to be brought to the attention of Independent Remuneration Panel for Members' Allowances.

136. CRONTON WELCOME SIGNS

A few design samples were presented to members for consideration.

It was resolved that the brown and gold sign is most suitable for the purpose.

137. SCHOOL TRAFFIC ISSUE

A discussion took place on a reply from the Parking Manager, Highways and Transportation of Knowsley Council about introducing a 'Parking Permit Scheme' and 'No Parking within certain hours' in Iver Close. The proposed schemes have been added to Knowsley's 'TRO Request List' but it has to be prioritised. Possible implications and enforcement responsibilities were discussed.

It was resolved to ask the residents who raise the issue if they would like the Parish Council to act on their behalf regarding the schemes.

138. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

- Bollards to be installed at the dropped kerb at both end of the shops on Hampton Drive to prevent vehicles parked on the pavement.
- A shop is being refurbished and a major alteration has been carried out to the shop front. The Council will check if planning permission has been granted for the change.
- The litter bin at The Roundabout/Mill Lane has not been emptied.
- Staff at 101 still have difficulties in identifying which Police Force Cronton comes under.
- Potholes in Penny Lane have been reported and will be repaired within 16 days.

139. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

No anti-social behaviour issues were raised.

140. CRONTON NEWS

The next newsletter will be published at the beginning of April 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed _____ Date 21 March 2016