

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 19 October 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

Present : Councillors W Cook (Chair), S Cooper, J Foran, G McGann, M O'Dowd, G Pentin and D Rostance

In attendance: Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
Philip Hurst (Green Space Development Officer, Knowsley Council)
4 Members of the public

69. APOLOGIES

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

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

71. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 September 2015 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

72. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Philip Hurst had been invited to discuss the Pasture Drainage Feasibility Study and Designation of Site for World War 1 Centenary Fields. **It was resolved** that agenda items 13 and 14 be brought forward for discussion.

73. THE PASTURE DRAINAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The objective of the drainage scheme is to improve the conditions of the ground to enable more outdoors activities to take place in most weather conditions. Five options with preliminary cost estimates were presented to member for consideration.

The top price is option 5 which will also include leveling some area. Leveling the ground per the option was considered irrelevant for the project. Options 1 and 2 are very basic schemes and would not solve the problem. Option 3 will provide one big pitch and option 4 one big pitch and one smaller one. The Pasture is an open space for residents to enjoy. Developing the site to accommodate adult football games as well was considered inappropriate. Safety of the children's play areas has to be taken into account. It was considered that the scheme should aim at improving the area for general and junior football games, and for the enjoyment of all ages.

It was resolved that Option 4 be the preferred option.

Philip Hurst will look at funding applications which will provide 90% of the total cost. A meeting will be held on 21 October 2015 for further discussion.

74. DESIGNATION OF SITE FOR WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY FIELDS

This is a nationwide strategy aims to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity in honour of the memory of those who lost their lives in World War I. It will also protect the sites as many playing fields have been lost to development over the years. Knowsley Council is considering making the Pasture a Centenary Playing Field and there is funding for this project. Councillors are in favour of the idea.

It was proposed by Councillor S Cooper, seconded by Councillor G McGann and **was unanimously resolved** that Knowsley Council's proposal to make the Pasture a Centenary Playing Field be supported.

The Chairman and the Clerk will liaise with Philip Hurst regarding the application.

The Chairman thanked Philip Hurst for attending the meeting.

75. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) It was commented that the drainage of the Pasture should be designed in such a way that it will drain within the site to avoid future drainage charges by United Utilities.
- (b) Issue arising from footballs been kicked into neighbouring gardens has to be addressed in the Pasture Drainage scheme.

76. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 21 September 2015
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 21 September 2015

77. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Police vehicles patrolling the village proved having positive impact on negative activities. The village had a trouble-free summer. Merseyside Police is facing financial pressure and is considering scrapping PCSOs in September 2016. Further discussion took place under Agenda Item 12.
- (b) **Age UK** – No report.
- (c) **Bus service** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – By and large the conditions in the village are good. Very good response to fly tipping from Knowsley Council. There were no problems with bin collections. Fly tipping incidents in Penny Lane have been reduced since a 'No fly tipping' sign was erected. It was suggested erecting a similar sign in Hall Lane leading to the bridge over M62.
- (e) **PWCKV Partnership Advisory Group** – Education within Knowsley had been considered at a recent meeting. The next meeting will be held in November 2015.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

78. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) A letter dated 24 September 2015 had been received from Crabtree Homes Ltd responding to the Council's objection.

After discussion, **it was resolved** that the letter from Crabtree Homes Ltd be noted. The Chairman undertook to reply accordingly.

- (b) **APP. NO: 15/00577/FUL**

LOCATION: Lower House Farmhouse Prescott Road Cronton
PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF 2NO OUTBUILDINGS TOGETHER WITH ERECTION OF PORCH AND INSTALLATION OF 1NO WINDOW TO SOUTH ELEVATION, ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY AND INSTALLATION OF 1NO WINDOW TO NORTH ELEVATION, INSTALLATION 3NO WINDOWS TO WEST ELEVATION, AND INCREASE HEIGHT OF 2NO EXISTING CHIMNEY STACKS

It was resolved that the Parish Council does not object to the planning application subject to a condition that the demolition of outbuildings should not lead to an application for inappropriate development/new build in the future.

- (c) **APP. NO: 15/00532/OUT**

LOCATION: Land To The Rear Of The Ridgeway Penny Lane Cronton
PROPOSAL: OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF 29 NO.DWELLINGS (ALL MATTERS RESERVED FOR FUTURE APPROVAL)
DECISION Application Withdrawn

It was resolved that the withdrawal decision be noted.

79. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 19 October 2015 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

80. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

81. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September 2015 be approved and accepted by the Council.

82. CODE OF CONDUCT - DISPENSATION

It was resolved that dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 be granted to the newly co-opted Councillor M O'Dowd in order that he is able to discuss and eventually set the 2016/2017 precept. The dispensation is set to continue until the next Parish Council elections in May 2019.

83. CUTTING PCSO JOBS

A circular letter had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside about cutting PCSO Jobs, disbanding the mounted section and the basic command unit structure. The proposed PCSO cuts would seriously affect local policing and the future of community safety is a concern. Residents have to be more vigilant and report to the Police any suspicious acts and behaviour in the community.

84. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

- (a) Dangerous parking around schools – The problem has extended to nearby roads. It was agreed to raise the issue with the Chair of Governors of respective schools.
- (b) HDV issue (Hall Lane to Rainhill) – Residents have been asked to collect data and photos of HDVs using the road concerned.
- (c) Refurbishment of railings opposite the Community Centre - It is low priority in Knowsley Council's schedule. To prevent further deterioration, Councillor D Rostance will follow this up with Knowsley Council.
- (d) Welcome signs to Cronton – A cheaper quote had been obtained and Knowsley Council will erect the signs. Councillor J Foran will look for sponsorships. His effort is greatly appreciated.
- (e) The gate at Mill Lane leading to Pex Hill will be replaced in the near future by United Utilities.
- (f) To Clerk to clarify with Knowsley Council about the footpaths not been included in the recent resurfacing schedule.

85. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Plant thefts in the village and shouting on the Pasture in the early hours were raised. They could be reported to the Police on 101.

86. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE (8/11/15)

The Service will start at 10.45 am. Details are given in the checklist.

87. CRONTON NEWS

Additional topics for the Autumn newsletter – Acknowledge planters sponsorship and invite sponsorships for village welcome signs.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____ Date 30 November 2015