

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



**Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 20 June 2016 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.**

**Present :** Councillors W Cook (Chair), D Bray, P M Green, G McGann, G Pentin and D Rostance

**In attendance:** Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
13 Members of the public

### **30. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence received from Councillors S Cooper, J Foran and M O'Dowd be accepted.

### **31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

### **32. MINUTES**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2016 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### **33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- (a) Overgrown trees and shrubs opposite Brook Close obstructing the road have to be cut back.
- (b) Some trees on the Pasture had been vandalized. It was responded that the incident had been reported to the Police.
- (c) Planning application 16/00257/OUT (Crabtree Homes – Land to the rear of The Ridgeway Penny Land. Proposal – outline application for the erection of 17 no. affordable dwellings - approval for access sought at this stage). Crabtree Homes' proposed housing development in village is a concern. Knowsley Local Plan indicates no plan for development on that site. The Parish Council objected to the planning proposals and its position remains unchanged. Whiston Town Council has also objected to the proposed development.
- (d) Grease spill on Penny Lane was reported to the meeting.
- (e) Road re-surfacing on Smithy Close has yet to be finished.
- (f) The footpath from The Roundabout leading to Pex Hill has to be tarmacked for easy access. It was responded that the path is on private land. Re-surfacing needs the owner's approval and financial implication has to be looked at. Landowner has yet to be identified.
- (g) The concrete surface of the water pipe at the top of the footpath (Mill Lane leading to Pex Hill) needs to be properly covered up.

### **34. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 23 May 2016
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 23 May 2016

### **35. REPORTS**

- (a) **Policing** – Anti-social behaviour in the village is a concern. Attempted vandalism was noticed the night before the Gala. On a recent Friday evening over 200 young people between the ages of 12 to 16 were found gathered in the village. The Police attended the incident.
- (b) **Healthwatch Knowsley** – A representative of Healthwatch Knowsley came and met with the Wednesday Craft Group. It was a useful meeting.
- (c) **Transport** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – A few more outstanding issues need to raise with Knowsley Council. Penny Lane has long been a fly-tipping hotspot.
- (e) **PWCKV Local Advisory Group** – No report.

**It was resolved** that the above reports be noted.

### **36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **APP. NO: 16/00387/PDE**

LOCATION: 75 Chapel Lane Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY TO REAR MAXIMUM DEPTH FROM ORIGINAL REAR WALL: 4 METRES, MAXIMUM HEIGHT: 3.04 METRES, HEIGHT OF EAVES: 2.26 METRES

**It was resolved** that the Parish Council has no observations to make but would request neighbours be consulted.

### **37. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

**It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 20 June 2016 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

### **38. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

### **39. INTERNAL AUDIT 2015/16**

- (a) **It was resolved** that the Internal Audit 2015/16 Report be noted and accepted by the Parish Council. Matters arising will be addressed accordingly.
- (b) **It was resolved** that approval be given to pay the Internal Audit Fee of £90.

### **40. THE PASTURE**

**It was resolved** that payment of £1,904.77 being 50% of the Pasture grounds maintenance contract annual cost be approved.

### **41. 2016 – 2018 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD**

- (a) **It was resolved** to adopt the new pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract to be applied from 1 April 2016.
- (b) **It was resolved** that the Clerk's salary increase of £86.65 in 2015/16 be funded by the Reserve Budget.

#### **42. GRANTS – 2016/17 APPLICATIONS**

Four grants applications had been received for consideration.

**It was resolved** that the following grant allocations be approved:

Cronton Community Association	£250
Cronton Senior Citizen Christmas Party	£300
Cronton Pathways Project	£75
Cronton Gala Committee	£200

#### **43. CRANTON NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK**

An issue concerning the rationale of Cranton Neighbourhood Network and conflict of interest with the Parish Council had been raised for discussion by Councillor G McGann. As a result, an enquiry had been made to Knowsley Council asking what support there still is for the Network from Knowsley Council.

Councillor G McGann commented that the Parish Council represents the interest of the Parish and that residents and outside organisations should be encouraged to attend the Council Meetings rather than the Network Meetings.

The Chairman responded that initially the Network included representatives from local groups and outsider organisations to discuss matter of mutual interest and to obtain grants for community projects. Since the Parish Council took over the running of the Network from Knowsley Council, support from outside organisations was gradually diminishing. As the Network is governed by its Constitution and the Parish Council has no power to dissolve it.

**It was resolved** that the reply from Knowsley Council regarding support for the Neighbourhood Network and information on the PWCKV Network be noted.

#### **44. STATE OF THE VILLAGE**

Covered under Public Participation session.

#### **45. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

A large number of young people from Upton Rocks came to the village in the evenings of the weekends and vandalised the Pasture. The Police witness an incident and dispersed the group. It happened again the night after the Gala and caused damages to the Gala furniture and scattered litter all over the place from the wheelie bins. .

#### **46. CRANTON NEWS**

The summer newsletter will be published in August 2016.

**The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 5 September 2016