

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 21 March 2016 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

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

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

141. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillor P M Green be accepted.

142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

143. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2016 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

144. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised by members of the public present.

145. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 29 February 2016
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 29 February 2016

146. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Speeding in Hall Lane, Smithy Lane and Cronton Road remains an issue. It was suggested raising the issue with the Neighbourhood Police Inspector to increase Police visibility and do speed checks. It was further suggested asking Halton Council to request drivers to observe the speed limits when travelling through Cronton from Widnes. Information on how to report scrambler bike incidents will be given in the newsletter.
- (b) **Healthwatch Knowsley** – Healthwatch Knowsley will signpost residents to access services. They can come to Cronton to meet the local groups and have a stall at the Gala.
- (c) **Transport** – It is worthwhile attending and getting involved with the Merseytravel Customer Forum.

(d) **Environment** – The clean-up activities in March was a great success. The dog waste issue has to be addressed. It was suggested reintroducing the dog poop stencils in the hotspot areas.

(e) **PWCKV Partnership Advisory Group** – No report.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

147. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) APP. NO: **16/00014/FUL**

LOCATION: Castle View Cronton Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE AND
ERECTON OF DORMER BEDROOM TO REAR OF EXISTING DWELLING

DECISION Granted

It was resolved that the planning decision be noted.

(b) Application: **16/00094/FUL**

Proposal: Installation of new shop front

Location: Sundaze, 17 Hampton Drive, Cronton, Knowsley WA8 5BZ

It was resolved that the Council does not object to the planning application providing disabled access is provided.

148. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 21 March 2016 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

149. THE PASTURE DRAINAGE SCHEME

The Council will apply for a grant of £50,000 from the Cory Environmental Trust to improve the drainage in the flat areas of the Pasture where events are held. A 10% third party contribution is needed.

It was resolved that approval be given for the Council to contribute £3,500 to the match funding from its Reserve.

150. GRANT 2015/16 FEEDBACK

It was resolved that the feedback from Cronton Pathway Project Walks for Health be noted.

151. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Council considered the Risk Assessment and Management Report as at 21 March 2016.

It was resolved that the Risk Assessment and Management Report as at 21 March 2016 be approved and accepted.

152. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND INTERNAL AUDIT 2015/16

The Council reviewed that the effectiveness of the System of Internal Control and Internal Audit 2015/16.

It was resolved that the Council's financial management is adequate and effective and it has a sound system of internal control to facilitate the effective exercise of the Council's functions including the arrangements for risk management.

153. INTERNAL AUDIT – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Council reviewed the Internal Audit – Terms of Reference.

It was resolved that the Internal Audit – Terms of Reference for 2016/17 be approved.

154. MERSEY GATEWAY TOLLING ARRANGEMENTS - CRANTON

A reply dated 2 March 2016 had been received from the Chief Executive of Mersey Gateway Crossings Board stating that Halton Council does not have the resources to extend the Local User Discount Scheme (LUDS) to any other user groups.

It was resolved that the reply be noted and an enquiry be made to find out if the LUDS has been extended to Frodsham.

155. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

- In general, the village is in good condition.
- A village inspection took place with Ward Councillors and a Knowsley Council Officer. Environmental and street scene issues were highlighted.
- To resolve overflowing litter bin issues, the emptying frequency has to be reviewed.
- To report potholes in Hall Lane and Penny Lane to Tarmac.
- The missing litter bin on Hampton Drive/Iver Close has to be reinstated.
- To erect a tourist fingerpost in Coronation Gardens. It was suggested checking with Knowsley Council if any grants are available for this type of work.
- Councillor D Rostance will contact Knowsley Council to remove the Christmas trees left for recycling at the Holy Family Parish Centre car park.
- Holy Family Parish Centre has to remove the refuse on its car park.
- Some stones fell off the recently repaired sandstone wall at the Holy Family Parish Centre car park.
- Knowsley Council is unable to respond to request for hedge works unless they are obstructing the use of the highway and they will not lower the height of hedges on private properties. There is no further action regarding the height of hedges on Chapel Lane.

156. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Youth activities in the village have to be monitored to prevent them from developing into bigger problem.

157. CRANTON NEWS

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

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date 9 May 2016