

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 22 June 2015 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, G Pentin and D Rostance

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

29. APOLOGIES

All members were present.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

31. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2015 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

32. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mill Lane – United Utilities has been requested to investigate taking over the maintenance of the footpath. For the time being, Knowsley Council will be asked to cut back the shrubs.

Proposal car boot sale in the village – Parking is an issue.

Not satisfied with Police response – It was advised that when reporting an incident, take the Crime Number and date, as these can be used to get feedback from the Police.

33. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 1 June 2015
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 1 June 2015

34. CO-OPTION

It was proposed by Councillor S Cooper, seconded by Councillor J Foran and **resolved** that Pat Green be co-opted as member of the Council with immediate effect.

35. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Councillor D Rostance will contact Matt Lawrance (PCSTO) regarding the provision of speed camera in the village.
- (b) **Age UK** – No report.

- (c) **Bus service** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – There has been a rise in anti-social behaviour at Georges Wood. United Utilities will install an environmental friendly water sample tap kiosk at Mill Lane (The Roundabout). They had been requested to inform nearby residents of the project. The derelict gate might be refurbished at the same time.
- (e) **PWCKV Partnership Advisory Group** – Awaiting further information from Knowsley Council.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

36. PLANNING APPLICATION

(a) **App. No. 15/00345/FUL**

Location: 22 Smithy Close, Cronton

Proposed: Demolition of outrigger to existing dwelling and erection of 1 no three bed bungalow together with single storey extension to existing dwelling and associated vehicle access, parking, and boundary treatments

It was resolved that the Council has no observations to make on this planning application.

- (b) **Crabtree Homes housing development proposal** – The proposed site is agricultural land and in a green belt. It is protected by the Green Belt Policy of the Unitary Development Plan. After discussion, it was concluded that the Council will object to any housing development proposals on the site and there is no further discussion with the developer. The Chairman undertook to give the Council's opinion to Knowsley Council, the Ward Councillors and the MP.

37. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 22 June 2015 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 approved.

39. INTERNAL AUDIT

It was resolved that the Internal Auditor's report for 2014/15 be accepted.

The Clerk will enquire the procedures for her to discuss and seek information relating to the bank accounts.

40. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- (a) **It was resolved** that 2014/15 grant allocation Feedback from the following groups be accepted:

- Cronton Community Association
- Cronton Senior Citizen Christmas Party

(b) Four grant applications (2015/16) were received with supporting documents. After discussion, **it was resolved** that the following grant allocation be approved:

• Cronton Pathway Project	£100
• Cronton Community Association	£250
• Cronton Senior Citizen Christmas Party	£300
• Cronton Gala Committee	<u>£200</u>
Total	<u>£850</u>

41. KNOWSLEY MOBILISATION OF SPENDING PLAN PROPOSALS – ANNUAL BEDDING

Members received for discussion Knowsley Council's changes to flower beds and planters in the Borough. The War Memorial at Coronation Gardens will be affected. The Council considered that the maintenance of the site takes priority. Whether the Council will take over the maintenance responsibility, financial implications and how the village can be engaged in its maintenance were discussed.

It was resolved that the current and new maintenance schedules for Coronation Gardens be obtained from Knowsley Council for further consideration.

42. PASTURE HIRING

Taking into consideration the conditions and functions of the Pasture, **it was resolved** that the hiring request from Holy Family Church to hold a Car Boot Sale on the Pasture be refused.

43. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

A village walk around has been postponed to the end of June 2015.

To enhance the village, gateway signs were suggested. It was agreed to refer the matter to the next General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting.

44. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Over 100 young people gathered on The Pasture the night before the Gala. They were moved on by the Police.

45. CRONTON NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

It was resolved that the minutes of the Network meeting held on 7 April 2015 be noted and the agenda for the next meeting to be held on 7 July 2015 be approved.

A discussion also took place on the relationship between the Council and the Network. A review of the Network was considered necessary. It was agreed to refer the matter to the next Council Meeting.

46. CRONTON NEWS

The following topics were proposed:

- Chairman's Annual Report
- Environment (village walk around)
- Anti-social behaviour

- Community Engagement
- New PCSTO
- Cronton website
- Gala
- Village day trips
- Cronton Mission
- Councillor vacancies
- Knowsley Council app for mobile

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed _____ Date 7 September 2015