

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 27 March 2017 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

Present : Councillors W Cook (Chair), D Bray, S Cooper and G McGann

In attendance: V Osborne (The Clerk)
4 Members of the public

137. APOLOGIES

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

138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

139. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 February 2017 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

140. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The followings were raised by members of the public:

- (a) Merseyrail – A copy of the response to an enquiry made by a resident about the new fleet of trains was given to the Council for information.
- (b) Environmental issues at Pex Hill – A representative of a group of climbers at Pex Hill raised litter problems at Pex Hill, smashed bottles in particular. The group proposed to form a 'Friends of Pex Hill' to tackle the issue. Councillor D Rostance gave some information on the work carried out by Cronton Pathways and TCV, and the activities on the Clean-Up Days. The Parish Council supported the proposal and agreed that Councillor D Rostance to liaise with stakeholders.
- (c) There was a complaint about some parked vehicles obstructing traffic in the village. It was responded that legal action could only be taken if the vehicle was illegally parked.
- (d) It was questioned why the ruin of a private property at Pex Hill was left unattended after a fire.

141. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 27 February 2017
- (b) Finance and Police Committee meeting held on 27 February 2017

142. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – (a) Possession of young people from Upton Rocks to the Pasture at night time remains a concern. Illegal substance related litter left behind is a danger to the public especially to young children playing in the area. It was suggested monitoring the situation for

a few weeks and reporting to both Police authorities if needed. (b) No Police presence in the village.

(b) **Healthwatch Knowsley** – No report.

(c) **Transport** – No report.

(d) **Environment** – A few incidents of fly-tipping had been reported and removed. CCTV would be useful for tackling the problem.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

143. PLANNING APPLICATION

(a) **APP. NO: 15/00826/NMA**

APP. TYPE Non-Material Amendment

LOCATION: B C Neill Air Conditioning Ltd Adj Brentwood Cronton Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: APPLICATION FOR A NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT FOLLOWING GRANTING OF PLANNING PERMISSION 15/00826/FUL - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING COMMERCIAL PREMISES AND REMOVAL OF HARDSTANDING TOGETHER WITH ERECTION OF 1NO TWO STOREY 5 BED DWELLINGHOUSE WITH REVISED VEHICULAR ACCESS AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING - AMENDMENT SOUGHT TO APPROVED PLANS TO ALLOW FOR THE INCLUSION OF SOLAR PANELS TO THE ROOF AT REAR AND SIDE

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

(b) **APP/V4305/C/16/3143036**

Site: Parklands Club, 1A Parklands, Cronton, Knowsley WA8 4NQ

Development: Appeal against enforcement notice served due to unauthorised change of use

It was resolved that the appeal notice be noted.

144. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 27 March 2017 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

145. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

(a) **It was resolved** that the insurance renewal quotation for the Parish Council 2017/18 from Came and Company (Insurer – Aviva) be approval.

(b) **It was resolved** that the LALC membership renewal for 2017/18 be approved.

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

146. MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND

It was resolved that the Fund's Triennial Valuation 2016 Results and the Parish Council's contribution plan for the period 1/4/17 to 31/3/20 be noted.

147. PARISH COUNCIL NON-DOMESTIC RATE

The Parish Council premises had recently been revalued for business rates purposes. The total of Transitional Relief and Small Business Relief equals to the Non-Domestic Rate demanded for 2017/18.

It was resolved that the National Non-Domestic Rate Demand Notice be noted.

148. RISK ASSESSMENT

A Risk Assessment and Management Report dated 27 March 2017 addressing risks associated with the duties and functions of the Council was presented to members for consideration.

It was resolved that the Risk Assessment and Management Report (27 March 2017) be approved.

149. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND INTERNAL AUDIT 2016/17

To meet the requirements of the Regulations of the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2015, the Council conducted a yearly review of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and a review of effectiveness of its internal audit.

It was resolved that the Council's financial and operational management was 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. There were no concerns raised.

The Council thanked that Clerk for presenting the Reports.

150. GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The current 2-year ground maintenance contract with Knowsley Council has come to an end in March this year. Four companies/organisations were invited to bid for the 1-year contract. Besides meeting the required standard for routine maintenance, the successful bidder has to work closely with Knowsley Council and the drainage project contractor during the project period and to maintain the park at Green Flag standard at all times. Four tenders were received.

After careful consideration, **it was resolved** that Knowsley Council meets all the requirements for the contract and is the most suitable organisation taking into account its current maintenance standards, the work to be involved in the coming year and the competitive price, the 1-year contract be awarded to Knowsley Council.

151. PARKS AND GREENSPACES REVIEW BOARD

Councillor D Rostance reported that as a result of budget cuts, Knowsley Council is proposing to pass on parks, open space and grounds maintenance to local councils. A consultation on the proposed changes will be carried out by the Review Board.

152. FRIENDS OF PEX HILL

This had been dealt with under Public Participation.

153. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

Issues had been dealt with under Public Participation and Reports.

154. CRONTON NEWS

The spring newsletter is in progress.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date 8 May 2017