

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 30 March 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

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

In attendance: Inspection Graeme Webster (Merseyside Police)
Sergeant Paul Carroll (Merseyside Police)
Dave Rimmer (ex-PCSTO)
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
3 Members of the public

153. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillor I Watson be accepted.

154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

155. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 February 2015 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

156. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Inspection G Webster and Sergeant Paul Carroll were invited to discuss policing matters in Cronton. The following issues were raised by members of the public:

- (a) Private companies' responsibilities in respect of illegal parking – It was responded that some policing services are to be delivered by private companies, however, responsibility for the enforcement of legislation governing dangerous parking and parking that has caused an obstruction remains with the Police.
- (b) A dangerous pothole in Hall Lane – It was responded that it is an environmental issue.
- (c) Police response – It was advised to use landline to report incidents for area identification. Police can be deployed from other areas if necessary.

The following environmental issues were raised:

- (a) A pump to be installed by United Utilities at Pex Hill – It was suggested contacting United Utilities for further details whether it is a subterranean construction or above ground.
- (b) To improve the condition of the public footpath at Mill Lane leading to Pex Hill, the surface should be tarmacked.

157. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 2 March 2015
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 2 March 2015

158. **POLICING**

The following issues were considered:

- (a) Location of Cronton – There is always some confusion in identifying the location of Cronton when an incident is reported to the Police or Fire and Rescue Service. It was suggested putting Cronton on the map that it is in Merseyside. Call handling procedures at the new control centre for Fire and Police services were briefly explained.
- (b) Anti-Social Behaviour – Ill-behaved young people removed by Cheshire Police from Upton Rocks congregated on The Pasture throughout the night during last summer. Dave Rimmer attended the situation and successfully moved them out of the village. The community wants to be reassured that such incident would not happen again. It was responded that the Police takes anti-social behaviour seriously and residents should continue reporting incidents to the Police for action. Arrangements will be made for Police to attend incidents and to promote prevention.
- (c) Rural crimes – A huge amount of lamping with firearms, and quad and scrambler bikes incidents. It was advised to call 999 to report potential firearm incidents. Two officers are trained to clampdown on quad and scrambler bikes crimes. Tackling rural crime is a priority for Police and they are working in co-operation with Cheshire Police.
- (d) Fly-tipping issues – The village is a hot spot for fly-tipping. A person had been caught for fly-tipping in the village. The case has been passed to the Police for action.
- (e) Highways issues – The 20 mph speed limit in Smithy Lane and Hall Lane is ignored by some drivers. HDVs travel to and from Hall Lane, north to the junction of Hall Lane/Penny Lane, but that stretch of road is not wide enough for two-way traffic. Some restrictions have to be implemented to resolve the situation. This will involve the Borough of St Helens. The Police can push this proposal forward to Knowsley Council.
- (f) General crimes – It was advised to take precautions to prevent car crimes. A recent plant theft had been reported.

Dave Rimmer (ex-PCSTO) thanked for the co-operation of Parish Council and residents during his period of service in Cronton. Members were grateful for Dave Rimmer's service and dedication. He was a good ambassador in the area. They wish him all the best with his new job.

The Chairman thanked the Police Officers for attending the meeting and would appreciate their regular attendance.

159. **REPORTS**

- (a) **Policing** – It has been covered by item 6.
- (b) **The Age UK** – No report.
- (c) **Bus service** – Bus service 265 with a detour to Cronton will go out to tender. The new route starts from St Helen's Hospital via Cronton to Whiston Hospital and Halewood.
- (d) **Environment** – The recent Clean-up Day was a great success. Fourteen volunteers took part in the event. The village is in a good condition.

- (e) **PWCKV Partnership Advisory Group** – The focus of discussion at the second meeting was ‘Get the best return from the Knowsley pound’. Representatives of the four areas put questions to the Advisory Group. A ‘Strategic priority – Get the best return on the Knowsley pound’ was formulated and agreed by the Knowsley Implementation Group. The priority list was presented to members. It includes the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

160. PLANNING APPLICATION

- (a) **App. No.** **15/00117/FUL**
 Location: 2 Smithy Lane, Cronton
 Proposed: Erection of two storey rear extension (incorporating and extending footprint of existing rear)

It was resolved that the Council has no observations to make but would request that comments from residents be carefully considered.

- (b) **App. No.** **14/00752/OUT**
 Location: Land at Welshmans Farm, 345 Cronton Road
 Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 1 no. bungalow, access & layout to be considered at this stage (appearance, landscaping & scale to be reserved for future approval)
Decision: **Granted**

It was resolved that the above planning decision be noted.

161. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 30 March 2015 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

162. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

- (a) **It was resolved** that approval for renewing LALC membership at £283.16 be given.
 (b) **It was resolved** that the undermentioned payments be approved.

Payments

Cheque no.	Description	Amount (£)
1311	Cancelled	0.00
1312	Merseyside Pension Fund (1st payment - Employer's contribution £189.35, employee's contribution £39.30 = £228.65)	228.65
1313	Tyrrell's Electrical and Security Ltd (Parish Council electrical inspection and remedial work charges - work completed and certificate issued)	180.00
1314	Broker Network Ltd (Parish Council insurance renewal premium 2015/16)	1,041.02
1315	Merseyside Pension Fund (Contributions)	249.12
1316	HMRC (Jan, Feb & Mar 2015 - NIC & PAYE)	72.49

1317	W M Osborne (Reimburse Clerk for expenses paid in advance : Stationery £52.14, Postage £15.44, Photocopying Spring 2015 newsletter £60, Housekeeping - window cleaning £12. Total £139.58)	139.58
1318	W M Osborne (Clerk's expenses 2014/15 - Mileage (including collecting newsletter copies from printer) 93 miles @ 45p/m - £41.85, Parking fee £0.60, Mobile calls £3.74, Working from home electricity consumption claim £33.13. Total £79.32)	79.32

Direct Debits

Date	Description	Amount (£)
23/1/15	United Utilities (Surface water and highway drainage charges - 4th Qtr payment)	29.09
6/3/15	British Gas (Electricity 19/12/14 to 22/1/15) Last bill - changed to npower from 23/1/15)	38.13

163. THE PASTURE MAINTENANCE

It was resolved that the terms and conditions for the ground maintenance of The Pasture given by Knowsley Council be approved and accepted by the Council.

164. THE PASTURE PLAYING FIELD

It was resolved that approval be given to transfer £700 from the Cronton Parochial Charity Trust to fund the drainage feasibility study at The Pasture.

Grant application will be submitted in the name of the Gala Committee or the Neighbourhood Network. The project will be under the control of the Council.

165. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

A village walk round was suggested to take place in May 2015. Knowsley Officers will be invited.

166. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

It was covered by agenda item 6.

167. CRANTON NEWS

The Spring Newsletter was very well received.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date 11 May 2015