

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 7 September 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, P M Green, G McGann, G Pentin and D Rostance

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

47. APOLOGIES

All members were present.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

49. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 June 2015 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

50. ORDER OF BUSINESS

In view of a large number of members of the public present, **it was resolved** that planning application 15/00532/OUT from Crabtree Home Ltd be brought forward for discussion.

51. PLANNING APPLICATION FROM CRABTREE HOMES LTD

App No. **15/00532/OUT**

Application Received Wed 12 Aug 2015

Address Land To The Rear Of The Ridgeway Penny Lane Cranton Knowsley

Proposal **OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF 29 NO. DWELLINGS (ALL MATTERS RESERVED FOR FUTURE APPROVAL)**

Councillor S Cooper gave four grounds on which the application from Crabtree Homes Ltd be objected.

1. The proposal is contrary to policy CS 5 of the Knowsley Local Plan in respect of building in the green belt.
2. The proposal is adjacent to the Cranton Conservation Area and as such will have a negative impact on the oldest part of Cranton Village (policy CS 20)
3. Inadequate public transport from Cranton to other areas of Knowsley leading to greater car usage (policy CS 7) (policy CS 2 principle 3)
4. Lack of adequate and safe access for traffic.

Further supporting evidence and reasons why the application should not be considered as a case of 'very special circumstances' were also given.

The proposed development is completely against the current UDP and the Green Belt Policy of Knowsley Local Plan (to be adopted by the end of 2015). After members presented their views, a proposal that the Council should object to the planning application was put to a vote.

It was unanimously resolved that planning application 15/00532/OUT be objected.

It was resolved that the meeting be suspended to enable members of the public to speak on the planning application.

The following matters were raised:

- Increase in traffic flow through the village and speeding
- Enough lands have been identified in other parts of Knowsley for meeting the housing target
- Higher crime rates
- Lose of village identity with influx of outsiders
- The unique natural boundary will be destroyed by encroachment

The Chairman summed up the discussion that the proposed development is contrary to Knowsley Planning Policies and the Parish Council has objected to the planning application.

Councillor S Cooper will represent the Council when the application is considered by Knowsley Council Planning Committee.

The meeting resumed at 7.45 pm

52. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) Railings opposite the Community Centre are in a bad state of repair. Elaine Chesters volunteers to maintain the planters on the railings when they are reinstated. Local sponsorship was suggested. Councillors J Foran and D Rostance and Elaine Chesters will follow this up.
- (b) A resident again complained about children noise in the play area of the Pasture. It was again responded that the site has always been a day time park.
- (c) Councillor S Cooper will look into how Cronton residents can be eligible for the discount scheme for crossing the new Mersey Gateway Bridge and the Silver Jubilee Bridge.

53. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 13 July 2015
(b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 13 July 2015

54. CO-OPTION

It was proposed by Councillor S Cooper, seconded by Councillor D Rostance and **resolved** that Mike O'Dowd be co-opted as member of the Council with immediate effect.

55. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – The issue of a large number of young people coming to the village in the evening had been resolved. Hot spot policing has proven effective.

- (b) **Age UK** – Contact has been set up.
- (c) **Bus service** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – The schedules of litter bin collections have to be looked at to ensure bins in the same location are emptied at the same time. Assisted collection for household waste is available on request.
- (e) **PWCKV Partnership Advisory Group** – The Chairman will report back on the progress to the Council.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

56. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following planning decision be noted.

APP. NO: 15/00326/FUL

LOCATION: Lower House Farmhouse Prescott Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: APPLICATION TO REMOVE CONDITIONS 2 AS APPLIED TO APPLICATION 10/4/6245 TO ALLOW FOR USE OF EXISTING PROPERTY AS RESIDENTIAL DWELLING

DECISION Granted

APP. NO: 15/00345/FUL

LOCATION: 22 Smithy Close Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: 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

DECISION Application Withdrawn

APP. NO: 15/00333/ADV

LOCATION: Parklands Club 1A Parklands Cronton

PROPOSAL: RETENTION OF 2NO. NON-ILLUMINATED FREE-STANDING SIGNAGE ADJACENT TO SITE ENTRANCE.

DECISION Part Approval/Part Refusal

57. PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

It was resolved that a letter dated 31 July 2015 from Crabtree Homes Ltd regarding proposed residential development of 29 high quality homes of which 8 shall be affordable south of Penny Lane, Cronton be noted.

58. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 7 September 2015 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

59. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

60. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2015 be approved and accepted by the Council.

61. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT 2014/15

The audit for the year ended 31 March 2015 had been completed. There were no matters came to the auditor's attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. The annual return 2014/15 and audit opinion were presented to the Council for consideration.

It was resolved that the annual return 2014/15 be approved and accepted by the Council.

Members thanked the Clerks for successfully completing the annual audit.

62. CODE OF CONDUCT - DISPENSATION

It was resolved that dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 be granted to Councillors W Cook, D Bray, S Cooper, J Foran, P M Green, G McGann, G Pentin and D Rostance in order that they are able to discuss and eventually set the 2016/2017 precept. The dispensation is set to continue until the next Parish Council elections in May 2019.

63. KNOWSLEY'S REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2016-2021 AND STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES - CONSULTATION

It was resolved that the consultation on Knowsley's Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021 and Statement of Gambling Principles be noted.

64. THE PASTURE MAINTENANCE REVIEW

Members received for consideration from Knowsley Council (the contractor) the Ground Maintenance Contract – Quarter 1 Performance Update 2015/16 and the Playground Inspection Report for April to June 2015.

It was resolved that the reports be noted.

A meeting will be held with the Park Manager of Knowsley Council to discuss some minor maintenance issues.

65. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

- (a) Smithy Lane will be resurfaced on 12 September 2015.
- (b) Councillor D Rostance will follow-up the painting of the railings opposite the Community Centre.
- (c) Coronation Gardens is in a very poor condition of maintenance, the plants at the War Memorial in particular.
- (d) Councillor J Foran to follow-up the overgrowth at the substations on Kenley Avenue and Hampton Drive
- (e) The Council to follow-up the overgrowth along Cronton Road to Tarbock Island.
- (f) The Clerk to report to Knowsley Council the abandoned caravan behind the shops.
- (g) More volunteers are needed to help maintain the upkeep of the village.
- (h) Boundary signs can cost £2,000. Financial resources were discussed.
- (i) Sponsorship for the railing planters and planters outside the shops were discussed.

66. **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

No problem this summer.

67. **CRONTON NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Network meeting held on 7 July 2015 be noted and roles and responsibilities/future of the Network be considered later.

68. **CRONTON NEWS**

Feedback on the Summer Newsletter from a resident was noted. Councillor D Rostance had been in touch with the writer.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed _____ Date 19 October 2015