

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 9 January 2017 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 and G Pentin

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

106. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors and P M Green and D Rostance be accepted.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

108. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 November 2016 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

109. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The followings were raised by members of the public:

(a) Town End Conservation Area Consultation

- What is the Council's view on the Conservation Area Consultation?
- A member of the public is positive towards the revised Town End, Contron Area Appraisal and the Town End, Cronton Conservation Area Management Plan.

(b) Consultation on the St Helens Local Plan Preferred Options 2018-2033

- What is the Council's view on the proposed housing developments in the green belts of St Helens (Land south of Mill Lane, east of Hall Lane, west of Norlands Lane and north of M62, Rainhill)? The land will be released from green belt to become safeguarded housing land but can considered developable after 2033. Impacts on traffic is a concern.

(c) Policing

- Children issues on the Pasture.
- Suspicious activities on the Pasture.
- PCSO's presence in Cronton.

It was responded that members of the public can raise the issues with the Police at the meeting on the 23 January 2017.

110. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 12 December 2016
- (b) Finance and Police Committee meeting held on 12 December 2016

111. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Police will be present at the meeting to be held on the 23 January 2017.
- (b) **Healthwatch Knowsley** – No report.
- (c) **Transport** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – No report.
- (e) **PWCKV Local Advisory Group** – Awaiting reply from Knowsley Council whether the Advisory Group is still functioning.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

112. PLANNING APPLICATION

APP. NO: 16/00758/FUL

LOCATION: 37 Smithy Lane Cronton WA8 5DF

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR XTENSIONS, CANOPY TO FRONT AND INSTALLATION OF REAR DORMER

It was resolved that the Council had no observations on this planning application.

113. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 9 January 2017 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

114. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

115. PRECEPT FOR 2017/18

(a) Consultation on the reduction in financial support Parish and Town Councils

Knowsley Council has proposed in its consultation that the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) Scheme Grant to Parish and Town Councils in Knowsley will be phased out over two years. Taking into account the reduction, the estimated Tax Base (net of CTR) for Cronton = 447 Band D equivalent. It was commented that the Parish Council was aware of the forthcoming reduction and has taken the impact into account.

It was resolved that the consultation be noted.

(b) Precept for 2017/18

After initial discussions, most likely there will be no increase in the precept for 2017/18. This will be ratified at the next full Council Meeting.

It was resolved that the precept for 2017/18 will be finalised and approved at the next full Council Meeting on 13 February 2017.

116. CHARITY TRUST

Cronton Parish Council is the parochial governing authority for the Charity of J Windle Junior & Relief of Poor House Keepers. The investment of the charity is managed by BlackRock Investments. The objectives of the charity have changed matching the current needs of the

village. A discussion took place if it was worth carrying on with the investment of a relatively small amount of money.

It was resolved that the investment be continued and Councillor Will Cook appointed the sole trustee of the charity. BlackRock Investments will be informed accordingly.

117. CONSULTATION ON THE ST HELENS LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS 2018-2033 – MODIFICATION, SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTATION AND INVITATION TO CONSULTATION EVENT

The following points were raised:

- The proposal that would affect Cronton is the removal of the green belt between Manor Farm and Tower College (Location 15 - Land south of Mill Lane, east of Hall Lane, west of Norlands Lane and north of M62, Rainhill – sites GBS 136 AND GBS 160)
- Brown fields should be developed first.
- Traffic impacts on Cronton (schools and 20 mph speed limit) and Junction 7 of M62.
- Halton Council should re-open the access from Norlands Lane to Junction 7 to accommodate the increase in traffic.
- Town-end is the Borough of Knowsley not Halton.

It was resolved that a draft response will be prepared by Councillor S Cooper and it will be circulated to members before sending to St Helens Council.

118. THE PASTURE – CENTENARY FIELD DESIGNATURE

The Pasture has been designated as a centenary field and Fields in Trust wants to know the Council's plan to link the site to WW1. More information is needed from the Green Space Development Officer of Knowsley Council.

It was resolved that Philip Hurst of Knowsley Council be invited to attend a meeting.

119. VILLAGE ISSUES

- (a) There was a written complaint about litter problems in Hall Lane leading to Mill Lane, St Helens. The road concerned is over the boundary of St Helens and Knowsley. It was suggested making a complaint to St Helens Council and asking Knowsley Council for the cleansing schedule.
- (b) A complaint had been received regarding extended parking outside the shop on Hampton Drive and the disabled parking space is often taken by other drivers. This has adversely affect the businesses of the shops. To resolve the problem it was suggested seeking help from Knowsley Council to erect parking control signs in the area.
- (c) In response to the e-mail from the Parking Manager regarding the parking issue on Iver Close, it was suggested asking when the consultation will take place and how it is going to be conducted. The issue will be on the agenda until it is resolved.

120. COMMUNITY ISSUES

The anchoring of the Christmas tree will be reinforced to prevent it from being pushed over.

121. CRONTON NEWS

The next issue will be published in spring.

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

Signed _____ Date 13 February 2017