



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **29 February 2016** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

In attendance: Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
3 members of the public

66. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors P M Green and M O'Dowd be accepted.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of interest had been submitted.

68. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 18 January 2016 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

69. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) The owner of Parklands Club gave some background information about her appeal against the enforcement notice served due to unauthorised change of use, and the grounds for her appeal. Members were aware that the functions concerned have been carried out for many years and they are not complying with the planning permission and polices.

The Chairman thanks Mrs Freeman for the attending the meeting and her representation.

- (b) The hedges at the junction of Cronton Road/Hall Lane had been pruned too low and not in accordance to good agricultural practice.
- (c) A resident requested that the hedges north to the Methodist Chapel car park on Chapel Lane should be lowered to the same level as those along the edge of the fields down the road. Contact details of the landowner has to be found.

70. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **Site address:** Parklands Club, 1A Parklands, Cronton, Knowsley WA8 4NQ
Description of development: Appeal against enforcement notice served due to unauthorised change of use
Application ref: 16/00002/ENFNOT
Appeal ref: APP/V4305/C/16/3143036

It was resolved that the Parish Council supported the original application by the previous owner and fully understands the reasons for the enforcement notice. However the Parish Council believes that the present owners should be given an opportunity to apply for retrospective planning permission. This would enable Cronton Parish Council members and all concerned parties to examine in detail the views of the club owners and the nearby residents with a view to reaching a satisfactory outcome for all those involved

(b) **APP. NO: 16/00010/LBC**

APP. TYPE Listed Building Consent

LOCATION: Wayside Pex Hill Cronton

PROPOSAL: LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR THE RE-FURBISHMENT OF EXISTING DWELLING FOLLOWING FIRE DAMAGE TO INCLUDE THE DEMOLITION OF A TIMBER PORCH & LEAN TO STORAGE UNIT TO REAR OF GARAGE AND THE ADDITION OF A TWO STOREY EXTENSION CONNECTED BY GLAZED LINK TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED BOUNDARY TREATMENTS & LANDSCAPING WORKS

It was resolved that the Parish Council supports the listed building consent application to restore the dwelling to its former significance on the condition that demolition is carried out strictly in accordance with the plans submitted and not a total demolition.

(c) **APP. NO: 16/00009/FUL**

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It was resolved that the Parish Council supports the applications to restore the dwelling to its former significance on the condition that demolition is carried out strictly in accordance with the plans submitted and not a total demolition.

71. USE OF CRONTON PARISH OFFICES AS A POLLING STATION

A letter dated 12 February 2016 had been received from Knowsley Council informing that the building of Cronton Parish Council Offices is no longer an identified Polling Station for future elections. However, a review of the new polling station location will be undertaken following the 2016 elections.

It was resolved that the letter be noted.

72. SCHOOL TRAFFIC

(a) **It was resolved** that a reply from the Chair of the Government Body of Cronton CE Primary School giving an update on the new arrangements for improving school traffic in the village be noted. Their efforts were most appreciated.

(b) The parking issue has been added to Knowsley Council's TRO Request List. The view of a resident on this proposal was noted. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council will follow this matter up with Knowsley Council and continue monitoring the situation.

73. HALTON BC PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Halton BC is carrying out Consultations on Delivery and Allocation Local Plan (DALP) – DALP Scoping Document (Call for Sites) and the Community Infrastructure Levy Scoping Document.

It was resolved that the consultations be noted and comments will be given where appropriate.

74. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

- (a) The next village inspection will take place on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 2.00 pm starting from the Parish Council Office.
- (b) Potholes in the village have been marked up and should be repaired within 28 days.
- (c) Private notices and banners in public areas should be removed.
- (d) Knowsley Council will be informed to remove Christmas trees left in the Holy Family Parish Centre car park.
- (e) Holy Family Parish Centre will be requested to remove tables and chairs left out in the car park.
- (f) A letter will be distributed to seek residents' cooperation to maintain and improve the environment of the village.
- (g) To follow-up the request to reinstate the 'Shops' sign in Smithy Lane.

75. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Shouting in Hall Lane in the early hours.
- (b) On behalf of Merseyside Police the Neighbourhood Inspector apologised for the poor response to a recent scrambler bikes incident. They treat this kind of incidents seriously and people should call 999 to report such incidents for Police immediate attention.

76. CRONTON NEWS

Suggested contents:

- NPPF Government policy change on building on green belts
- Adoption of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy – green belt policy relevant to Cronton
- Why wreaths were removed prior to tree lighting
- New village signs
- Precept 2016/17
- Proposed change of polling place in Cronton
- Knowsley new contractor Tramac (responsibilities and contact details)
- Village inspection report
- The Pasture drainage project
- An article from Cronton Community Centre
- Gala
- Cronton Mission Church (worship schedule)

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed _____ Date 11 April 2016