

**CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **31 October 2016** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, 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

**36. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence received from Councillor P M Green be accepted.

**37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**38. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 19 September 2016 as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

**39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following issues were raised:

- (a) On-going anti-social behaviour in the village and in the park.
- (b) Trees opposite Brook Close have to be cut back.
- (c) Hedges in the front garden of 43 Hampton Drive should be kept within its boundary.
- (d) The overgrown rose bushes at 76 Smithy Lane need to be cut back.

**40. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) **APP. NO: 16/00683/TWA**  
APPLICANT: Miss Carole Hopkins  
APP. TYPE Tree Works Application  
LOCATION: 1 Brook Close Cranton Knowsley  
PROPOSAL: FELLING OF 5NO. TREES

**It was resolved** that the Council objects to the application on the grounds that the trees are protected by preservation orders and they are in a conservation area.

- (b) **APP. NO: 16/00563/PDC**  
LOCATION: Land Adjacent To 2 Lodge Lane Cranton Knowsley  
PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL BARN TO FORM 1NO FOUR BED DWELLING AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT  
**DECISION - prior approval is required and granted**

**It was resolved** that the above planning decision be noted.

#### **41. PARKLANDS CLUB**

The Chairman was questioned as to why he had not yet written to Knowsley Council and had communication with the Club before a response had been received.

Issues relating to the licensing of the Club were further discussed. It was commented that the whole issue is a complex legal matter and is beyond the Parish Council's remit. As the Council is not a planning authority, it is unable to be further involved.

#### **42. VILLAGE ISSUES**

The followings were discussed:

- (a) The state of the Holy Family car park – It is the Church's responsibility.
- (b) Refurbishment of the fences opposite the Community Centre – No response from Knowsley Council. The situation is being monitored.
- (c) Graffiti – It is not serious in the village and they are removed as soon as possible.
- (d) Fly-tipping – Fast response from Knowsley Council.

#### **43. COMMUNITY ISSUES**

It has been a relatively good year despite issues on The Pasture. The gaps at the back of the field might have contribute to the problem.

#### **44. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE**

The updated service checklist was noted. A meeting with the representatives of the three churches will be held on Monday 7 November 2016 at the Parish Council Offices to finalise the details.

#### **45. CRONTON VILLAGE ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE**

A meeting with the representatives of the three churches and the local primary schools will be held to discuss the arrangements for the tree lighting ceremony and the carol service.

#### **46. POLLING STATION IN CRONTON**

**It was resolved** that the letter from Kowsley Council confirming that Cronton Parish Council Offices has now been re-designated as the Polling Station for Cronton be noted.

#### **47. ST HELENS BOLD FOREST PARK AREA ACTION PLAN PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION**

**It was resolved** that the Council has no comments to make on the St Helens Bold Forest Park Area Action Plan Proposed Modifications and that the Consultation be noted.

#### **48. CRONTON NEWSLETTER**

The Autumn Newsletter is ready for printing.

**The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 12 December 2016