

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **11 December 2017** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

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

36. APOLOGIES

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

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

38. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 30 October 2017 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident was dissatisfied with Police slow response and the confusion in identifying the Police Force responsible for Cronton. The Council undertook to find out if there was response to an incident reported at about 4.30 pm on 2 December 2017.

40. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **APP. NO: 17/00696/TCA**

APP. TYPE Trees in Conservation Areas
LOCATION: Stonecross Smithy Lane Cronton
PROPOSAL: REMEDIAL PRUNING TO 2NO TREES

It was resolved that the proposal be noted.

(b) **APP. NO: 17/00608/FUL**

LOCATION: Stone Cottage Pex Hill Cronton
PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF 1NO. DWELLING TO EXISTING GARDEN AREA
DECISION Refused

It was resolved that the planning decision be noted.

41. KNOWSLEY GREEN SPACE AND PARKS REVIEW BOARD

Councillor D Rostance reported that Knowsley Council would stop funding the maintenance of the green space and parks from April 2019. Many options had been considered by the Review Board and the creation of a charitable trust was recommended. It would create a £40 million of endowment by selling up to 10% of parks and green spaces in Knowsley over a period of 15 years.

Councillor G McGann questioned what would happen if the identified land could not be sold to raise the fund required. Would Knowsley Council look for other land for sale? The Pasture was not in the current land for sale list but its future needed to be secured.

It was resolved that the Chairman undertook to contact Knowsley Council to ensure that the Pasture will never be in the land for sale list even if the identified 10% sale cannot be fulfilled.

42. ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

It was proposed to donate this year's church collection to 'Hop Skip and Jump Liverpool' located in Kirkby. It provided immediate and flexible respite care for children and young adults with disabilities and SEN.

After discussion, **it was resolved** that 'Hop Skip and Jump Foundation' be the nominated charity.

43. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE FEEDBACK

Police stopped the traffic during the 2-minute silence was most appreciated. More copies of Service sheets were needed for next year.

44. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) Crime figures in Cronton for 2016 and 2017 were considered. The village had a relatively low crime rate. Police contacts would be provided in the newsletter to encourage residents to report crime. Lack of visible police presence remained an issue.
- (b) A site meeting would be arranged in early January 2018 with Knowsley Council to consider the parking issue in Iver Close.
- (c) Councillor J Foran had reported potholes in Lambourn Avenue and Kenley Avenue to Tarmac.
- (d) Missing street sign in Cronton Park Avenue and Woburn Drive had been reported to Knowsley Council.

45. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Proposed topics for the next newsletter

- New external audit arrangements (Clerk)
- Contact details for reporting potholes (JF)
- Contact details for reporting crime (Clerk)

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed _____ Date 15 January 2018