

# CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 8 January 2018 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

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

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

### 84. APOLOGIES

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence from Councillors J Foran, P M Green and G Pentin be accepted.

### 85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**It was reported that no declarations of interest were received.**

### 69. MINUTES

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 November 2017 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### 70. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Highways issue** – Following a site meeting with Richard Thorpe of Knowsley Council, the progress of the following outstanding items were raised:

- Reposition of the 20mph signs on Hall Lane and Penny Lane
- Reposition of 'No HGV' sign on Smithy Lane
- Erection of 'No HGV sign' at the Rainhill end of Hall Lane
- Erection of 'Give Way' sign on Penny Lane

The Council undertook to contact Richard Thorpe for an update.

### 71. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 11 December 2017
- (b) Finance and Police Committee meeting held on 11 December 2017

### 72. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – There was no Police presence. Crime rates remained relatively low. The crime rates figures provided by the Police would be displayed in the office window. The Police would be requested to provide the figures every six months.
- (b) **Healthwatch activities in Cranton** – No report.
- (c) **Transportation in Cranton** – No report.

- (d) **Environment** – A village inspection would be organized to take place in early February 2018. Ward Councillors and Knowsley Officers would be invited to attend. The Chairman reported that upon an enquiry to Scottish Power, a recent power cut was caused by a lorry damaging an overhead cable. Incidents should be reported to the power company for faster response. The contact number for Scottish Power (local electricity distribution company) would be publicised.

**It was resolved** that the above reports be noted.

### **73. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) **APP. NO: 17/00775/FUL**  
LOCATION: 3 Park Villas Cronton Road Cronton  
PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT BOUNDARY FENCE. 2.5 METRES IN HEIGHT

After discussion, **it was resolved** that the planning application be objected for the reason that the proposed fence is excessively high.

- (b) **APP. NO: 17/00624/FUL**  
LOCATION: 28 Wheatfield Road Cronton WA8 5BU  
PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY AND KITCHEN, ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND REAR DORMER  
**DECISION Granted**

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

### **74. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

**It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 8 January 2018 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

### **75. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

### **76. PRECEPT FOR 2018/19**

- (a) **It was resolved** that minutes of the Parish Consultation Meeting held on 14/12/17 be noted.
- (b) It was noted that the tax base for Cronton (2018/19) was 450 (Band D equivalent), an increase of 3 (Band D equivalent) comparing with 2017/18 (447 Band D equivalent).
- (c) Some budget items needed to be looked at with a view to reducing to an adequate level for 2018/19. The Budget for Ground Maintenance depended on the outcome of the Borough's Parks Review. The current contract was for one year only. It was proposed to go out to tender (including value added aspects) now to allow enough time for the process. It was considered necessary to budget for a new photocopier.
- (d) Clerk's salary review was deferred pending information from NALC.

### **77. PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

The SMB large trampoline had been damaged by fire during the bonfire period in 2017. It had been reported to the Borough Council who was responsible for the maintenance of the play equipment. It was advised that this type of play equipment was subject to vandalism and proposed to replace it with a sandpit at no extra cost.

**It was resolved** that approval be given to write off the SMB large trampoline and to replace it with a sandpit. The Council's Assets List would be updated accordingly.

**78. CRONTON NEWS**

Proposed topics for the next newsletter.

- New external audit arrangements (Clerk)
- Contact details for reporting potholes (JF)
- Contact details for reporting crime (Clerk)
- Precept 2018/19 – ground maintenance (SC)
- Local power supplier contact – Scottish Power (Clerk)
- The Pasture and dog fouling (JF)

**The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 19 February 2018