

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **18 FEBRUARY 2019** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

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

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

117. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence from Councillors D Bray be accepted.

118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of interest were received.

119. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

120. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APP NO 18/00432/CLU, Location: 103 Hall Lane Cronton Knowsley – An issue relating to the documentation of the planning application was raised. It was responded that the application had been considered by the Parish Council and observations made. As application for a Certificate of Lawful Use was processed by the Borough Planning Office, no further action would to be taken by the Parish Council.

121. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 21 January 2019.
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 21 January 2019.

122. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – There was no Police visibility and presence in the village despite reassurance given by the Superintendent (local policing). The youth congregation at Upton Rocks was under Police surveillance.
- (b) **Healthwatch activities in Cronton** – No report
- (c) **Transportation in Cronton** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – In line with the National CleanUp Day, the Cronton CleanUp Day would be held on Friday 22 March 2019. The Village Annual Walk Round would take place on Monday 25 March 2019. Ward Councillors and representatives from Streetscene Service and Tarmac would be invited to attend.

123. PLANNING APPLICATION

APP. NO: 18/00565/FUL

LOCATION: Stone Cottage Pex Hill Cronton

PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND GARAGES AND
ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING AND GARAGES

Decision: Granted

It was resolved that the above planning decision be noted.

124. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

(a) After discussion, **it was resolved** to vire from the General Reserves to the following budgets:

- Clerk's salary £176.75
- NI Employer's contribution £47.06
- Remembrance Day £29.00
- Total from General Reserve = £252.81

(b) **It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 18 February 2019 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

125. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

(b) **It was resolved** that the Holy Family Social Club be advised to apply for a grant in the following financial year (2019/20).

126. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2018 be approved and accepted by the Council.

127. PRECEPT 2019/20

(a) **It was resolved** that tenders for the maintenance of the Pasture and the defibrillator project be deferred to the next meeting.

(b) The Clerk's salary for 2019/20 had been discussed by the Council prior to the meeting.

It was resolved that taking into account the Clerk's responsibilities, the Clerk's salary for 2019/20 be increased by one new SCP to SCP20 pro-rata (14 hours per week). The Clerk's salary budget be set at £9,572.

(c) The proposed Precept for 2019/20 incorporating recommendations was presented to the Council for approval. It was considered that the activities of the Council could be maintained with no changes to the precept.

After discussion, **it was resolved** that the precept for 2019/20 be set at the same level as last year namely **£21,888**.

128. STANDING ORDERS AND DIRECT DEBIT ANNUAL REVIEW

(a) **It was resolved** that standing orders for the monthly payments of the Clerk's salary and the office cleaner's charges be approved.

(b) **It was resolved** that direct debit payments for WaterPlus, British Gas and O2 office mobile phone usage be approved.

129. RISK ASSESSMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

Members received for consideration a Report on Risk Assessment and Management.

It was resolved that the Risk Assessment and Management Report dated 18/2/19 be accepted and approved.

130. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND INTERNAL AUDIT 2018/19 ANNUAL REVIEW

The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the system of Internal Control and Internal Audit on the basis of the presented framework.

After careful consideration, **it was resolved** that the Council has a sound system of internal control, its financial and operational management is adequate and effective and is satisfied with the risk management.

131. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS ANNUAL REVIEW

The Council reviewed the Financial Regulations adopted on 25/11/13.

It was resolved that the Financial Regulations are up-to-date and be accepted and approved.

132. ST HELENS BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2020/2035 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Councillor D Thomas attended a recent consultation meeting and gave feedback on the greenbelt north to M62 and housing developments in St Helens. The Parish Council was pleased to note that the status of the greenbelt north to M62 remained unchanged.

The presentation documents would be provided at a later date. The Chairman thanked Councillor D Thomas for attending the meeting.

133. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) The final stage of the railing replacement project on Cronton Road opposite the Community Centre had begun.
- (b) Parking issue outside the businesses on Cronton Road was discussed.
- (c) A list of speeding hot spots in the village would be given to the Police for action.

134. CRONTON NEWS

Proposed topics for the next news newsletter:

- Remembrance Day Service
- Beacon Lighting
- Tree Lighting and Ecumenical Carol Service
- The Pasture maintenance 2019
- Senior Citizens Christmas Party
- Railing refurbishment on Cronton Road
- Defibrillators
- Precept 2019/20
- Dog Fouling

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Signed _____ Date 1 April 2019