

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



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **3 June 2019** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors S Cooper (in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair), J Foran, G McGann, G Pentin, and D Thomas

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor Ronald Gaffney  
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
1 member of the public

**WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Ward Councillor Ronald Gaffney to the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved that** apologies for absence received from Councillors D Bray, W Cook and D Rostance be accepted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 15 April 2019 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident reported on the followings:

- Nuisance arising from footballs kicked into his back garden.
- Issues relating to youth congregations on the Pasture on Saturday nights.
- A bin on the Pasture had been set on fire.
- A car had been stoned outside the entrance of the Pasture.

The above issues would be passed on to the Police to respond.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**APP. NO: 19/00292/FUL**

APPLICANT: United Utilities

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: Pex Hill Country Park Pex Hill Cranton

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF BOOSTER PUMPING STATION WITH ASSOCIATED PIPEWORK AND ACCESS ROAD TOGETHER WITH WORKS TO WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSISTING OF 9 KIOSKS, PLANT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING CHANGES TO GROUND LEVELS

**It was resolved** that the Council objects to the planning proposal on the following grounds:

- 1) The proposed development is against the Greenbelt Policy of Knowsley Council Local Plan.
- 2) It is not permitted development.
- 3) Cronton Parish Council believes other engineering options are available which would mitigate damage to the greenbelt.

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**APP. NO: 19/00074/CLD**

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Leslie

LOCATION: 43 Hampton Drive Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO FRONT / SIDE OF EXISTING SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

DECISION Granted

**APP. NO: 19/00112/FUL**

APPLICANT: Mrs Janet Thompson

LOCATION: 9 The Roundabout Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SINGLE / TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND FRONT PORCH EXTENSION.

DECISION Granted

**APP. NO: 19/00135/FUL**

APPLICANT: Mrs Shirley Comerford

LOCATION: 29 Wheatfield Road Cronton WA8 5BU

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

DECISION Granted

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

## **6. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**It was resolved** that the following representatives on outside bodies for 2019/20 be approved.

- Merseyside Association of Town and Parish Councils (a councillor to represent)
- Merseytravel: Customers Forum (Councillor G McGann)
- Connect 2 Scheme: Huyton – Cronton Greenway Steering Group (Councillor G McGann)
- Cronton Pathways Project (Councillor D Rostance)

## **7. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS IN CRONTON**

Tarmac was responsible for the maintenance of public rights of way. A walk-round would take place to identify problems.

## **8. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Members received the following update:

- (a) Richard Thorpe, Road Safety and Sustainability, had arranged for a smiley face speed detector to be installed on Smithy Lane.
- (b) Merseyside Road Safety Partnership offered help to start a Community Speed Watch operation.
- (c) A reply had been received from Merseyside Police Control Room giving reasons for the delay in responding to a recent 999 call from the village.
- (d) An incident had been posted on Widnes Past and Present – a group of 4 or 5 hooded youths threw stones at a passing car by the entrance to the Pasture.
- (e) The advertising signs in question had been referred to Knowsley Council.

The Police Officer for responsibility of specials in Knowsley would be invited to consider policing and speeding issues at the next meeting.

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The following matters were raised/discussed with Ward Councillor D Gaffney:

- Boarder issues – delay in Police responding to 999 and 101 calls.
- Concern over developments in greenbelts (to protect greenbelt and the identity of Cronton)
- Speed watch scheme and a permanent speed detection device (smiley face speed detector) on Smithy Lane.
- Proposed development at the former Cronton Colliery (traffic impact)
- Speeding on Cronton Road (suggested 30 mph road mark)
- Ward Councillor Surgery

The Council’s meeting calendar and a parish boundary map would be sent to Councillor D Gaffney.

The Chairman thanked the Ward Councillor for attending the meeting and his support for the community.

**9. CRONTON NEWSLETTER**

Proposed topic – Defibrillator project update.

**The meeting closed at 7.55 pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8 July 2019