

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



**Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 29 July 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.**

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

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor Ron Gaffney  
V Osborne – Parish Clerk  
2 Members of the Public

### **46. APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

### **47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of interest were received.

### **48. MINUTES**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 June 2018 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### **49. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public raised why the public could not ask questions nor take part in a discussion other than the Public Participation session.

It was explained that Council Meeting procedures were strictly governed by the Council's Standing Orders. Public Participation session gave members of the public an opportunity to make representations on the items of business to be transacted at the meeting. At the Chairman's discretion, they might be invited to make further comments during the course of discussion of the respective items.

The Council stipulated that to allow wider public participation in deliberating policing issues, a public meeting could be arranged with the Police with a set agenda.

The following matters were also raised:

- Policing in the Pasture – The Parish Council had been in communication with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire Constabulary seeking his co-operation with Merseyside Police in resolving issues relating to border policing.
- Recent traffic accident at the roundabout opposite Cronton Nurseries – It was commented that the layout of the island was dangerous and the camera was facing the wrong direction. Ward Councillor R Gaffney would follow this up.

### **50. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 8 July 2019
- (b) Finance and Police Committee meeting held on 8 July 2019

## **51. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**19/00292/FUL** - 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

The Ward Councillor R Gaffney reported that planning permission with a Schedule of Conditions had been granted by Knowsley Council.

## **52. REPORTS**

- (a) **Policing** – Councillor D Rostance reported that there was positive response from Merseyside and Cheshire Police Forces to a recent appeal for assistance in resolving anti-social behaviour issues on the Pasture. More support would be provided by Merseyside Police. Vehicles damaged by ASB on The Roundabout had been reported. He would contact the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner again requesting a meeting to discuss the Pasture policing issue. Ward Councillor R Gaffney would also raise the incident on The Roundabout at the next Area Liaison Meeting.
- (b) **Transportation in Cronton** – No report.
- (c) **Environment** – Excellent response to fly tipping from Knowsley Council. Portholes were being repaired by Tarmac. Road and pavement conditions in the village would be looked at as a whole when the gas pipe replacement project was completed.

## **53. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**APP. NO: 19/00348/FUL**

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: Lower House Farmhouse Prescott Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION

**It was resolved** that the Council has no observations to make on this planning application.

## **54. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

**It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 29/7/19 be approved and accepted.

## **55. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

## **56. BANK RECONCILIATION**

**It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation as at 30 June 2019 be accepted by the Council.

## **57. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- (a) The Pasture and Police issues – Councillor D Rostance would follow up this matter with the two Police Forces.
- (b) Speed camera test – Councillor G McGann reported on a day with the Traffic Police to detect vehicle speed around the village. While most drivers were driving between 20 and 30 mph, a small number was way beyond the speed limit. A speed limit sign had to be updated at Hall Lane. A traffic counting cable had been installed on Smithy Lane. Feedback would be provided. Councillors could apply for speed gun training and group training could also be organised. Members thanked Councillor G McGann for his effort.

- (c) Smiley face speeding equipment – The most appropriate time to detect speeding was 9-10 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Ward Councillor R Gaffney would follow this up with Richard Thorpe of Knowsley Council and the Clerk would also send him an email for an update on this request.
- (d) Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Proposal Submission Draft consultation – Two plots of land between Sandy Lane and Chapel Lane in Halton (south to the border of Cronton) had been identified for housing development. The consultation would be considered at the next Council Meeting in September 2019.

#### **58. CRONTON NEWS**

The next newsletter was in progress. Proposed topics:

- Defibrillators (to recruit more volunteers)
- Gala
- Flower display (to thank Cronton Nurseries)

**The meeting closed at 8.17 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2 September 2019