

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



**Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 14 October 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 and D Thomas

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

### **75. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence from Councillor G Pentin be accepted.

### **76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of interest were received.

### **77. MINUTES**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 September 2019 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### **78. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters raised by the members of public.

### **79. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Councillor R Gaffney was impressed with the recently village walk round. Knowsley Council and the Police were represented. Issues identified would be followed up by respective departments. He would continue to pursue a smiley face speed detection device for Cronton. ASB caused by the problems at Upton Rocks (Halton Council) had also been raised on behalf of the Parish Council. He was concerned about the two proposed housing parcels in the green belt of Halton Council next to the border of Cronton.

### **80. REPORTS**

(a) **Policing** – Councillor D Rostance reported that there were no anti-social behaviour activities in the Pasture since the meeting with Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner. An officer seconded to Knowsley Council was looking into the possibility of locking the Pasture at the peak time for ASB incidents. Councillor G McGann would follow-up the speed gun training request.

(b) **Transportation in Cronton** – No report.

(c) **Environment** – No particular concerns.

### **81. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**APP. NO: 19/00177/FUL**

**LOCATION:** 22 Smithy Close Cronton Knowsley WA8 5BT

**PROPOSAL:** ERECTION OF 1 NO ATTACHED BUNGALOW WITH DORMER STYLE REAR TOGETHER WITH SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO BOTH PROPOSED AND EXISTING BUNGALOW AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SIDE EXTENSION

**DECISION** Granted

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

APPLICANT: United Utilities

LOCATION: Pex Hill Country Park Pex Hill Cronton Knowsley

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

**DECISION Granted**

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

LOCATION: Lower House Farmhouse Prescott Road Cronton Knowsley WA8 5PS

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

**DECISION Refused**

It was resolved that the above planning decisions be noted.

**82. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 14/10/19 be approved and accepted.

**83. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

**84. BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliation as at 30/9/19 be approved.

**85. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

(a) A village walk round took place on 21/10/19 and it was well represented. The followings were raised:

- KHT properties and pavement conditions in Smithy Close – Photos were taken. The pavement issue might need another survey to determine if further action was required.
- Railing at Kenley Avenue – one set of new railing was installed on old bricks which had not been repainted.
- Parking on the pavement of Cronton Road.
- Overgrown edges.
- Problematic road signs.
- Potholes.

(b) Smiley face speed detecting equipment – Councillor G McGann to follow-up.

(c) Speed gun training – The Clerk to follow-up.

(d) Two Holy Family and one marquee advertising signs – The Clerk to raise an issue with the Planning Office.

**86. GRANTS POLICY REVIEW**

The main purpose of the Grants Policy Review was to enable local charities have enough time to look into their financial needs and to prepare their grant applications for the next allocation of grants. It was proposed that an invitation to apply would be advertised at the beginning of a calendar year for applications to be considered in April and May (beginning of a new financial year).

A revised Grants Policy incorporating the proposed changes was presented to members for consideration.

**It was resolved** that the revised Grants Policy be approved with immediate effect.

**87. CONSULTATION ON THE NEW CODE OF AUDIT PRACTICE PART TWO**

**It was resolved** that the consultation on the New Code of Audit Practice Part Two be noted.

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It was resolved that the Launch of the Merseyside Flood and Coast Business Plan be noted.

**89. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE ON 10/11/19**

Arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Service were given in the updated Checklist.

**90. ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE**

The two schools agreed to hold the Ecumenical Carol Service on Tuesday 17 December 2019.

**91. CRONTON NEWS**

Copies of the autumn newsletter would be ready for distribution by the end of the following week.

**The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 25 November 2019