

**CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**



**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM.**

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

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor T Byron (Whiston and Cronton)  
Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Whiston and Cronton)  
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)

**65. APOLOGIES**

- (a) Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 - Councillor G Pentin's last attendance was on the 2 March 2020 and the 6 months period ended on the 2 September 2020. No reason for failure to attend before the expiry of the six months period for the Council's approval was provided, the rule of automatic disqualification from the authority therefore applied.

**It was resolved** that Knowsley Council would be informed of the casual vacancy accordingly.

- (b) All 7 members were present.

**66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of interest were received.

**67. MINUTES**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Annual Meeting held on 7/9/2020 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**68. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – It was resolved** to exclude the press and public under LGA 1972 ss 100 (2), so as to discuss confidential matters.

***The meeting resumed at 7.15 pm.***

There were no matters arising from the public.

**69. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 21/9/20  
(b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 21/9/2020

**70. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

(a) Councillor T Bryon reported on the following:

- Public footpaths between Penny Lane and Fox's Bank Lane – Councillor T Byron would follow-up the matter.
- Parking issue on Cronton Road by Dandelion Traven – Waiting for a response from Knowsley Council.

(b) Councillor R Gaffney reported on the followings:

- United Utilities project at Pex Hill – An amended plan for retrospective approval had been submitted.
- Meadow project by the roundabout of Cronton Road/Queensbury Way – The land was in the greenbelt and owned by Halton Council. The project received support and Mr John Powell of Birchfield Community Association had been advised to have a management and maintenance plan in place.

## **71. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

(a) **Policing** – A few minor incidents.

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

(c) **Environment** – Over 30 tyres had been dumped in Hall Lane. Councillor D Rostance would report the fly-tipping incident to Knowsley Council.

- Road surface issue in Tue Lane – Councillor T Byron would follow this up.
- Overgrown vegetation obstructing the footpath on Cronton Road – Councillor T Byron would follow this up.
- It was a disappointment that the established hedge in Water Lane had been cut down.

## **72. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **APP. NO: 20/00483/CLD**

APP. TYPE Certificate of Lawful Use/ Dev. Proposed

LOCATION: 57 Hall Lane Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: CONVERSION OF LOFT TO FORM HABITABLE LIVING SPACE

### **APP. NO: 17/00345/NMA3**

APP. TYPE Non Material Amendment

LOCATION: White House Farm Prescott Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT FOLLOWING THE GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION 17/00345/FUL (ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE AND PORCH TO FRONT, TOGETHER WITH INCREASE TO HEIGHT OF EAVES, AND INSTALLATION OF DORMERS TO FRONT AND REAR (BAY WINDOWS AND CONSERVATORY TO BE REMOVED) TO ALLOW FOR CHANGES TO GLAZING ON EXTENSION'S SOUTH ELEVATION

### **APP. NO: 20/00555/FUL**

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: Sunny Side Farm 53 Chapel Lane Cronton

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY FRONT AND SIDE EXTENSION AND A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TOGETHER WITH THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY DOUBLE GARAGE AND WORKSHOP/OFFICE OUTBUILDING

### **APP. NO: 20/00594/FUL**

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: 31 Lambourn Avenue Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TOGETHER WITH THE CONVERSION OF LOFT INCLUDING THE ERECTION OF FRONT AND REAR DORMERS

**It was resolved** that the Council has no observations to make on these planning applications.

**APP. NO: 20/00494/HYB**

CASE OFFICER: To be allocated

APPLICANT: Tritax Symmetry Huyton Limited

**APP. TYPE Full/Outline Application**

LOCATION: Halsnead Knowsley L35 3SU

PROPOSAL: HYBRID PLANNING APPLICATION COMPRISING: FULL APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 164,400 SQ FT (15,273 SQ M) (GIA) OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FLOORSPACE (USE CLASS B8), INCLUDING ANCILLARY OFFICES (USE CLASS B1), SECURITY GATEHOUSE, SITE ACCESS ROAD, ENGINEERING EARTHWORKS TO FORM A PART COUNTRY PARK, PUBLIC CAR PARK TO SERVE COUNTRY PARK, FOOTBRIDGE OVER PROPOSED SITE ACCESS ROAD AND ASSOCIATED WORKS; AND OUTLINE APPLICATION WITH DETAILS OF POINT OF ACCESS (DETAILS OF PART-ACCESS, LANDSCAPING, APPEARANCE, SCALE AND LAYOUT ARE RESERVED) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 835,600 SQ FT (77,629 SQ M) (GIA) OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FLOORSPACE (USE CLASS B8), WITH ANCILLARY OFFICES AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (USE CLASS B1); ENGINEERING EARTHWORKS TO FORM COUNTRY PARK AND DRAINAGE ATTENUATION PONDS; PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE/EQUESTRIAN ROUTE CONNECTING EXISTING M62 FOOTBRIDGE WITH PROPOSED COUNTRY PARK; AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

**It was resolved** that the following comments be submitted:

- Traffic - The Parish Council is concerned that the proposal with one point of entry and exit will result in increased LGV and HGV traffic passing through Cronton Village particularly from M62 junction 7. Direct entry to the site from the M62 would alleviate this problem.
- Lighting - The Parish Council believe lighting should be designed to reduce light pollution particularly taking into account the negative impact lighting pollution will have on the activities of Liverpool Astronomical Society at Pex Hill.
- Park Security - The Parish Council is concerned that the plans for the proposed park do not include any measures in terms of security and measures to prevent anti-social activity which could spread to Cronton via the proposed cycle route.

**73. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

**It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 19/10/20 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

**74. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

**75. BANK RECONCILIATION**

**It was resolved** that the Bank Reconciliation as at 30/9/20 be approved and accepted.

**76. PAYMENT METHODS**

The Clerk undertook to check with other Town Councils in the Borough their card payment methods

**77. NJC 2020-21 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD (effective from 1/4/20)**

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) had agreed the new pay scales for 2020-21 to be implemented from 1 April 2020.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk's salary for 2020/21 be adjusted to the new pay scales and an extra staff cost of £184.79 funded by Reserves.

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**78. A CONSULTATION ON THE REFORM OF EXIT PAYMENTS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**It was resolved** that the consultation on the Reform of Exit Payment in Local Government be noted.

**79. NEW WEBSITE**

- (a) The first remote meeting with the new website designer (Access by Design) would be held on Wednesday 28/10/20. All members of the Working Group were invited to attend.
- (b) **It was resolved** that the cost of the website as stayed on the contract be funded by Reserves.

**80. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- (a) An update of the 30/9/20 from Richard Thorpe on the footpath between Penny Lane and Fox's Bank Lane was noted.
- (b) The Council was represented at a recently Knowsley Borough of Culture 2022 Conversation for Cronton. Knowsley Team helped to form the framework of activities incorporating ideas from local residents. This would be a community led event - a three-day walking festival with pop-up interactions and cultural activities, and would coincide with the time of the Gala. The Chairman commented favourably on the programme as it was the first time events were specifically organised for Cronton and in its own right. Ward Councillors were asked to pass on the Council's appreciation.
- (c) Channel 5 – cleaning series publicity. The commercial poster would be displayed in the office window
- (d) Knowsley Council Covid-19 Community Support hub provided a lot of support for Knowsley residents and advice for local businesses needing additional help during the outbreak. Updates were on display in the office window.

**81. REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Due to Covid-19 special arrangements had been made for this year's Remembrance Day and the community had been informed. No service would be held at the cenotaph, instead Councillors S Cooper and G McGann would lay wreaths (delivered ahead) on behalf of the community after the 2-minute silence. Social distancing measures would be strictly observed.

**82. CRONTON NEWS**

There would be a delay in the publication of the next newsletter due to covid-19 but updates would be posted in the office window and the Council's website.

**The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 30 November 2020