

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



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held **remotely** on **21 September 2020** at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors S Cooper (Chairman of the meeting), D Bray, W Cook, G McGann, D Rostance and D Thomas

**In attendance:** Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
Vincent Dooley-Law (Vice-Chairman, Cronton Gala Committee)

**11. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence received from Councillor J Foran be accepted.

**12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

**13. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 13 July 2020 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Vincent Dooley-Law, the new Vice-Chairman of the Cronton Gala Committee indicated that the Gala Committee would like to work with the Parish Council to further develop the functions of the Committee. It was responded that the Council supported the Committee and Councillor D Bray was the designated liaison.

The Gala Committee's grant application would be considered by the Finance and Policy Committee.

**15. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

No reports.

**16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A notice of planning application no. 20/00494/HYB (Former Cronton Colliery Site) had just been received. It would be considered at the next meeting.

**17. PUBLIC CONSULTATION LAUNCHED FOR FORMER CRONTON COLLIERY SITE**

Members received for consideration a letter dated 5 August 2020 about the launch of the public consultation on the proposed development at the Former Cronton Colliery site. Consultation flyers had been distributed by the developer to all households in Cronton.

A discussion took place if the Parish Council should respond with the issues raised at the remote pre-consultation briefings with the developer. Regarding potential anti-social behaviour, it was commented that the Police would be consulted by the developer and it would be more appropriate for Whiston Town Council to respond as the site is within their boundary. For the traffic issue, it would be covered by the transport report. In conclusion, there was no action to be taken at this stage. A special meeting might be called to consider the planning application no. 20/00494/HYB before the next scheduled meeting, if needed.

## **18. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- (a) Birchfield Community Association – No further information on the proposed planting project on the road verge east to the roundabout at Cronton Road/Queensbury Way.
- (b) Knowsley cycling project (Prescot to Cronton) – Councillor T Byron would follow-up the issue of the footpath between Penny Lane and Fox’s Bank Lane with Knowsley Council. Meanwhile, the Parish Council would obtain an update from Richard Thorpe of Knowsley Council.
- (c) Closing the fence gap at the back of The Pasture – On-going.
- (d) Damaged vehicular access gates (The Pasture) – They had been repaired and were now secured with a pack lock.
- (e) Fence gap (Pex Hill) – Reported to United Utilities.
- (f) Overgrown public footpaths – Cutting back is on-going.
- (g) Footpath between Penny Lane and Fox’s Bank Lane – See (b).
- (h) Parking issue outside Dandelion Tavern – The issue would be raised with Knowsley Council.
- (i) Speed detection device – A new device would be provided but on a shared basis. An update on the speed gun training would be obtained.

## **19. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE (8/11/20)**

Due to covid-19 and government restrictions on public gatherings, the Parish Council would arrange to take the wreaths from the local schools and groups before the 8/11/20. They would be laid by the representatives of the Parish Council after observing a 2-minute silence. All groups would be notified of the new procedures for this year’s remembrance. A notice would also be posted in the Council office window.

## **20. ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE (10/12/20)**

Both local schools had indicated that for safety they would not participate in this year’s Carol Service. Due to the unprecedented situation, this year’s Carol Service had to be cancelled. To keep the tradition, the Parish Council **agreed** to erect a tree decorated with lights. Residents would be notified accordingly.

## **21. CRONTON NEWSLETTER**

To be considered at the next meeting.

**The meeting closed at 8.00 pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2 November 2020