



CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held **remotely** on **2 November 2020** at 7.00 pm.

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor T Byron (Cranton & Whiston)
Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Cranton & Whiston)
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
James Phillips (PP7 Football Development)
Rosanne Hayes (Treasurer, Cranton Gala Committee)
Vincent Dooley-Law (Vice-Chairman, Cranton Gala Committee)

22. APOLOGIES

All members were present

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

24. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 21 September 2020 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matter raised by members of the public.

26. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

United Utilities development at Pex Hill – Councillor R Gaffney reported that United Utilities once again submitted a planning application for retrospective permission. It was for improving some aspects of the entrance to the site.

Councillor T Byron reported on the followings:

The footpath between Penny Lane and Fox's Bank Lane – A site meeting with a Knowsley officer would take place. Councillors S Cooper and G McGann would attend.

Potholes in Tue Lane – There were 2 types of potholes. The repair to the deep pothole near Cranton Road needed a 28-day road closure notice.

Covid-19 in Knowsley – The situation was serious in the Borough. Knowsley provided a breakdown of cases for individual Wards. Whiston and Cranton Ward was the lowest.

27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **APP. NO: 20/00561/OUT**
APPLICANT: Parklands Sports Club
APP. TYPE Outline Application
LOCATION: Parklands Club 1A Parklands Cranton

PROPOSAL: OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION COMPRISING OF A GYM AND FITNESS/REHABILITATION SUITE (APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR ACCESS, APPEARANCE, LAYOUT AND SCALE WITH LANDSCAPING RESERVED FOR FUTURE APPROVAL)

It was resolved that the following comments be submitted:

- The proposed development is encroaching on the greenbelt - should not set a precedent.
- The proposed development is close to resident properties - impact of noise and traffic access/exit.
- The Greenbelt Policy of Knowsley Local Plan is strictly enforced

(b) **APP. NO: 20/00586/CLD**

APPLICANT: Mr Alex Cooke

APP. TYPE Certificate of Lawful Use/ Dev. Proposed

LOCATION: The Cottage Pex Hill Cronton

PROPOSAL: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR A PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY DETACHED GARAGE

It was resolved that the Committee has no observations to make on this application.

28. THE PASTURE HIRING

James Phillips of PP7 Football Development enquired about using the Pastures for a local coaching football development club. It would be for a small group of children (aged 4 to 7) from the local schools. It would take place once a month from March next year. Further details would be provided after consulting the parents.

Members supported the proposal but request that parents would be reminded to park their cars on the car park opposite the Pasture. The club must have adequate insurance cover, provide their own first aid equipment and mow the pitch. Councillor S Cooper would show Jame Phillips how to access and use a defibrillator.

It was resolved that approval for James Phillips of PP7 Football Development to use the Pasture for a local coaching football development club be given subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the Council's Pasture hiring agreement.

29. NEW WEBSITE

Councillor D Thomas reported that the Working Group had the first remote meeting with Access by Design on the 28/10/20 to look at the framework of the website. Existing files had been imported and were ready to work with. The structure looked good and the Working Group would meet shortly to look at the text of each webpage and to refine the contents of individual sections. Members of the Working Group were responsible for getting the information ready for uploading via the system set up by website designers Clive and Sonia. The Working Group was very pleased with the progress of the new website and the effort of the designers.

30. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) Fly tipping - Knowsley Council's quick response to removing a large number of tyres was much appreciated. The CCTV camera in Tue Lane helped reduce fly tipping in the area. The dumped carpet had also been reported.
- (b) Street name plates for Tue Lane and Chapel Lane had been replaced.
- (c) The Pasture wild flower area renovation – Knowsley Council tried for two years to clear the weed and invasive plants and to reseed the meadow but the heavy vehicles could not

access the site as the area was waterlogged. It therefore had to wait for the warm weather. Dog fouling in the area was also an issue

- (d) Smiley face speed detection device – An additional device for Hall Lane was requested. The delay was caused by changing supplier. Councillor R Gaffney would follow this up with the Highways Department.
- (e) Lack of visible policing – Crime statistics for Cronton would be useful.
- (f) Footpath between Penny Lane and Fox's Bank Lane – Councillor T Byron stated that Knowsley Council confirmed that Footpath No. 1 had never been extinguished and the proposed diversion in 2006 did not take place. A site meeting would be held tomorrow with Joanne Frear, Sustainable Travel Officer, Knowsley Council, to clarify the situation.
- (g) Parking issue outside Dandelion Tavern – Contact Knowsley Council again to extend the double yellow to Sanbec Gardens. Residents had to be fully consulted.
- (h) Fence gap at Pex Hill – It had been reported to United Utilities. The Council would request United Utilities to carry out an inspection and to ensure the fencing surrounding the quarry is fully secured.
- (i) Gap at the back of the Pasture – Councillor D Rostance had pursued the matter for an extended period of time. Steve Jones of Knowsley Council agreed to do it.
- (j) Painting of the smoke damaged climbing frame – Steve Jones would do the painting when the weather improves. Councillor R Gaffney would follow this up.
- (k) Overgrown hedges/vegetation on Cronton Road – From the roundabout outside Cronton Nurseries to Tue Lane. Councillor T Byron to follow this up.
- (l) Holy Family car park resurfacing – The project had been delayed. Councillor D Rostance would check the progress.
- (m) Defibrillator – To get access to the equipment the keys had to be firmly pressed.

31. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE (8/11/20)

Wreaths could be dropped off at the Parish Council office at the arranged time before the 8/11/20. Councillors S Cooper and G McGann would be at the cenotaph and lay the wreaths after 2-minute silence. Social distancing rules would be strictly observed.

32. VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE (10/12/20)

A village tree decorated with lights would be erected at Coronation Gardens around the 10/12.20.

33. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

The next publication was postponed.

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm

Signed _____ Date 14 December 2020