

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **26 July 2021** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

**Present :** Councillors S Cooper (Chair), W Cook, G McGann, D Rostance, L Terry and D Thomas

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Whiston and Cronton)  
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
Vincent Dooley (Chair – Cronton Gala Committee)  
1 Resident

### **46. APOLOGIES**

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence received from Councillors J Foran and R Hayes be accepted.

### **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 21 June 2021 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### **49. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters raised by the member of the public present.

### **50. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (a) the minutes of the **Final Meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 12/4/21** be accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman
- (b) the unconfirmed minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 5/7/21 be noted.

### **51. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**Proposed development at the former Cronton Colliery** - Councillor R Gaffney gave an update on traffic matters and the proposed footpath. In terms of timescale, a planning application with related documents would be submitted to Knowsley Council in September 2021. These would be available for the public to make observations.

### **52. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- (a) **Policing** – Police vehicle patrols in the village and speed check at the junction of Sandy Lane/Cronton Road. There were no other major issues.
- (b) **Transportation in Cronton** – No report.

(c) **Environment** – No major fly-tipping issues. Litter picking activity by volunteers and weed killing took place in the village.

### **53. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning application notifications received from Knowsley Council.

### **54. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 26/7/21 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

### **55. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

### **56. BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2021 be accepted.

### **57. GRANT APPLICATION 2021/22 (2<sup>nd</sup> round)**

Two applications were received and it was **RESOLVED** that the following grants be approved:

(a) Acorn Adventure Farm - £250 (Purchase a STHIL FS 55 petrol Brushcutter)

(b) Cronton Pathways Project - £105 (Chair-Based Exercise group - Initial few weeks' Community Centre hall hiring fees)

### **58. COUNCIL REVIEW**

Deferred to the next Council Meeting in September 2021.

### **59. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

Deferred to the next Council Meeting in September 2021. The Chairman invited members to give their input on the policy proposal.

### **60. CODE OF CONDUCT SANCTIONS PETITION**

Members received for consideration a petition calling for the support of Town and Parish Councils. The Chairman pointed out that standards of behaviour expected from councillors were set out in the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. Taking into account the background information of the petition, members felt that it was inappropriate for the Council to take part in the petition.

### **61. CONSULTATION ON THE 2023 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES**

The initial consultation and the proposed change to allocate Cronton to the proposed Widnes and Halewood County Constituency (electorate 72,259) were noted.

### **62. CYCLEWAY PROJECT**

The Chairman opened a discussion on whether in principle the Council would support Phase 8 of the Cycleway Project (Fox's Bank Lane to Penny Lane).

The following points were raised:

- (a) Loss of greenbelt
- (b) Route via Cronton Road instead
- (c) Layout, path width and surface
- (d) Legal requirement of Equality Act 2010 - Accessibility on public rights of way and other permissive routes
- (e) Updated drawings

The Chairman concluded that the proposed cycleway would be further discussed by the Council and opportunities would be given to the public to express their opinions. All comments received would be carefully considered before the Council making a decision on its position.

Councillor R Gaffney agreed to contact Mark Cawood of Planning and Highways for updated drawings of the proposed cycleway in Cronton. He would liaise with Councillor G McGann.

### 63. WEBSITE

Councillor D Thomas reported that the front page of the website and the Cronton Gala webpage had been updated. Councillor D Rostance reported that Cronton Pathways Walk for Health had now concluded after 10 successful years following the retirement of the organisers. Updated information on Cronton Pathways could be viewed on the website.

Members' were invited to contribute contents.

### 64. AGENDA

To facilitate a meeting, all items of business to be transacted should be given on the agenda. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to delete the 'other village and community matters' item. The action update form on village and community matters continued to be provided.

### 65. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) **St Anne's Well** – Councillor W Cook suggested Knowsley Council to claim the land of St Anne's Well and lease it to the Parish Council in perpetuity. Councillor R Gaffney agreed to contact Paul Christopher of Knowsley Council and Councillor W Cook took the lead on the proposal.
- (b) **Smiley face speed detector** – Councillor D Thomas would follow-up this request with Keith Moyles of Knowsley Council.

### 66. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Next issue in September. Proposed topics – Cycleway, Cronton Gala, The Pasture and St Anne's Well.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6 September 2021