

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **6 SEPTEMBER 2021** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

Present : Councillors S Cooper (Chair), W Cook, J Foran, R Hayes, 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

67. APOLOGIES

All members were present.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

69. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 JULY 2021 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

70. DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

It was **resolved** that the application for dispensation received from Councillor L Terry in respect of discussing and setting the Council's precept during the current term of office be approved.

71. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

72. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Blue bin collections in Knowsley had been delayed due shortage of staff. To keep residents informed, an update would be posted on the Parish Council website by Councillor S Cooper.

73. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – There were speed check at the junction of Sandy Lane/Cronton Road and Police vehicle patrolling round the village. A resident reported a road traffic incident at Fox's Bank Lane. It was commended that safety at the crossroads junction of Cronton Road/Fox's Bank Lane/Prescot Road was a concern.
- (b) **Transportation in Cronton** – The damaged bus service timetable by the chippy would be replaced.
- (c) **Environment** – No new issues.

74. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **APP. NO: 21/00500/FUL**

LOCATION: 372 - 378 Cronton Road Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: CONVERSION OF 4 NO. DWELLINGS TO FORM 2 NO. SEMI DETACHED DWELLINGS TOGETHER WITH LANDSCAPING AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no observations to make on this application.

(b) **APP. NO: 21/00627/FUL**

LOCATION: White House Farm Prescott Road Tarbock Cronton

PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BARN AND THE ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY OUTBUILDING INCLUDING BALCONY TO WEST ELEVATION COMPRISING WORKSHOP, GARAGE, ART STUDIO AND GYMNASIUM

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects to the above planning application for the following reasons based on Knowsley's Local Plan:

- (1) The proposed development is a new build on a green belt.
- (2) It is a change of use.
- (3) Should not set a precedent.

75. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was RESOLVED that the Budgetary Control Report as at 6/9/21 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

76. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

77. ZOOM ACCOUNT

Remote meetings might be held due to uncertainty of the covid-19 situation. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council's Zoom Account be kept.

78. COUNCIL REVIEW

The Council Review Working Group first meeting would be held in November. Councillor D Thomas would recirculate his suggestions.

79. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

A debate took place on how the Council would benefit from social media. Integrity, policing, responding and administration issues were raised. A draft Social Media Policy would be produced for discussion. Meanwhile, Councillor D Thomas would contact the Council's website developer for advice.

80. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

Councillor D Rostance reported that the wildflower meadow was well maintained and the newly planted holly fence at the back of the field was doing well. A new pathway and sustainable sculptures were suggested. Children would be involved in the design of the sculptures. Knowsley Council's enthusiastic response was encouraging and he was very pleased with the achievement so far of the small Pasture Masterplan Working Group. A meeting would be held with the Knowsley Officers in late September or early October.

81. CYCLEWAY PROJECT

Councillor G McGann reported that there was no response to his enquiry to Knowsley Council. Phase 9 development was mainly about signage and the major drainage work on Cronton Road.

82. THE FUTURE AIRSPACE PROGRAMME AT MANCHESTER AIRPORT

The updated received on 23/8/21 was noted.

83. WEBSITE

Councillor S Cooper would upload a Knowsley Council's link on bin collections to the Parish Council website. Information on the Gala Day on 11/9/21 had been uploaded. Updates for website could be sent to Councillor D Thomas.

84. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) **St Anne's Well** – Knowsley Council was unable to identify the land ownership however they decided to take on responsibility for its maintenance. Councillor W Cook, Ward Councillor R Gaffney and Paul Christopher's (Knowsley Council) assistance in this matter was greatly appreciated.
- (b) **Speed gun training** – Councillors W Cook, S Cooper and G McGann attended a training session on 25/8/21. The Community Speed Watch was not for enforcement purposes but for raising awareness of speeding within the community and educating drivers. It had to be carried out with the PCSO.
- (c) **Smiley face speed detectors** – A request reminder would be sent to Knowsley Council and copied to Councillor R Gaffney.

85. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Next issue after the Gala. Proposed topics – Cycleway, Cronton Gala, The Pasture, St Anne's Well, community speed watch scheme and appreciation for community supports – Covid-19 and Cronton Garden Centre's sponsorship.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Signed _____ Date 18 October 2021