

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



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held **remotely** on **18 JANUARY 2021** at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors G McGann (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), D Bray, W Cook, S Cooper, J Foran, R Hayes, D Rostance and D Thomas

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Cronton & Whiston)  
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
Vincent Dooley (Vice-Chairman, Cronton Gala Committee)  
T Hartley (Resident)

**WELCOME**

The Chairman welcome the newly co-opted Councillor Rosanne Hayes to the Council.

**45. APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

**46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

**47. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 14/12/20 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**48. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Royal Mail Delivery Service** – Mr T Hartley complained about the poor postal delivery service in Cronton. The problem started a year before the pandemic and had gone worst last year. No positive response from the Royal Mail despite his complaints. Some members were aware of the issue but noticed the situation was improving. After discussion, it was suggested raising the issue with the Royal Mail Delivery Office in Widnes.

Mr V Dooley raised that the pavement outside the chip shop was uneven making it difficult to access the shop especially with parked vehicles. Councillor D Rostance would look into it.

Mr V Dooley was invited to attend future Council meetings, where he could bring up matters concerning the Gala Committee and disability access around the village.

**49. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Councillor R Gaffney reported on **Covid-19 vaccination programme for the over 80s** – Some housebound residents could not attend the vaccination appointments due to a lack of transport. Resident could contact the Knowsley Social Services Team for assistance. A lack of bus service for Cronton residents to get to the Covid-19 testing centres in Knowsley would be raised with the Bus Services Forum.

## **50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) **APP. NO: 20/00731/CLD**

APPLICANT: Mrs T Harrison

APP. TYPE Certificate of Lawful Use/ Dev. Proposed

LOCATION: 8 Forge Close Cronton WA8 5HJ

PROPOSAL: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR THE ERECTION OF A FRONT PORCH TOGETHER WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF GARAGE ROOF CANOPY

(b) **APP. NO: 20/00756/CLD**

APPLICANT: Darryl Campbell

APP. TYPE Certificate of Lawful Use/ Dev. Proposed

LOCATION: Sunny Side Farm 53 Chapel Lane Cronton

PROPOSAL: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR A PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY DETACHED OUTBUILDING CONTAINING DOUBLE GARAGE, WORKSHOP AND OFFICE

(c) **APP. NO: 20/00665/FUL**

APPLICANT: Mr Brian Fullerton

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: 1 Sanbec Gardens Cronton WA8 5GY

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

(d) **APP. NO: 20/00790/FUL**

APPLICANT: Mr M Arama

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: 2 Woburn Drive Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY FRONT AND SIDE EXTENSION TOGETHER WITH THE CONVERSION OF GARAGE TO FORM HABITABLE ROOM

(e) **APP. NO: 20/00780/CLU**

APPLICANT: David Richards

APP. TYPE Certificate of Lawful Use/Dev. Existing

LOCATION: 433-435 Cronton Road Cronton WA8 5QG

PROPOSAL: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR EXISTING SINGLE STOREY FRONT SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION FOR USE OF THE EXISTING RESIDENTIAL DWELLING HOUSE

After consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that the Committee has no observations to make on the above planning applications.

## **51. THE PASTURE DRAINAGE**

A site meeting held been held with Philip Hurst of Knowsley Council. It was pointed out that the drainage was working but the surface required annual maintenance. A member commented that the contractor should be requested to rectify the problem. It was further commented that no annual maintenance was mentioned in the contract at the beginning of the project. The Pasture was an asset of community value. The way forward was to form a working group to develop a 2-year plan for resolving the problem.

After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to set up a working group consisted of Councillors D Rostance (Chair), W Cook, J Foran and R Hayes, and in partnership with Philip Hurst of Knowsley Council.

Financial implications were also raised as the Council would not be able to cover the expenses.

## **52. NEW WEBSITE**

The new website would go live the next day.

## **53. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- (a) Village postal service issues – Dealt with at the Public Participation.
- (b) Smiley face speed detection device – Budgeted for by Knowsley Council. The delay was caused by Covid-19. Councillor R Gaffney would follow this up.
- (c) Extending the double yellow from Dandelion Tavern to Sanbec Gardens – Would try again in 2021/22.
- (d) Overgrown hedges on Cronton Road – Cut by Knowsley Council.
- (e) Litter in Penny Lane/Tue Lay-bys – Problem had been reported and another camera would be useful.
- (f) Large pot holes in Tue Lane – It was a village wide issue. Councillor D Rostance would contact Tarmac.
- (g) Flooding – Major issues were on Cronton Road close to Tue Lane and the junction of Cronton Road/Wheatfield Road. Councillor R Gaffney to follow up.
- (h) Cycle route update from Knowsley Council – Councillor R Gaffney to follow up.
- (i) Gap at the back of the Pasture (urgent repair) – Waiting for another quote. Councillor D Rostance to follow up.
- (j) Pathway around the circumference of the Pasture – The Pasture Maintenance Working Party to follow up.
- (k) Painting of the climbing frame – Agreed to close the insurance claim.
- (l) The wooden fencing around the UU building at Pex Hill – The Clerk to contact UU for an update.
- (m) Replacement of the vandalised gate at entry to Pex Hill wooded area – Councillor D Rostance to follow this up with TCV at Pex Hill.
- (n) Crime statistics – The Clerk to send a reminder to the Police.
- (o) Dog fouling was a village wide problem.

## **54. CRONTON NEWSLETTER**

A winter newsletter was published before Christmas.

**The meeting closed at 8.11 pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1 March 2021