

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



### **MINUTES OF THE REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2021** **AT 7.00 PM**

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

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor T Byron (Whiston and Cronton)  
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
Vincent Dooley (Resident)  
Rosanne Hayes (Resident)

#### **104. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence from Councillor D Bray be accepted.

#### **105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of interest were received.

#### **106. MINUTES**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30/11//2020 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **107. CASUAL VACANCY CO-OPTION**

Four applications had been received for consideration to fill the vacancy by co-option. The four candidates were put to the vote.

It was **unanimously RESOLVED** to co-opted Rosanne Hayes as a Councillor with immediate effect. It was also agreed that a Declaration of Acceptance of Office be signed before the next meeting to be held on 18/1/21.

The Chairman thanked the other candidates for their interest and hoped that they would stand again should another vacancy arise in the future.

#### **108. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

#### **109. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

It was resolved that the unconfirmed minutes of undermentioned Committees be noted:

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 14/11//20
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 14/11/2020

#### **110. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

It was reported that the number of Covid-19 infections in the Ward had doubled in a week.

## **111. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- (a) **Policing** – No incidents were reported. There had been little Police visibility other than Police vans driven through the village.
- (b) **Transportation in Cronton** – The link for bus number 26 had been posted on the new website.
- (c) **Environment** – A discussion took place with the Knowsley Council officers about the water logging issue on the Pasture. Fly-tipping on Penny Lane/Tue Lane had been cleared. Councillor T Byron would check with Knowsley Council to see if the incident was recorded by the CCTV camera.

## **112. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning notifications from Knowsley Council.

## **113. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

**It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 4/1/21 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

## **114. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

## **115. PRECEPT 2021/22**

Some items of expenditure were lower than the year before due to the disruption caused by the pandemic. Topping up the Reserves over the next 2 years had been suggested. Drainage issue on the Pasture and financial implications would be further discussed at the next meeting.

## **116. ANNUAL REPORTS 2019/20**

The following Annual Reports 2019/20 were presented to the Council:

- Chairman's Annual Report
- Finance and Policy Annual Report
- General Purposes and Environment Annual Report

It was **RESOLVED** the Annual Reports be accepted and published on the website.

The Chairman thanked Councillors W Cook (Past Chairman) and D Rostance for the contributions.

## **117. NEW WEBSITE**

It was reported that the new website was ready to go live by the end of the week. A letter would be sent by the Chairman to thank Bess Smith for maintaining the old website from its inception.

The new website maintenance team consisted of Councillors D Thomas and S Cooper, and the Clerk. Team members would be notified before a new item was posted. More training might be needed in the future.

The website designers had done a great job. Positive feedback was received and it was user friendly and accessible.

#### **118. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- (a) **Holy Family Car Park** – The resurfacing had been completed but the new exit was not ready for use until the final work (dropped kerb) was completed.
- (b) **Flooding** – Cronton Road close to Tue Lane and Wheatfield Road. Investigation was undertaken by United Utilities. The Chairman would follow this up with Ward Councillor R Gaffney.

#### **119. CRONTON NEWS**

The Clerk was thanked for getting the newsletter ready before Christmas and members were also thanked for their contributions. Colour copies for distribution was suggested for future issues.

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 15 February 2021