

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **24 April 2023** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

Present: Councillors, (Chair) R Hayes, W Cook, G McGann, J Foran, L Terry, D Thomas, R Fielding and V Dooley

In attendance: 3 Residents

206. APOLOGIES

No apologies

207. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of interest

208. MINUTES

Cllr. D Thomas commented on the links for the planning applications were not working, the clerk to check the links.

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting Meeting held on 21/03/2023 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

It was moved by Cllr. R Fielding and seconded by Cllr. L Terry and all **AGREED**.

209. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julia Pullan gave an update for the Cronton Village neighborhood watch group. She has written an item for the newsletter as to where you can contact them. The council agreed for this to be published. They have been encouraging people to be more proactive with the group, posting on Facebook, my watch and other social media. Julia reported a few incidents in Pex hill, anti-social behavior over the easter break. Good Friday, there was a serious incident where that a climber in the quarry sustained a fractured skull due to a bike being thrown into the quarry. The previous week there were a lot of stones being thrown. The police are hoping to increase their patrols, especially around the bank holiday times. She asked residents to report everything to the police 101 service although there have been a couple of issues with the controllers thinking that this area is in Cheshire not Knowsley so please insist that you are in the Merseyside region. The Merseyside Neighborhood watch chair is trying to set up an SLA with Merseyside police so that the watch schemes and police can see all reported incidents in one place. They are awaiting updated local inspector lists as well as email addresses. All the coordinators know what has been dealt with and cover various areas but are on the look out for more coordinators to join the group especially in Pex Hill.

Cronton Resident asked what the council risk assessment annual review for the council was as per item 14 on the agenda, the clerk responded that's it's a review of all council

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procedures and to look the risks and ensure they are all covered in the risk assessment document.

210. WARD CONCILLORS REPORTS

No ward Councillor Reports

211. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No Reports

212. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF 1 NO. COMMERCIAL UNIT (USE CLASS B8) WITH ANCILLARY SERVICE YARD, CAR PARKING, SERVICING AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS

LOCATION: Land to The North of Cronton Road and South of The M62, Cronton, Knowsley, This is a formal consultation in respect of the above planning application. The application forms and any drawings submitted with it can be viewed via the internet on our website at:

<https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RITEKZIX0MW00C>

Cllr. D Thomas explained the plot to the council and commented that it will be a warehouse facility. The thoughts from the council were around the number of HGV's/Vans to and from this facility coming into Cronton Village along Cronton Village. Both Cllr Thomas and the clerk will follow up on previous conversations around the "No HGV" signs along Cronton lane.

Cllr G McGann commented will the improvements to Tarbrook Island be completed before this facility is open?

Comment for application: We do not have an objection to the planning application but would hope the improvements to Tarbrook Island are completed before this facility becomes operational. Concerns that during the construction of the site the vehicles will head into Croton Village so, a request to stop this happening, a one-way system back onto the Tarbrook Island, no left turn into the village would solve that issue. A traffic light system on Tarbrook Island as before this has started there is already a large amount of traffic that gets backed up at certain times.

Reference; 23/00081/FUL | CONSTRUCTION OF DROPPED KERB AND FORMALISE EXISTING ACCESS TRACK Land Adjacent to Properties No. 372 - 378, Cronton Road Cronton Knowsley

The council received another objection to this application, the clerk will contact this resident to see if she should share the objection for them onto the planning portal. If this comes back as yes, they would then Cllr D Thomas will write to the council in their behalf.

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213. CYCLE PROJECT

Cllr G McGann – The issue of footpath No 1, on 2 occasions he has managed to park up and walk down Foxes Bank Lane, where the entrance is to the farm is and said its the same as it's always been with a sign saying "beware of guard dogs" that's not changed.

He has spoken to Alex Lennard who is the lead on the project, Cllr McGann asked for an update on the plan he said there were a couple of issues with the lease, the cycle path was not going to be any wider than thought to be but on the original lease the pathway was narrower. Cllr McGann suggested that the pathway probably went in a straight line from Foxes Bank Lane around the field to Penny Lane this has changed and will be going roughly 50 yards down Foxes Bank Lane. They know the gate should be open but there is a clear understanding that once the cycle path is operational footpath No 1 will close. They feel there maybe an objection from the Ramblers when this happens but that's understandable but, the footpath doesn't actually lead to anywhere.

214. BUDGET CONTROL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 31/3/23 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

215. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** that payments as listed in Appendix B be noted, approved and put up onto the website.

216. STANDING ORDERS AND DIRECT DEBIT ANNUAL REVIEW

- (a) It was **RESOLVED** that standing orders for the monthly payments of the Clerk's salary for 2023/24 be approved.
- (b) It was **RESOLVED** that direct debit payments for Water Plus, British Gas and CF Corporate finance (photocopier hiring) for 2023/24 be approved.
- (c) It was **RESOLVED** that the adopted Standing Orders be approved for 23/24

217. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS ANNUAL REVIEW

It was **RESOLVED** that the Financial Regulations adopted on 07/09/2020 be approved for 2023/24.

218. INTERNAL AUDIT TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Internal Audit Terms of Reference adopted on 17/2/20 be approved for 2023/24.

219. RISK ASSESSMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

Members received for consideration a Report on Risk Assessment and Management.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Risk Assessment and Management Report dated 28/3/22 be taken to the review working group to review and be brought back to the annual meeting for it to be accepted and approved.

220. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND INTERNAL AUDIT

2023/24 ANNUAL REVIEW

The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the system of Internal Control and Internal Audit based on the presented framework.

After careful consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that it be taken to the review group and presented at the Annual meeting.

221. COUNCIL REVIEW

a) The Parish Council policies governed the operation of the Council. A report would be presented to the Council after one more meeting of the Review Working Group.

It was **AGREED** that the review working group members would be Cllr R Hayes, Cllr D Thomas, Cllr J Foran and Cllr W Cook.

b) The workload has been reviewed and presented to the council and it was **AGREED** to share the workload. Cllr R Hayes presented a work allocation list but will review after the discussion and send all the Councillors an amend list.

C&D) It was **AGREED** to compile a spreadsheet of all actions raised at the meetings/letters sent and to input issues raised and outcome.

222. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

It was **RESOLVED** that the adopted social media policy would be accepted and approved for 23/24

223. CRONTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY

Cllr R Hayes and Cllr J Foran to meet with Cllr W Cook to go over forms to be sent to the trust.

224. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

No updates

225. TAYLOR WIMPEY

No updates

226. MALC

No Updates

227. LIVERPOOL AIRPORT

Cllrs **AGREED** they are happy to receive the updates but do not have a representative at present

228. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

(a) **Policing in Cronton** – No Updates

(b) **Transportation in Cronton** – Cllr G McGann has sent an email regarding the Bus Reform but is waiting for a reply

(c) **Environment** – No Updates

206. Newsletter

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Not all documents for the Newsletter have been received so publication to be delayed until May

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed *W. Lloyd* Date 24/04/2023

