

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 13 October 2014 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

Present : Councillors W Cook (Chairman), D Bray, S Cooper, P M Green, G McGann, G Pentin, D Rostance and I Watson

In attendance: Lisa Harris – Director of Regeneration and Housing, Knowsley Council
Justin Wilson – Principal Planning, Knowsley Council
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
1 Member of the public

65. APOLOGIES

All Councillors were present.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

67. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 September 2014 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

68. CO-OPTION

It was proposed by Councillor D Rostance, seconded by Councillor Shaun Cooper and unanimously **RESOLVED** that John Foran be co-opted member of the Parish Council with immediate effect.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor John Foran to the Meeting.

69. KNOWSLEY COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN

Lisa Harris and Justin Wilson of Knowsley Council had been invited to give an update on progress in preparing the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy (the 'Plan') and to discuss proposed changes to the Plan.

The Government Inspector has accepted a vast majority of the Plan but has also identified some critical issues where changes are needed. These include a shortfall in the 5 year deliverable land supply for housing development up to March 2018 that requires earlier release of land from the Green Belt, and a need for early release of land from the Green Belt to provide land for a new business park and large scale distribution uses. Major sites close to Cronton are 'South of Whiston' and 'Land South of M62' (including Cronton Colliery). Extensive consultations are being carried out.

Issues raised:

- Is it Government's strategy to release green belt?
- The motive of early release of land from the Green Belt.
- How will Cronton be affected by all these developments?
- Traffic impact on A5080 – main road to Cronton.
- School places and provision of necessary infrastructure.

Response:

- The Inspector has endorsed the proposed modifications.
- The proposal has received Knowsley Council's support.
- Limited brown field supplies.
- The proposed developments are sustainable
- Possible impact is controllable.
- Comprehensive plans for the sites are being looked at, which are subject to further public consultations.
- Developments will have to go through planning application procedures.
- Written consultation notification have been sent residents within 200 meters of the 'South of Whiston' and 'Land South of M62' sites

The Chairman thanked the Knowsley Officers for the information and for attending the meeting.

It was resolved that (i) the briefing on Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy – Consultation update be noted, (ii) the consultation be further discussed at the General Purposes and Environment Committee to be held on the 27 October 2014. The outcome of discussion will be publicised. (iii) Information on the proposed Sustainable Urban Extensions (South of Whiston and Land South of M62) will be displayed with the consultation notice in the office window.

70. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All hedges along the edge of the fields on the south side of Cronton Road from Sandy Lane to the roundabout outside Cronton Nursery had been removed. It was suggested contacting Knowsley Council to investigate the matter.

It was reported that Sandy Lane had been cleansed by a large mechanical road sweeper.

71. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 15 September 2014
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 15 September 2014

72. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Dealt with under Anti-Social Behaviour
- (b) **The UK Age** – No report.
- (c) **Bus service** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – To follow-up outstanding road surface repairs. It was proposed to obtain two quotes for the shop exterior refurbishments.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

73. PLANNING APPLICATION

(a) 14/00490FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing barns and silos. Erection of 4 no. three-bed town houses with associated landscaping and access

Location: Dragon House Farm 370A Cronton Road Cronton

It was resolved that the planning application be **strongly objects** on the following grounds:

- The proposal is totally against Knowsley Council's current planning policies (UDP adopted in June 2006 and Green Belt Policy).
- The proposed development is in the green belt.
- It involves demolition of existing buildings.
- The proposed development is a complete change in the use of land.
- It is a major housing development.
- It will completely change the appearance and character of the rural landscape and the environmental quality of the area.

(b) **14/00148/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of detached garage with integral store

Location: Smaller Gorse Farm Alder Lane Cronton

Decision: **Granted**

It was resolved that planning decision be noted.

74. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 13 October 2014 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

75. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

(a) **It was resolved** that the undermentioned payment be approved:

- Sefton Play Council for the event held on 20/9/14 = £4800/5 = £960
(*Play Development Projects Budget*)

(b) **It was resolved** that the undermentioned payments be approved.

(1) Payments

Cheque no.	Description	Amount (£)
1296	HMRC (July, Aug & Sep 2014 : Employer's NIC £24.15, Clerk's NIC £ 20.99 and PAYE £38.2. Total £83.34)	83.34
1297	Sefton Play Council (Payment for the Autumn Play Day held on 20 September 2014 on the Pasture : £4800/5 = £960)	960.00

(2) Direct Debits

Description	Amount (£)
United Utilities (Water and wastewater services 26/6/14 to 15/9/14)	18.90
British Gas (Electricity 1/7/14 - 18/9/14)	33.40

(3) Standing Order

Description	Amount (£)
W M Osborne (Clerk's September 14 salary: net PAYE and NIC)	696.95
S Chesters (Office cleaner's September 14 wages)	31.41

76. **BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliation as at 29 September 2014 be approved and accepted.

77. **ELECTRICAL INSPECTION**

Tyrrells Electrical and Security Ltd, Huyton agreed to carry out a periodic electrical inspection for the Council premises at £100. This is much lower than the first quote.

It was resolved that the quotation from Tyrrells Electrical and Security Ltd be approved.

78. **ROOM HIRING**

(a) **Crafts Group** – Further information is needed for consideration.

(b) **Hack Back CIC** – It is a community organization based in Cronton. A combination of psychological therapies with interaction with Birds of Prey is used to address a wide range of issues. They are considering running a series of workshops free of charge to service user in Cronton. The workshops will be for a maximum of 10 people and will be for 2 hours per week for 6 weeks.

It was resolved that approval be given to Hack Back CIC to use the office premises for the proposed workshops free of charge subject to receiving a copy of insurance.

Councillor S Cooper will contact the workshops organizer for clarification regarding the birds and suitability of the premises for such workshops.

79. **STATE OF THE VILLAGE**

Village inspection follow-up action:

(a) Send a thank you letter to Knowsley Council for the jobs that have accomplished.

(b) Send Knowsley Council a reminder for the outstanding items of jobs which include resurfacing Smithy Lane, repairing potholes in Woburn Drive and painting the railings on Cronton Road.

(c) Send a letter to Cronton Farm and the Police House remind them to cut back the hedges.

It was resolved that action listed above be approved.

80. **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The following issues were raised/discussed:

(a) A group of 5 teenagers from Widnes is causing concern.

(b) Noise from a group of people congregated on the Pasture up to the early hours of the morning is causing nuisance to neighbours. It was suggested seeking assistance from Philip Hurst of Knowsley Council to put a notice up that the Pasture is a Day Light Park. The Chairman undertook to follow the matter up with Philip Hurst.

81. REMEMBRANCE DAY

It was resolved that a Working Group meeting will be held on Monday 3 November 2014 to finalise arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Service on 9 November 2014.

82. ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

The Ecumenical Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 16 December 2014. The two local schools have been notified. The Mayor and Mayoress of Knowsley Council will be invited to attend the Service. Council Pat Green will book the Holy Family Church and liaise with the clergy of the three churches.

83. CRONTON NEWS

The following topics were suggested for the Autumn edition:

- Holy Family Church remains open
- Fire Stations mergers
- Remembrance Sunday Service
- Boundary Review Consultation
- Cronton Pathways activities

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date 24 November 2014