

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 24 November 2014 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

Present : Councillors S Cooper (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), D Bray, J Foran, P M Green, G McGann, G Pentin, D Rostance and I Watson

In attendance: Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
1 Member of the public

84. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillor W Cook be approved.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

86. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 October 2014 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

87. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was raised that the hedges at the fields of The Roundabout had been cut but the cut branches need to be removed. Grass cuttings were found dumped on the field causing potential rat problems.

It was suggested contacting Knowsley Council to clarify whose responsibility to remove the hedge and grass cuttings.

The hedge issue on Cranton Road is being investigated by Knowsley Council.

Black spots created between new street lights is a concern.

The bend on Cranton Road opposite Wheatfield Road is an accident waiting to happen. The matter is referred to the General Purposes and Environment Committee.

88. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 27 October 2014

89. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Dealt with under Anti-Social Behaviour.
- (b) **The UK Age** – No report.
- (c) **Bus service** – No report.

- (d) **Environment** – The Clean-Up date on the 7 November 2014 was again a great success. The village was in a quite good state of cleanliness. 26 students from the Holy Family RC Primary School took part in the event and 22 bags of refuse were collected. Thanks to Knowsley Council for removing the bags. The missing road sign in Hall Lane had been reported to the Knowsley Council by Councillor J Foran.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

90. **PLANNING APPLICATION**

(a) **14/00716/FUL**

Location: 3 Iver Close Cronton

Proposal: Erection of single storey in-fill extension to connect existing dining room with garage (garage to be converted to extended living accommodation).

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

(b) **14/00615/ADV**

Location: Parklands Club 1A Parklands Cronton

Proposal: Erection of 1no internally illuminated free standing sign post

It was resolved that the Parish Council does not object to the planning application provided the proposed sign post is not visually intrusive as it is at the edge of a T-junction.

(c) **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

Decision: Application withdrawn

It was resolved that the planning decision be noted.

(d) **14/00616/FUL**

Location: Parklands Sport And Social Club Naughton Lea Cronton

Proposal: Retention of replacement of window with double doors and internal change of seating area of snooker room to form entrance and entrance hall, installation of proposed glazed canopy over new entrance, retention of replacement of former entrance door with window and internal change of entrance lobby to office

Decision: Granted

It was resolved that the planning decision be noted.

91. **BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 24 November 2014 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

92. **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

- Sefton Play Council for the event held on 30/10/14 = £4800/5 = £960
(*Play Development Projects Budget – final payment*)

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

Receipt

Description	Amount (£)
Reserve Account interest (July to September 2014)	3.14

Payments

Cheque no.	Description	Amount (£)
1298	Sefton Play Council (Payment for the Half Term Halloween Party held on 30 October 2014 on the Pasture (Last event of the Play Development Project) : £4800/5 = £960)	960.00
1299	S Cooper (Reimburse Councillor for expenses paid in advance : Ionisation smoke alarm + back up post for the Parish Council Office)	15.90
1300	Poppy Appeal (Wreath for the Remembrance Sunday Service)	17.00
1301	W M Osborne (Reimburse Clerk for expenses paid in advance : Remembrance Sunday Service - gift card for bugler = £25, Autumn newsletter printing charges = £55, 2 no. of metal rods for notice board stand = £2.5, Window cleaning for Aug, Sep & Oct 14 = £12, Toiletry = £0.99. Total £95.49)	95.49

Direct Debits

Description	Amount (£)
BT (Phone bill)	36.67
United Utilities (Surface water and highway drainage charges 2014/15 - 3rd Qtr payment)	29.09

Standing Order

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

93. PRECEPT FOR 2015/16

It was resolved that the precept for 2015/16 be considered at the next Council Meeting.

94. ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

Tyrrells Electrical and Security Ltd, Huyton carried out a visual inspection of the electrical installation in the Parish Council Offices on 20 October 2014. The Electrical Report dated 28 October 2014 was presented to the Council for consideration.

It was resolved that (i) Knowsley Council being the landlord to clarify if it is their responsibility to replace the two RCDs; (ii) British Gas to clarify if it is their responsibility to replace the meter tails.

A satisfactory report can only be issued when the items of works stated in the report are completed.

95. ROOM HIRING

It was resolved that permission be granted to Hack Back CIC to hold fundraising events in the Parish Council Offices on the 28 November 2014 and 5 December 2014 from 2 pm to 6 pm.

96. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Outstanding issues:

- (a) Railings opposite the Community Centre need repainting.
- (b) Highways issues raised with Knowsley Council.
- (c) Coping stones of the sandstone wall at the Holy Family Parish Centre car park – Action is being taken by the Centre.

It was resolved that Knowsley Council be requested to follow-up items (a) & (b).

97. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Councillor D Rostance reported on Police liaison in the last few months. A gang of 30 odd young people moved from Upton Rocks onto the Pasture last summer after a crackdown carried out by Cheshire Police. The group created serious noise nuisance, the mischief night in particular. The Police has done an excellent job through the summer to keep the situation under control.

98. REMEMBRANCE DAY

There was a good turnout at the Service but the Council was disappointed by the press report about the flag.

A discussion took place on procedures for dealing with press and media. It was suggested that the Chairman should be the spokesperson for the Parish Council, and the Vice-Chairman in his or her absence.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to John Mottershead to request him to reconsider his decision and continue with his voluntary flag raising role. A thank you letter will also be sent to Cronton Guides for their participation and a special thank you to Joanne for reading a War Poem.

99. ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

It was resolved that Alzheimer's Society (Knowsley) be the chosen charity for receiving the church collection.

100. CRONTON NEWS

Positive comments on the Autumn edition were received.

It was commented that more time was needed for delivery in the future.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed _____ Date 5 January 2015