

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 30 November 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

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

In attendance: Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
5 Members of the public

88. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors P M Green and M O'Dowd be accepted.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

90. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 October 2015 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

91. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Footpath leading to Pex Hill from The Roundabout - It should be reinstated with tarmacked surface and the concrete surface of the water pipe at the top end of the path should be covered properly to prevent slips.

92. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 2 November 2015
- (b) Special General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 11 Nov 2015
- (c) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 2 November 2015

93. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – No serious incidents reported.
- (b) **Age UK** – Awaiting response from Age UK.
- (c) **Bus service** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – A successful Clean-Up Day on the 16 November 2015 and 32 bags of refuse were collected. Fly tipping in Tue Lane had been reported. By and large the conditions in the village are good.
- (e) **PWCKV Partnership Advisory Group** – No report.

- (f) **Meeting with Planning Advisory Service, Knowsley Council** – It was a meeting with all Parish and Town Councils of the Borough about the Advisory Committee. A National Group and a Local Group were also represented. A report of the meeting will be provided at a later date.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

94. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **APP. NO: 15/00712/FUL**

LOCATION: 22 Smithy Close Cronton Knowsley
PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF OUTRIGGER TO EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TOGETHER WITH ERECTION OF 1NO. BUNGALOW ATTACHED TO EXISTING DWELLING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.

It was commented that reasons for resubmission should be provided with the planning application notice without having to go through all documents on the website.

It was resolved the Council does not object to this planning application

- (a) To note planning decision

APP. NO: 15/00577/FUL

LOCATION: Lower House Farmhouse Prescott Road Cronton
PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF 2NO OUTBUILDINGS TOGETHER WITH ERECTION OF PORCH AND INSTALLATION OF 1NO WINDOW TO SOUTH ELEVATION, INSTALLATION OF 1NO WINDOW TO NORTH ELEVATION, INSTALLATION 3NO WINDOWS TO WEST ELEVATION, AND INCREASE HEIGHT OF 2NO EXISTING CHIMNEY STACKS.

DECISION Granted

It was resolved that the above planning decision be noted.

95. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 30 November 2015 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

96. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

- (a) **It was resolved** that receipts and payments as listed in the attached Appendix be noted and approved.
- (b) **It was resolved** that an estimate of £80 for repairing the canopy at the office entrance from J Coughlin be approved.

97. PRECEPT FOR 2016/17

- (a) Knowsley Council may have to make further cuts on non-statutory services and is exploring opportunities to transfer some Borough Council services to Parish and Town Councils. Prescott Town Council's initial views on this proposal were noted. How Cronton would be affected was briefly discussed.
- (b) Any increase in precept has to be justified. The precept will further considered in January 2016.

98. MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

It was resolved that the meeting schedule for 2016 as governed by the Council's Standing Orders be approved.

99. KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Inspector's Report on the Examination into the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy has been published. The Inspector declared that the Local Plan is sound and legally compliant.

It was resolved that the conclusions of the Inspector's Report was noted.

100. CAROL SERVICE

Details of the Carol Service and reception were considered and agreed.

101. CRONTON WELCOME SIGNS

A generous donation has been received via a recent Council newsletter appeal. A supplier has been found at a much lower price than that paid by Halton Council. Knowsley Council takes care of planning permission, erection of signs and gives advice on the design which will include 'Cronton – Historic Village'. Three sites have been identified for consideration. The project will go ahead when approval is given by Knowsley Council. A public consultation will take place involving the community and local schools. The project provides a unique opportunity to address the village's identification.

102. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Most of the roads and pavements have been resurfaced. There are still a lot of outstanding issues including some private properties.

A letter dated 24/11/15 had been received from Mrs R Roderick about issues relating to parking on pavements at school drop off and pick up times. Mr and Mrs Roderick gave their concerns on the issue, likely effects on the newly resurfaced pavements and consequential impacts on the village and residents.

After discussion, it was suggested that the Council to raise the problem with the relevant services, this includes the Chairs of Governors, Headteachers, Knowsley Council and Ward Councillors. The Council will also investigate what can be done to improve the situation.

103. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

It has been peaceful in the village and the youth anti-social behaviour issue suffered for 2 years has now been eradicated. A high speed car chase through the village was noted.

104. CRONTON NEWS

The next newsletter will be published at the end of March 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date 4 January 2016