

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 31 July 2017 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

Present : Councillors W Cook (Chairman), D Bray, S Cooper and J Foran

In attendance: V Osborne (The Clerk)
2 Members of the public

40. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors P M Green, G McGann, G Pentin and D Rostance be accepted.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

42. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 June 2017 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

43. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised an issue about litter in Coronation Gardens. It was responded that as it was a place of respect and remembrance, it should be kept clean and tidy. A letter will be sent to the chip shop asking them to remind their customers to use the litter bins in the Gardens if they have food and drinks in the area.

44. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 3 July 2017
- (b) Finance and Police Committee meeting held on 3 July 2017

45. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Covered under agenda item 12 (Policing in Cronton).
- (b) **Healthwatch Knowsley** – No report.
- (c) **Transport** – No report.
- (d) **Environment** – Covered under agenda item 13 (Village and Community Issues).

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

46. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 31 July 2017 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

47. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

48. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30 June 2017 be approved and accepted by the Council.

49. GRANTS POLICY

Following the Internal Auditor's recommendation to tighten the Grants Policy to ensure that all receipts in respect of the grants given must be provided and to impose sanctions for non-conformity, the Council agreed to review the Grants Policy. A revised Grants Policy addressing these two issues was presented to the Council for consideration.

It was resolved that the revised Grants Policy as represented be approved and adopted with immediate effect.

50. ADOPTION OF KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

It was resolved that the adoption of the following supplementary planning documents be noted:

- HALSNEAD MASTERPLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT
- EARLSFIELD PARK (KNOWSLEY LANE SUE) SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

51. POLICING IN CRONTON

(a) Members received for consideration a reply from Inspector J Moreau regarding a recent correspondence to the Office of Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner about policing in Cronton. She reassured that the Local Community Team do deploy to the village when possible. Operation aiming to clamp down on illegal quad bikes and other off road vehicles in Cronton was a great success. Ways to communicate between the community and Merseyside Police were also given. Members appreciated that issues raised with the Police had been taken seriously. The success of the Operation will be included in the next village newsletter.

(b) Members received for consideration from Stg Paul Carroll (Community Policing) a report and recommendations on tackling speeding in Cronton. Members were in favour of the proposed SpeedWatch equipment as it can be a good opportunity to raise speed awareness and eventually to reduce speeding in the village. In principle the Council liked the idea however it would be impossible to purchase the equipment with its limited financial resources. It was suggested sharing the equipment with other interested Town Councils. The Clerk was instructed to inform Stg Carroll of the suggestion.

52. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

(a) Councillor J Foran reported on the followings:

- The fence at the back of The Pasture had been repaired.
- To improve the appearance of St Anne's Well, the overgrowths will be cut back and the path reinstated. Low maintenance shrubs will be planted and a 2-seat metal bench installed.
- To level the block paving of the path at the War Memorial, some tree roots will be cut. This has to be completed prior to the Remembrance Service this year.
- Updating the finger post is one of the projects.

(b) Councillor S Cooper will arrange to fit a transformer to socket housed in the power pillar for the low wattage Christmas lights.

(c) Councillor W Cook will find out how to register ownership of the area at St Anne's Well.

53. CRANTON NEWS

Suggested topics for the next issue:

- Cranton Pathways Project – grants and projects
- Merseyside Police – Operation Brookdale (illegal quad bikes and off road vehicles)
- Merseyside Police multimedia contacts
- Gala 2017
- Fly the Red Ensign
- Monday Community Group

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed _____ Date 4 September 2017