

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **21 September 2015** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors D Rostance (Chair), W Cook, S Cooper, P M Green, G McGann, M O'Dowd and G Pentin

In attendance: Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
2 members of the public

18. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors D Bray and J Foran be accepted.

19. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor M O'Dowd to the meeting.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of interest had been submitted.

21. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 13 July 2015 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- There has been no problem on the Pasture.
- Councillor S Cooper will provide information on appealing for free passes for crossing the Silver Jubilee Bridge and the new bridge.
- The overgrowth on the footpath leading to Pex Hill from Mill Lane (The Roundabout) needs cutting back.

23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP. NO: 15/00534/FUL

APPLICANT: Mr Stuart Thompson

LOCATION: Dragon House Farm 370A Cranton Road Cranton

PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BARNs AND SILOS AND ERECTION OF 4 NO. THREE BED DWELLINGS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS AND PARKING

It was resolved that the planning application be objected on the same grounds submitted previously (14/00490/FUL).

1. The proposal is totally against Knowsley Council's planning policies (UDP adopted in June 2006 and Green Belt Policy, and Knowsley Local Plan to be adopted by the end of 2015).
2. The proposed development is in the green belt.
3. It involves demolition of existing buildings.
4. The proposed development is a complete change in the use of land.

5. It is a major new housing development. 6. It will completely change the appearance and character of the rural landscape and the environmental quality of the area.

24. KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

It was resolved that the consultation on Wind Energy be noted.

25. STATE OF THE VILLAGE

The following environmental issues were considered.

- (a) To save resources, litter bins on both sides of Hall Lane by the Holy Family RC School should be emptied at the same time instead of having different schedules. The Chairman will follow this up with Knowsley Council.
- (b) Fly-tipping in Tue Lane had been reported and removed by Knowsley Council.
- (c) Cronton Garden Centre will sponsor the planters. Ways to acknowledge the sponsorship were discussed.
- (d) Feedback on traffic count on Hall Lane leading to Rainhill was noted. Given the very low number of heavy goods vehicles using the road and budget pressures, it is not a Borough Council's priority to implement any measures. To pursue the matter further, it was suggested collecting evidence and photos.
- (e) Similar reply had been received from Knowsley Council regarding speeding issue on Chapel Lane. **It was agreed** to reraise the subject of speed gun training for volunteers with the Police.
- (f) Speed limit sign by Coronation Gardens is obstructed by overhanging tree branches.
- (g) The wall of the car park at the Holy Family Parish Centre is in a very bad state of repair for a long time and is dangerous. **It was agreed** to send a letter to the Diocese of Liverpool to seek their attention.

26. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

It had been a peaceful and quiet summer. Thanked for the Police patrol on Friday and Saturday evenings.

27. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Poem and letter readings will be included in the Service. Councillor M O'Dowd will look for a young person in uniform from village to do the readings.

28. CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 15 December 2015. Councillor P M Green will liaise with the Clergy and schools. Councillor M O'Dowd will book the Holy Family Parish Centre and enquire about provision of tea and coffee. A lead person and volunteers are needed for the reception.

29. CRONTON NEWS

The Autumn Newsletter will be ready by the beginning of November for distribution before the Remembrance Sunday (8 November 2015). The following topics were suggested:

- Planning – Crabtree Homes (Shaun Cooper)
- Fly-tipping report procedure (Dave Rostance)
- Carol Service reception volunteers
- Carol Service notice (Clerk)
- Remembrance notice (Clerk)
- Planters – acknowledge sponsors and volunteers (Dave Rostance)
- Village outings (Rose) (received)
- Methodist church – Remembrance Sunday Church Service and Christmas fair notice

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed _____ Date 2 November 2015