

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **23 January 2017** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

In attendance: Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
3 Police Officers
2 Planning Officers
1 members of the public

59. APOLOGIES

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

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was resolved that a declaration of interest be received from Councillor W Cook in planning application (17/00016/TCA) for remedial pruning to 5 no. sycamore trees at 1 Brook Close as he lives in the same Close.

There were no other declarations.

61. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 12 December 2016 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

62. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised by the member of the public.

63. POLICING

The new Inspector Jane Moreau explained that Merseyside Police is undergoing reorganisation mainly due to funding cuts. There will be one centrally-based team and officers can be deployed to the most needed areas. PCSOs and officers will remain on the beat. The duty Officer can be contacted via a dedicated e-mail address.

Stg Peter Sprung presented a Crime Report for Cranton 2016 and went over some specific issues. A discussion took place as to how closer liaison between the Parish Council and the Police can be secured in view of the reorganisation. Provision of crime figures and policing information on a regular basis was suggested. Police newsletter co-ordinated by the Safer Community Team can be used as a liaison forum. Local community hub was also considered. Regarding PCSOs, besides policing their respective areas, they are also deployed to attend incidents. Their visibility may have decreased as they now have access to Police cars.

Cranton has a low crime rate, the effort of Police in achieving this is most appreciated. The Council hope this relationship will continue into the future.

The Chairman thanked the Police Officers for attending the meeting.

64. DRAFT HALSNEAD MASTERPLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) CONSULTATION

Lisa Harris (Director of Regeneration and Housing) and Rachel Apter (Planning Policy Manager) of Knowsley MBC gave a presentation on the draft Halsnead Masterplan. The followings were also highlighted and discussed:

- The Masterplan gives detailed guidance for developments.
- North of M62 is mainly for residential development.
- South of M62 is mainly for commercial development and a country park.
- 25% of 1,600 new houses is affordable housing.
- A new school will be built in the area.
- Consultants to undertake traffic impact assessment.
- No access to the site from Fox's Bank Lane.
- The cycle path from Whiston to the country park through to Cronton via Penny Lane is suggested.
- Provision of primary and secondary education for new residents.

The closing date for the consultation is 23 February 2017. The Plan will be adopted in April 2017. The Chairman thanked for the presentation.

65. TOWN END, CRONTON CONSERVATION AREA CONSULTATION

A drop in session took place at the Parish Council Office on 19 January 2017. The draft revised Town End, Cronton Conservation Area Appraisal and the draft Town End, Cronton Conservation Area Management Plan had been considered.

It was resolved that the proposed amendments to the boundary of the conservation area and the Management Plan be supported.

66. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **APP. NO: 17/00016/TCA**

APP. TYPE Trees in Conservation Areas

LOCATION: 1 Brook Close Cronton Knowsley PROPOSAL: REMEDIAL PRUNING TO 5NO SYCAMORE TREES

APP. NO: 16/00805/FUL

APPLICANT: Mrs Victoria Roberts

LOCATION: 47 Hampton Drive Cronton WA8 5DA

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE (EXISTING GARAGE TO BE CONVERTED TO ADDITIONAL LIVING SPACE)

It was resolved that the Council has no observations to make on the above two planning applications.

APP. NO: 16/00831/FUL

LOCATION: Bungalow Lower House Farmhouse Prescott Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUNGALOW TO ALLOW FOR THE ERECTION OF A NEW TWO STOREY DWELLING

It was resolved that the Council does not object to this planning application subject to all planning policies for development in green belts applicable to this application are satisfied.

(b) **APP. NO: 16/00662/FUL**

LOCATION: Castle View, Cronton Road Cronton PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE AND RETENTION OF DORMER BEDROOM TO REAR OF EXISTING DWELLING

DECISION Granted

It was resolved that the above planning decision be noted.

(c) Appeal to the Secretary of State against Knowsley Council's Enforcement Notice

Ref: APP/V4305/C/16/3143036

Site: Parklands Club, 1A Parklands, Cronton, Knowsley WA8 4NQ

It was resolved that the Council has no observations to make on the above appeal.

67. VILLAGE ISSUES

The followings were discussed:

- (a) A birch tree at Coronation Gardens is overhanging the road (Smithy Lane) – Knowsley Council to look into the matter.
- (b) There is a brook behind the fence at the back of the field of the Pasture. The gaps in the fence have to be looked at to avoid potential danger to park users and to prevent anti-social behaviour activities.
- (c) Parking issue at Iver Close – Awaiting reply from Knowsley Council regarding the consultation.
- (d) Parking outside the shops on Hampton Drive – A response from Knowsley Council regarding parking control was noted and no further action to be taken at this stage. Knowsley Council will be requested to reinstate the disabled parking space with more distinctive and easily recognisable marking.
- (e) Fly-tipping at the back of shops – A 'No Fly-tipping' sign to be installed.
- (f) Dog fouling issue – Raise awareness in the next newsletter.

68. COMMUNITY ISSUES

Related issues had been covered under Village Issues.

69. BATTLE'S OVER – A NATION'S TRIBUTE 11/11/18

Town and parish councils have been invited to take part in the commemoration and remembrance of the end of the WW1 by lighting a beacon at 7 pm on 11 November 2018.

It was resolved that the Parish Council will participate in the event on the 11 November 2018 and will light a beacon at Pex Hill.

United Utilities will be asked to sponsor a beacon and the Parish Council will publicise the event.

70. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

It will be a spring issue.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date 27 February 2017