

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held on 19 February 2018 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 and D Rostance

In attendance: John Flaherty (Knowsley Council)
Rupert Casey (Knowsley Council)
Caroline Holmes (Knowsley Council)
V Osborne (The Clerk)
3 Members of the public

79. APOLOGIES

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

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of interest were received.

69. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 January 2018 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

70. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Highways issue – The following highway works were still outstanding:

- Reposition of the 20mph signs on Hall Lane and Penny Lane
- Erection of 'No HGV sign' at the Rainhill end of Hall Lane

The Pasture – The gaps in the hedges at the back of the field had not been filled in.

71. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 22 January 2018
- (b) Finance and Police Committee meeting held on 22 January 2018

72. PARKS REVIEW

The Council invited Knowsley Council Officers to attend the meeting for the purpose of discussing the Parks Review and to clarify matters relevant to Cranton. J Flaherty explained the recommendations of the Parks Review and the proposed charity Trust for protecting and maintaining the parks and green spaces in the Borough from April 2019.

Each of the 17 sites (10% of parks and green spaces) identified for sales had different market value and Knowsley Council was confident of finding developers. The Trust would manage the Pasture and the current benefits of the Pasture would be preserved including its Green Flag status. It was reassured that the Pasture was protected in perpetuity (registered as Centenary

Field). They further explained the governance of the Trust and that Town and Parish Councils would be represented as trustees. Details would be provided for further consultation.

Anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police. The open space at Houghton Croft had not been included in the proposal and would continue to be maintained by Street Scene. The Trust would also be responsible for the insurance of the Pasture.

The Council had to inform Knowsley Council of its decision on their proposals by 31 March 2018.

The Chairman thanks the Officers for attending the meeting and the useful information.

73. REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Police had been informed of a serious incident at The Roundabout.
- (b) **Healthwatch activities in Cronton** – Some Healthwatch information for the public.
- (c) **Transportation in Cronton** – No 7 bus service had resumed.
- (d) **Environment** – Fly tipping in Penny Lane had been reported and removed. The next Clean-up Day was on Friday 2/3/18.

It was resolved that the above reports be noted.

74. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP. NO: 17/00660/CLU

APP. TYPE Certificate of Lawful Use/Dev. Existing

LOCATION: 103 Hall Lane Cronton WA8 5DQ

PROPOSAL: RETENTION OF CONVERTED GARAGE BEING USED AS STANDALONE HABITABLE BUILDING TO REAR OF EXISTING DWELLING

After consideration, **it was resolved** that the Council strongly objects to the planning application for the following reasons:

1. The conversion of the garage into a standalone habitable building took place without planning application.
2. The garage is in the green belt and the proposal is a new build which is totally against the Green Belt Policy of the Knowsley Council Local Plan.
3. It will set a negative precedent for developments of similar nature.

75. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 19 February 2018 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

76. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

77. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved that the Bank Reconciliation as at 31/12/17 be approved and accepted by the Council.

78. PARK REVIEW – THE PASTURE FROM 2019

It was resolved to defer making a decision on the future of the Pasture to the next Council Meeting to enable members of the public to present their views on the proposals.

79. PRECEPT FOR 2018/19

(a) The maintenance of the Pasture in 2018/19 would be discussed at future meetings.

(b) The final draft precept for 2018/19 was presented to the Council for approved. Based on discussions at previous meetings and to keep up with inflation it was considered necessary to increase the precept by 3%.

It was proposed by Councillor S Cooper, seconded by Councillor J Foran and was **unanimously resolved** that the precept for 2018/19 be set at £21,889.79 and the budget at £26,073 + £10,466 Reserves.

80. ALLOWANCE FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

It was resolved that the Council has no Members' allowances issues to be raised with Knowsley Council's Independent Remuneration Panel for Members' Allowances.

81. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Council had made recommendations in the first public consultation and they received Knowsley Council's support.

It was resolved that the Council has not further comments to make and the second public consultation on the proposals be noted.

82. HALTON DELIVERY & ALLOCATIONS LOCAL PLAN

It was resolved that the notice of public consultation on Halton Delivery & Allocations Local Plan be noted.

83. PARKING ISSUES AT IVER CLOSE

Members received for consideration a report from Keith Moyles (Parking Manager, Highways and Transportation) following a recent site meeting with the Council, the Headteacher and Chair of School Governors of Cronton C of E Primary Schools and residents. The meeting was constructive and Knowsley Council's efforts in improving the situations were most appreciated.

It was resolved that Keith Moyles's observations of the situation and the agreed actions be noted.

84. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

(a) Village Inspection – Councillor D Rostance reported on the village inspection taken place on the 5/2/18. It was attended by 4 Councillors, 3 Ward Councillors, a Knowsley Council Officer and 2 Tarmac representatives. It was a successful exercise with issues highlighted for action by appropriate Knowsley departments and Tarmac. Details were given in the Inspection Report. Updates would be provided.

85. CRONTON NEWS

Proposed topics for the next newsletter.

- New external audit arrangements (Clerk) *received*
- Contact details for reporting potholes (JF -)
- Contact details for reporting crime (Clerk)
- Precept 2018/19 – ground maintenance (SC)
- Local power supplier contact – Scottish Power (Clerk)
- The Pasture and dog fouling (JF - *received*)

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed _____ Date 26 March 2018