

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **7 JANUARY 2019** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

**Present** : Councillors S Cooper (Vice-Chair presided), D Bray, J Foran, G McGann, D Rostance and D Thomas

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

### **101. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence from Councillors Will Cook and G Pentin be accepted.

### **102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that the following declaration of interest (personal) had been submitted by Councillor D Thomas:

**Agenda item 14** – Public Questions regarding planning application APP NO 18/00432/CLU, Location: 103 Hall Lane Cronton Knowsley

**Nature of Interest** - An immediate neighbour to the property

### **103. MINUTES**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 November 2018 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### **104. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident lived at The Roundabout reported an incident happened in the back garden at night. Unfortunately this would not be the Police priority for investigation.

Dog fouling issue in the village was raised by a member of the public and asked what could be done to improve. It was responded that the situation had gone worse last year and Knowsley Council had no resources to help. It was suggested raising dog owners' awareness in the next village newsletter. The Parish Council ensured all households would receive a copy.

### **105. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 10 December 2018
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 10 December 2018

### **106. REPORTS**

(a) **Policing** – There was no Police presence in the village. Police Call Centre would be requested to direct calls from Cronton to Merseyside Police instead of to Cheshire Police first. Residents were encouraged to report all crimes to the Police.

(b) **Healthwatch activities in Cronton** – No report

(c) **Transportation in Cronton** – No report.

(d) **Environment** – There were no major issues. Good response to fly tipping from Knowsley Council.

## **107. PLANNING APPLICATION**

### **(a) APP. NO: 18/00283/HYB**

APPLICANT: Bloor Homes Limited and Maro Developments Ltd

APP. TYPE Full/Outline Application

LOCATION: Land North Of M62 Motorway Off Windy Arbor Road Whiston

PROPOSAL: HYBRID APPLICATION COMPRISING FULL APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF 131 DWELLINGS, CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICULAR/PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES, LAYING OUT OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS; OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF MAXIMUM OF UPTO 269 NO. DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS (ALL MATTERS RESERVED FOR FUTURE APPROVAL)

**It was resolved** that the Council had already responded to the public consultations on the Knowsley Local Plan relating to developments in this area and no further comments be made.

### **(b) APP. NO: 18/00659/FUL**

LOCATION: 345 Cronton Road Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF DETACHED TWO STOREY DWELLING WITH DETACHED GARAGE

**DECISION Refused**

**It was resolved** that the above planning decision be noted.

## **108. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

**It was resolved** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 7 January 2019 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

## **109. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

## **110. BANK RECONCILIATION**

**It was resolved** that the Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September 2018 be approved and accepted by the Council.

## **111. PRECEPT 2019/20**

(a) According to the information provided by Knowsley Council, the Council Tax base for 2019/20 was 444 Band D Equivalent, which was 6 less than last year.

(b) A draft precept for 2019/20 was presented to the Council for consideration. It was commented that all budget items should be reviewed and items with a large amount of carried over from the previous year should be reduced to a reasonable level. To fund a defibrillator with the Uncommitted Reserve was suggested.

A small working group consisted of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Councillors D Bray and D Thomas and the Clerk) would meet on Monday 14 January 2019 to discuss the precept and work out a proposal for the next meeting.

## **112. THE PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES (WEBSITES AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS) (NO. 2) ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS 2018**

NLAC's briefing on 'what the Regulations mean for local councils' was presented for consideration. The requirements to meet the accessibility standards did not apply for existing websites until 23 September 2020.

**It was resolved** that the Parish Council would look into the details and take action where necessary to ensure its website meet the legal requirements by that date.

**113. HALTON COUNCIL – DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

It was resolved that Halton Council's Consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement be noted.

**114. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

An email dated 16 December 2018 had been received from a member of the public who attended the Council Meeting on 26 November 2018 concerning the matters the member raised at the meeting.

The question about App No. 18/00432/CLU (location 103 Hall Lane, Cronton) had been responded by the Parish Council on the 18 December 2018. Other matters considered by the Council and the response were as follows:

- Equality and diversity awareness – It was correct to address the person holding the Office of Mayor 'The Mayor'.
- Total diversity imbalance of the Council – There was female member on the Council but she was unable to finish their term of office. An applicant with disability withdrew the application for co-option.

**115. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- (a) Half of the railing on Cronton Road opposite the Community Centre had been refurbished and the other half would be finished in the near future.
- (b) Councillor D Thomas undertook to follow-up the unsuitable for HGV sign at the Northern end of Hall Lane.
- (c) Positive response was received from both local primary schools about using their defibrillators by the public in case of emergency before the Council could provide its own. Issues raised would be addressed.

**116. CRONTON NEWS**

Proposed topics for the next news newsletter:

- Remembrance Day Service
- Beacon Lighting
- Tree Lighting and Ecumenical Carol Service
- The Pasture maintenance 2019
- Senior Citizens Christmas Party
- Information boards at Coronation Gardens and St Anne's Well
- Railing refurbishment on Cronton Road
- Defibrillators
- Precept 2019/20
- Dog Fouling

**The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 18 February 2019