



## CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

### GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **8 July 2019** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors D Rostance (Chairman), D Bray, W Cook, S Cooper, G McGann, and D Thomas

**In attendance:** Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)

#### **10. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved that** apologies for absence received from Councillors J Foran and G Pentin be accepted.

#### **11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

#### **12. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 3 June 2019 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were members of the public present.

#### **14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**APP. NO: 19/00312/FUL**

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: Sunny Croft Pex Hill Cronton

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

**APP. NO: 19/00122/FUL**

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: 56 Hall Lane Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE AND ERECTION OF PITCHED ROOF GARAGE AND THE CONVERSION OF LOFT TO FORM HABITABLE SPACE

**It was resolved** that the Council had no observations to make on the above planning applications.

#### **15. REVIEW OF KNOWSLEY CONSTITUENCY POLLING DISTRICTS & PLACES**

A letter dated 3 July 2019 had been received from Knowsley Council Elections Office inviting the Parish Council to comment on the current location of the polling place within the Cronton Parish Council area or any issues the Council to raise on respective polling district boundaries.

**It was resolved** that the current location of the polling place is the best within the Parish of Cronton, which is accessible with a portable ramp. The Parish Council Offices should continue to be used as the polling place in Cronton.

## **16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY**

The Council noticed that members of the public were not aware of the public participation procedure of a Council meeting. A discussion took place on how members of the public could take part in discussions of matters of concern to them.

Public participation at formal Council meeting was governed by Standing Orders. Separate meetings with the public could be arranged if needed.

During Public Participation at a formal Council meeting, members of the public could make representations on any item of business included in the agenda. Their comments would be taken into consideration when the item was discussed by Council members. At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public might be permitted to make further representations.

To ensure an effective meeting, the Chairman would, at the beginning of a meeting, draw the public's attention to the rules for their right to participate.

## **17. POLICING IN CRONTON**

Members received for consideration an email from Sergeant Beavin of Knowsley Neighbourhood Police regarding a recent Council meeting attended by him and his colleagues.

Council meeting and Police forum were run differently. Members felt that it might not be appropriate to discuss policing matters with the Police at a Council meeting. Separate meetings with an agenda was considered the best way forward.

Police was required to provide feedback on the followings:

- Cheshire Police dispersed young people from Upton Rocks to the Pasture
- Cross-border policing
- Stoning a passing vehicle at the entrance of the Pasture

The Chairman of the Council undertook to respond to the Police email incorporating the points discussed.

Councillor G McGann reported that plan for tackling speeding in the village was in progress and would keep members informed.

## **18. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- Confusion arising from the Warrington post code WA8 for Cronton was a concern.
- Current state of roads in the village and potholes were for discussion at the next meeting.

## **19. CRONTON NEWSLETTER**

Proposed topic – Defibrillator project update.

**The meeting closed at 7.55 pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 16 September 2019