



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **9 December 2019** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors S Cooper (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), D Bray, W Cook, J Foran, G McGann, G Pentin and D Thomas

In attendance: Ward Councillor R Gaffney
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
4 members of the public

43. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillor D Rostance be accepted.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

45. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 28 September 2019 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

46. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rat issue – Knowsley Council no longer issued rat poison for free. With the prolonged wet weather the extent of rat problem was a concern. Rat issue is a borough wide problem and Knowsley Council was looking at it. Residents should be vigilant and not leave out any edible rubbish. United Utilities would also be request to address the issue i.e. sewer baiting.

47. CRONTON GALA COMMITTEE

Two new members of the Gala Committee gave a briefing on the recent changes to the Committee. There were 6 new members including the Chairperson and the Treasurer. The Committee would be properly constituted and financially accountable. It aimed to get the whole community involved and to bring the Committee up-to-date to meet current needs. Activities would be organised throughout the year.

The Council appreciated the contribution of the Gala Committee and would continue its support for the Committee.

48. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor R Gaffney reported on the followings:

- (a) The smiley face speed detector (calibrated to 20 mph) would be reinstalled in Cronton.
- (b) Whiston Town Council objected to the planning proposal for 4 numbers of semi-detached dwellings at Holly Farm, Chapel Lane.
- (c) The power supply to Coronation Gardens would be reinstalled in time for the tree lighting.

(d) Knowsley Council had been informed to remove the rubbish left behind the shops.

The Council thanked Councillor R Gaffney for his assistance.

49. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP. NO: 19/00627/FUL

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: Lower House Farmhouse Prescott Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF GARAGE AND ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

It was resolved the Council has not observations to make on this planning application.

50. INSURANCE CLAIM

Members received an update from Knowsley Council on the assessment of the fire damaged climbing frame in the children's play area on the Pasture. The maintenance team was looking at options to either replace or repair the play equipment. The insurance company had been updated.

51. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) The Pasture security – To be followed up with Contable Nicola Parsons.
- (b) The condition of some of the garage doors behind the shops on Hampton Drive was a concern – ongoing follow-up with garage owners.
- (c) Speed gun training – A vetting form had been received for completion by the Councillor.
- (d) Smiley face speed detection device – ongoing follow-up with Knowsley Council.
- (e) Signage of Forge Close – ongoing follow-up with the Highways Department.

52. ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE (17/12/19)

Arrangements had been made for the carol service. Details were given in the check-list.

53. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Additional topics for the newsletter:

- Remembrance Sunday Service
- Ecumenical Carol Service
- Rat issue and advice to tackle the problem

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed _____ Date 20 January 2020