

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING



Minutes of the Remote ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on 7 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.31 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor T Byron
Ward Councillor R Gaffney
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
2 Members of the public

39. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2020/21

It was moved by Councillor G McGann, seconded by Councillor D Bray and **resolved unanimously** that Councillor Shaun Cooper be elected Chairman for 2020/21.

40. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

After signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, **Councillor S Cooper took the Chair.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Will Cook for his leadership and contributions to the Council and community during his time as Chairman, especially his work on the Pasture bringing it to a Green Flag status park. The Chairman looked forward to working with all members for the remainder of the 2020/21 civic year.

41. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2020/21

It was moved by Councillor D Thomas, seconded by Councillor G McGann and **resolved unanimously** that Councillor D Rostance be elected Vice-Chairman for 2020/21.

42. APOLOGIES

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

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of interest were received.

44. MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 July 2020 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

45. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) Verge and bank of the field opposite Cronton Garden Centre – A written request had been received from Mr John Powell of Birchfield Community Association seeking support for the area be planted as a small meadow flower area when the site was cleared and restored.

The following questions were raised:

- The ownership of the site
- Maintenance of the site without the knowledge of Knowsley Council

The Ward Councillors and the Parish Council supported the proposal subject to resolving the questions raised. Councillor Ron Gaffney would liaise with Mr John Powell.

- (b) Fencing at the back of The Pasture – Filling the gap in the fence was in progress and Councillor D Rostance would follow this up.
- (c) Climbing frame on The Pasture – The smoke damaged climbing frame was structurally sound and a Knowsley Council Officer would repaint it in the near future.
- (d) Entrance gates at The Pasture – The damaged gates were tied together as a temporary measure. Knowsley Council had been informed to repair them.
- (e) Fencing at Pex Hill – The damage had been reported to United Utilities. Councillor D Rostance would follow this up.
- (f) Communication with Police – Lack of response from Joanne Matthews, Safer Communities Area Officer. It was advised to keep trying.

46. NALC MODEL STANDING ORDERS 2018

It was resolved that the NALC Standing Orders 2018 be adopted.

47. NALC MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2019

It was resolved the NALC Model Financial Regulations 2019 be adopted.

48. POWER OF DELEGATION

It was resolved that the Powers of Delegation to Committees be adopted for 2020/21.

49. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES

It was resolved that the Terms of Reference of the undermentioned Committees be adopted for 2020/21.

- (a) General Purposes and Environment Committee
- (b) Finance and Policy Committee

50. COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

It was resolved that the undermentioned Committees be appointed for 2020/21:

FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Cllr S Cooper (Chairman)
Cllr D Rostance (Vice-Chairman)
All other Council Members

GENERAL PURPOSES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr D Rostance (Chairman)
Cllr G McGann (Vice-Chairman)
All other Council Members

51. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was resolved that following representatives to outside bodies be approved.

- **MERSEYSIDE ASSOCIATION OF TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS** –
(Depends on the agenda – a Cllr may attend)
- **MERSEYTRAVEL : CUSTOMERS FORUM** – Cllr G McGann
- **KNOWSLEY CYCLING AND WALKING PROJECT (PRESCOT TO CRONTON)**
– Cllr G McGann
- **CRONTON PATHWAYS** - Cllr D Rostance
- **CRONTON GALA COMMITTEE** – D Bray (liaison)

52. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

It was resolved that the Complaints Procedure be adopted for 2020/21.

53. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

It was resolved that the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme be adopted for 2020/21.

54. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Halsnead Garden Village development – Councillor T Byron would provide feedback.

Councillor R Gaffney reported on the following:

- **Parking near road junction** – Could seek assistance from Knowsley Council Civil Enforcement Officers.
- **Smiley face speed indicator device** – A new device would be assigned to Cronton.
- **Footpath overgrowth** – Had a site meeting with a Knowsley Officer Paul Christopher. Overgrowth would be cut back on Sandy Lane and the footpath by Cronton Hall.

Footpath between Penny Lane and Fox's Bank Lane – A 'Private - no admission' sign was erected by a gate. Knowsley Council's Definitive Rights of Way Map (2006 Draft) included this footpath. Councillor T Byron would find out if this proposed diverted footpath still exist.

55. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) **Policing in Cronton** – It was relatively quiet but no visible police presence.
- (b) **Transportation in Cronton** – No timetables at bus stops. Councillor G McGann contacted Merseytravel and would follow this up.
- (c) **Environment** – Speedy response to fly-tipping issues from Knowsley Council.

56. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **APP. NO: 19/00691/FUL**
APPLICANT: Archdiocese of Liverpool
LOCATION: Holy Family R C Church Hall Lane Cronton

PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS POINT FROM HALL LANE TO FORM ONE-WAY SYSTEM TOGETHER WITH REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CAR PARK HARDSTANDING

(b) **APP. NO: 20/00417/FUL**

APPLICANT: Taylor Wimpey UK Limited, Gino Frederick Fantin &

LOCATION: Fox's Bank, Halsnead Garden Village, Land West Of Fox's Bank Lane And North Of M62, Whiston

PROPOSAL: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING OF THE ERECTION OF 337 NO. DWELLINGS TOGETHER WITH NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS OFF FOXS BANK LANE, SUDS POND, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS (WORKS TO INCLUDE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FARM BUILDINGS)

It was resolved that comments submitted respectively were noted.

57. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was resolved that the Budgetary Control Report as at 7 September 2020 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

58. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

59. NJC 2020-21 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

It was resolved that NJC 2020-21 National Salary Award implemented from 1/4/20 be noted.

The Clerk's salary adjustment in line with the agreed National Salary Award to be considered at the next meeting.

60. THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

(a) PC10-20: Changes to the current planning system

(b) PC11-20: White paper: Planning for the future

(c) PC12-20: Transparency and Competition – data and land control

It was resolved that the Planning Consultations be noted.

61. PUBLIC CONSULTATION LAUNCHED FOR FORMER CRANTON COLLIERY SITE – TRITAX SYMMETRY AND THE LAND TRUST

The first public consultation had been launched by Tritax Symmetry and the Land Trust on the proposed development at the former Cranton Colliery Site

The proposal was briefly considered and the followings were highlighted:

- Traffic and speed limit on Cranton Road.
- Potential security/anti-social behaviour issues relating to the proposed country park and cycle path.
- Local Police should be made aware of the concerns.

Councillor R Gaffney responded that there would be a substantial highway improvement to manage traffic demand and speed limits were under review.

The proposal would be fully considered when a planning application was submitted to Knowsley Council.

62. NEW WEBSITE

An update would be provided at the next meeting.

63. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) The 20mph speed limit sign at the junction of Smithy Lane and Cronton Road was obstructed by overgrown tree branches.
- (b) Cars partly parked on pavement further down Dandelion Tavern obstructing and causing danger to other road and footway users. Extended double yellow lines were suggested. The situation could only be attended to by the Civil Enforcement Officers within office hours.
- (b) Coronation Gardens maintenance – Routine maintenance was overdue.
- (c) Remembrance Sunday Service – Arrangements to be reviewed due to covid-19 restrictions.
- (d) Ecumenical Carol Service – To consult both schools.
- (e) St Ann’s Well maintenance and floral display for Cronton – Thank you letters to Mr Ken Bevan and Steve Doyle (Cronton Garden Centre).

64. CRONTON NEWS

To be considered at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date 19 October 2020