

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held **remotely** on **13 JULY 2020** at 7.00 pm.

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor T Byron
Ward Councillor R Gaffney
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
R Hayes (resident)

1. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillor J Foran be accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

- (a) Councillor D Thomas – Agenda item 7 (Cycling Path Project) – A resident in the area.
- (b) Councillor D Rostance – Agenda item 10 (Village and Community Matters – The back fence of The Pasture) – A neighbouring resident.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meetings held on 2/3/20 and 9/3/20 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that part of the railings at the top of Cranton Quarry was broken. A nearby bench was also vandalised.

5. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor R Gaffney reported on the followings:

- The roundabout at Cranton Garden Centre – A scheme to improve road safety would be implemented.
- The junction of Alder Lane/Cronton Road – A scheme to improved road safety at the T-junction would be introduced.
- The junction of Cronton Road/Fox's Bank Lane/Prescot Road – As part of the highway improvement for the Halsnead Garden Village Development, the junction would be changed to a roundabout.

Councillor T Byron would follow-up the return of the smiley speed detection device to Cronton.

It was also noted that due to Covid-19 the speed gun training was put on hold.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **APP. NO 20/00054/NEI** (re-consultation)

CONSULTEE: Halton Borough Council

LOCATION: Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED DEMOLITION, REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION TO TWO AREAS TO PROVIDE 24 NO. CLASS ROOMS, 1NO. TUTORIAL ROOM, 3 NO. STAFF ROOMS, GENERAL STORE, MALE AND FEMALE CHANGING FACILITIES, STUDENT WC'S, STAFF WC AND SHOWER ROOM, REMODELLED CIRCULATION SPACES INCLUDING NEW STAIRS AND LIFTS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO EXTERNAL ELEVATIONS INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AND DOORS

Supplementary planning information included the requested tree planting and management plan and a travel plan as well as a revised Design and Access Statement and drawing pack were provided by developer.

Traffic issues raised by the Parish Council had not been addressed by the developer. After discussion, **it was resolved** that the Council has no further comments to make but to inform Halton Council that comments submitted on 2/6/20 via Knowsley Council remain valid.

(b) **APP. NO: 20/00245/FUL**

LOCATION: 415 Cronton Road Cronton WA8 5QF

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY FRONT AND SIDE EXTENSION, DETACHED GARAGE AND THE RECLADDING OF EXISTING DWELLING TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED BOUNDARY TREATMENT AND LANDSCAPING WORKS

It was resolved that the Council has no observations to make on this application.

(c) **APP. NO: 20/00255/FUL**

CASE OFFICER: Andrew Hunt

APPLICANT: United Utilities Water Limited

LOCATION: Pex Hill Country Park Pex Hill Cronton

PROPOSAL: APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF CONDITIONS APPLIED TO PLANNING PERMISSION 19/00292/FUL FOR ERECTION OF BOOSTER PUMPING STATION WITH ASSOCIATED PIPEWORK AND ACCESS ROAD TOGETHER WITH WORKS TO WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSISTING OF 9 KIOSKS, PLANT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING CHANGES TO GROUND LEVELS. VARIATION SOUGHT TO CONDITION 1 AND 10 TO ALLOW FOR CHANGES TO THE KIOSKS AND FENCING AND CHANGE FROM GRASSCRETE ACCESS TRACK TO STONE AND SEEDED TRACK

It was resolved that the Council has no observations to make on the variation of conditions 1 and 10 applied to planning permission 19/00292/FUL.

7. KNOWSLEY CYCLING PATH PROJECT - CRONTON

The cycle route issues (dated 6/7/20) raised by Councillor D Thomas were noted. It was suggested that all comments would be considered when a planning application notice was received.

8. FORMER CRONTON COLLIERY SITE

Councillors S Cooper, G McGann and the Clerk attend a remote pre-consultation briefing organised by a specialist logistics developer Tritax Symmetry and The Land Trust on 7/7/20.

The meeting was interesting. Basic outline site plans were presented. The main entrance and exit were on Cronton Road. It was commented that the location might have an impact on the traffic at Tarbock Island. The natural cycle path exit at Fox's Bank Lane was noted.

A follow-up briefing would be requested to enable more Councillors to attend.

Richard Thorpe, Team Leader, Road Safety and Sustainability of Knowsley Council would be requested to keep the Parish Council informed of the development of all 8 phases of the cycling path project, the path through Cronton was the last phase.

An email from BAA Commission for Dark Skies concerning light pollution was deferred for future discussions.

9. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) Fence gap at the back of the Pasture – 5 metal posts needed replacing. The first quote for the repair was £350. Councillor D Rostance would follow-up the repair and negotiate for a better price. 3 quotes were required for a job above £100.
- (b) The illegible road signs at Cronton Road/Tue Lane and north of Smithy Lane/Hall Lane were to be replaced by Knowsley Council.
- (c) Knowsley Council was responsible for rat baiting however funding was an issue. The Borough Council would look at the problem again and the Ward Councillors would follow-up this matter.

10. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Proposed topics:

- Rev Jenny MacGregor's retirement in June/July 2020 (Methodist Chapel)
- Carol Service 2020 tree lighting (on an earlier date - 10/12/20) depends on Covid-19
- Remembrance Sunday Service (8/11/20) depends on Covid-19
- Defibrillator training update (volunteers' contacts)
- Rat problems in Cronton – ways to eradicate
- Precept 2020/21
- Speed watch/pavement parking scheme

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed _____ Date 21 September 2020