



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **28 November 2022** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

Present: Councillors R Hayes (Chair), D Rostance, J Foran, G McGann, L Terry, D Thomas and R Fielding.

In attendance:

Ward Councillor Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cronton)
Karen Newton - Clerk
4 Residents

110. APOLOGIES

Cllr W Cook – Private Engagement

111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest

112. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31/10/2022 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

113. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member of the Public: Concerns around building works starting and drainage of surface water from the old septic tank at the Colliery site/Foxes Bank Brook leading on to Foxes Bank Lane where the cycle Path is to be near their field. There's no drainage along Cronton Road. This had been previously discussed. Thoughts were that this work was to create access for the new development.

Cllr. Ron Gaffney to take up - he's only aware of the outline of works regarding the length of time the road will be closed off at Foxes Bank. If Cllr Gaffney had the question before the night, he could have taken it to the area liaison committee meeting that evening however he will take it forward.

114. KEVIN FORSTER – KNOWSLEY PLANNING

Kevin Foster was thanked for his attendance; he is now waiting for the planning application to be submitted.

115. TAYLOR WIMPEY

Cllr David Rostance had met MP Derek Twigg whilst on an evening out and was able to have a quiet conversation with him regards the new builds on Chapel Lane and the Councils Objections. He later received a telephone call from Cllr. Andrea Wall – MP Derek Twigg's Liaison Officer. She has told Cllr Rostance that he is vehemently against this proposal, and he has expressed his views to Halton Borough Council. Because of

Parliamentary protocol we need to write back to MP Marie Rimmer, and he will address this with her at that point and encourage her to support the council with this objection. Cllr David Rostance to draft a letter to send to MP Marie Rimmer.

116. POLICING – TO CONSIDER POLICING IN CRONTON

Cllr Ged McCann received an email from Mike Berry, Emily Spurrell had her meeting with John Dwyer (Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner) He will take up the issues with the relevant Police Officers they do not have the right for operational input, but he has spoken to the local Police Officers who attended the meeting to inform them.

Bring this item back to the agenda in January 2023.

117. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Ron Gaffney - Thanked Cllr David Rostance for speaking to MP Derek Twigg and writing to MP Marie Rimmer he felt this was very encouraging but felt a little let down by MP Marie Rimmer's response to Cllrs David Rostance's letter.

Thanked Julie Pullman for copying him into emails that he hadn't received regarding planning meetings about the cycle path. There are a lot of meeting being pulled at present unsure why this is happening. The cycle path goes to the Committee on the 8th December 2022. Nothing has been received around the Multiuser Cycle path name.

118. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

(a) Policing – Police Van has been spotted around 3/4pm each day which is very reassuring and has also been spotted of an evening.

Concerns from a resident over the speeding and the possibility of Speed bumps, Cllr David Rostance has written back and reassured the resident that there are ongoing speed checks in the area.

Cllr Ged McCann and Cllr David Thomas had recently been with the police doing the speed checks and they will be coming back to do further surveillance.

Reports of youths in balaclavas on bikes knocking on doors in the area, people need to be vigilant. This is to be reported to 101 to log the incidents. A residents empty Property was broken into earlier in the week.

(b) Transportation in Cronton – No Changes

(c) Environment – Request received to put in some fencing for the brambles at the top of Queensbury Way and a few fruit trees. No major concerns but clarification to be sought on what will be planted and where also confirmation that the roads around will not have any view obstructions.

119. PLANNING APPLICATION

Late planning application received via email from a resident, regarding a dropped kerb to gain access to a piece of land off Cronton lane, the council are opposed to this application.



What reason does the applicant have to gain access to this land, is it Greenbelt land, what is their ultimate intent of accessing this land?

It was **RESOLVED** that the objection is sent to Knowsley Planning and application to be put on next agenda.

120. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

Karen Newton Clerk explained the amendments within the control account and that it is still a working progress at present.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report be noted and approved.

121. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The cheque received from Cllr Will Cook £1500 has bounced back from the bank as unpaid but both Cllr Cook and Karen Newton have spoken to the bank to find out why and it was due to an old cheque book being used for a closed account. Cllr Will Cook to issue new cheque on receipt of the new cheque book.

Cllr David Thomas to refund the Council the difference for the cancelled Zoom account.

Petty Cash – Karen Newton is not going to reimburse at this point as she feels it's not needed.

It was **RESOLVED** that payments as listed in Appendix B be noted and approved.

122. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

Cllr. R Hayes updated Councillors - it will be starting next year but because of the delays is concerned of the costings. Cllr David Rostance referred to the tenders that were received and accepted and they were aware of the timescales at that point.

It was **AGREED** More information needs to be sought from Cath Shields for an update

123. CYCLEPATH (PHASE 8) – MULTI-USER PATH

Cllr. G McGann commented that he had exchanged emails with Alex Lennon around confirmation that Motor bikes and E Scooters will not be used on the cycle path. There needs to be clear signage to stop this happening. There isn't a right of way at present on any of the plans submitted. The objection on the wording of the legislation needs to be forwarded to the relevant planning officer in this case.

It was **Agreed** that when the planning meeting goes a head the council will send a representative to the meeting and that Cllr Ged McCann will resend the objection.

124. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

- (a) **Home watch** – Cllr R Hayes - Julia Pullman meeting held 5 members vetted and registered with Ourwatch.org The neighborhood watch country wide scheme. You can join the local scheme Cronton Village from joining Our watch. If you input your post code this will allow you to see the local group. They have kept their original Facebook Cronton Village Neighborhood Watch Group.



A letter was put in to all Pex Hill Residents with the last Newsletter to let them know about the home watch scheme. Meeting to be held Monday 5th December 2022 with the PCSO to communicate what is needed from each other with regards to the home watch scheme. Cllr R Hayes commented that it was the police that wanted this setting up but there's been no communication with them about the recent break ins. Also, that they are looking for volunteers for the group.

It was **Agreed** that if there was no space for input about the home watch scheme to the Newsletter next month that a flyer would be posted with the Newsletter.

- (b) **ASB** – No concerns
- (c) **Warm Hub** – Cllr G McCann will speak with Birdie and Steve Seddon to see if the Community Centre could be used for this purpose again.
- (d) **Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2022**– Clean up arranged.
- (e) **Christmas Concert Update/Christmas tree lights-**
Cllr John Foran – 5th December the tree will be put up.
Cllr Ged McCann – To give Schools Karen Newton's contact details to the schools.
The priest asked if the Carol Concert could be moved forward but it couldn't at this late stage.
The charity that has been chosen as they go to old people's homes and help.
Presentation to children will be done at the Church this year.
Cllr D Rostance has invited the special guests.
- (f) **Defibrillator battery replacement and pad replacement** – Bring back to the February meeting.
- (g) **Council Office WIFI** - Cllr D Rostance discussed making savings and looking at other ways of making savings for the council so would discuss further when setting the Budget in January, at this point the new Clerk has agreed to work from home and leave the discussion around WIFI to a later date at a financial meeting.

The council photocopier was discussed and could this be where we can make a saving as it hardly is used.

125. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be printed in January 2023

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed



Date 12/12/2022