

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **31 October 2022** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

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

**In attendance:** Kevin Foster - Knowsley Borough Council Planning  
Ward Councillor Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cronton)  
Ward Councillor Terry Byron (Whiston and Cronton)  
Karen Newton - Clerk  
2 Residents

### 93. APOLOGIES

None Received

### 94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest

### 95. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05/09/2022 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### 96. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- It was **AGREED** that the public participation to be held after minute 98 as their questions and comments may be around the Taylor Wimpey plan.
- Member of Public – went to the Taylor Wimpey presentation – Lives in a listed property opposite the development, had spoken to a lady called Bridget who gave him a map of the development which didn't include his neighbour's property but they have been approached by Taylor Wimpey to sell. He felt that there was dishonesty around the development on Taylor Wimpey's part. He had not received the consultation letter and only found out about this through the council's letter.
- Member of public – Concerned with the number of houses being built which will bring a lot of traffic.

### 97. KEVIN FOSTER – PLANNING KNOWSLEY

The Chair welcomed Kevin Foster to the meeting and clarified his position within the Planning department with Knowsley Borough Council. He is the Group Manager for Major Developments and Planning Policy.

Knowsley Borough Council have had a consultation for the site on Hale Gate Road in Halebank they have no major issues but have raised concerns with the traffic along with Higher Road in Halewood concerns have been raised and Highways and requested improvements.

Chapel Lane Cronton- no planning application has been received and they have not been consulted by Taylor Wimpey. Discussions with Halton Borough Council and Taylor Wimpey they have been advised that they do need to apply to Knowsley Borough Council for Planning

permission because of the boundary and access being in Knowsley. Planning only consider if the access is suitable for the number of houses that they are proposing.

The land adjacent at 4 Chapel Lane proposed - alteration and extension of existing dwelling along with the erection of a new build 2 storey dwelling – Cllr G McCann explained that this is inside the Halton Borough Council boundary but the Council objected to this due to traffic levels within Cronton, this was before Council were aware of the new Taylor Wimpey development.

Cllr G McCann asked for some clarification around the access and asked as discussions to purchase the property south of the development which would mean the access being further into the Halton Boundary would it be possible to have access onto Queensbury way which was within the Halton Boundary. Kevin foster said that they will need to assess the capacity on the junction in Cronton and take into account the developments within the area.

Chair Cllr. David Rostance to write to Kevin Foster for attending and copy in Mark Caywood. Comments to be included are that the council and residents would welcome their support in particular the exit onto Queensbury Drive, add the 2 ward councilors are in support and copy the MPs into the email.

#### **98. TAYLOR WIMPEY**

The (Chair) Cllr David Rostance summarised what action the Council and residents have taken so far, in writing attending meetings and open events held by Taylor Wimpey, including walking the site in busy periods to show the volume of traffic.

2 letters were circulated at the meeting written by (Chair) Cllr David Rostance that he requested to be sent to Marie Rimmer MP and Derek Twigg MP, it was **AGREED** to send.

Cllr G McCann - a discussion with Taylor Wimpey whereby they haven't secured the purchase of the properties east of the development which would mean they could then have a 2<sup>nd</sup> access onto Queensbury Drive within the Halton Boundary. Kevin Foster said there has been discussions around this access with Halton Borough council around this access and they are keen to have a route through on both sides and are pushing for this.

Cllr R Hayes - if they were not able to purchase the properties on the Chapel Lane side they would move to compulsory purchase and asked why they can't do that at the Queensbury drive side although a comment had been made with regards to disturbing the trees.

Keven Foster – When planning application comes to Knowsley Planning they will consider road safety (visibility and junction designed so that it won't cause Highways safety issues) Concerns raised by the council, if there were safety issues. The Council do not want Chapel Lane changing and they do not want this development to go ahead.

#### **99. POLICING – TO CONSIDER POLICING IN CRONTON**

Cllr G McCann has emailed Mike Berry for feedback, he was on leave but replied that Emily Spurrell had had her meetings but he hadn't received feedback at that point.

Not a lot of sightings of the police in the area since the last meeting. No incidents reported.

## **100. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllr Ron Gaffney was in attendance and advised that

- He had received numerous objection's in regards to the Taylor Wimpey plan. This is more than he has ever received before on any other development. The objections received reflect what has been discussed at this meeting. These companies tend to amend plans but do normally go through.
- He didn't accept the invite to attend the meetings as he will more than likely be on the planning committee and asked not to be included in the correspondence thanking Kevin Foster due to this.
- Recent scrutiny meeting discussed reintroducing the white paper changing all the planning rules, they want to move things along with planning quicker. Less hold ups with green belt, 106 monies- they want to set X amount that the developer has to pay. If you buy a house at present, you get 10k added to its value in terms of your contribution to the 106 monies. Reduce the amount of local influence.
- Knowsley Council have 5 Libraries which from the 1<sup>st</sup> November will be opening longer, they have been given 2-million-pound Grant by the Government to do things like this because of the cost-of-living crisis. Open 6 days a week to promote the warm hub in the villages. He will ask the question with regards the mobile library being reinstated.

Cllr Terry Byron was in attendance and advised that,

- He attended the meeting at the Parklands with Taylor Wimpey and attended the walk round at the site.
- Parking at the school – he met with Keith at Highways and watched what was going on, he felt because Keith had his badge on cars were turning up but not parking or pulling over. Keith offered to get parking wardens to attend. Cllr R Fielding had seen the wardens but not a lot was happening. Not much happening at either school with regards to moving he traffic on.
- Noticed an increase of fly tipping but feel that the CCTV Cameras have helped.

## **101. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- (a) Policing – No significant incidents within the period.
- (b) Transportation in Cronton –Minor changes to the timetable.
- (c) Environment – No significant changes.

## **102. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **OUT OF BOROUGH CONSULTATION**

App No22/00593/NEI

Case Officer: John Fleming

Applicant: Halton Borough Council

Location: Land Adjacent At 4 Chapel Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 4NX

**PROPOSAL: PROPOSED ALTERATION AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING DWELLING ALONG WITH THE ERECTION OF A NEW BUILD 2 STOREY DWELLING**

**WARD: Halton Borough Council**

View Here - <https://webapp.halton.gov.uk/planningapps/index.asp>

**Appeal:** Previous objections raised **It was RESOLVED** that the Council has no further observations to make on this planning application.

App No: 22/00568/NE

Case Officer: Kevin Foster

Applicant: Halton Borough Council

Location: Land Off Hale Hate Road Halebank Widnes.

Proposal: AMENDED APPLICATION – PROPOSED HYBRID PLANNING APPLICATION COMPRISING; FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY ACCESS POINTS, PRIMARY INTERNAL LNK ROAD AND SITE ENABLING WORKS INCLUDING SITE LEVELING AND OTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION, WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED EXCEPT FOR ACCESS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF UP TO 500 RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS (USE CLASS C3), LATER LIVING UNITS (C2), A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALOCAL CENTRE (USE CLASS E) AND ASSOCIATED INFAStructure AND OPEN SPACE

WARD: Halton Borough Council

View Here: <https://webapp.halton.gov.uk/planningapps/index.asp>

**It was RESOLVED** that the Council has no observations to make on this planning application, but the development has been noted in view of Chapel Lane.

### **103. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

Karen Newton Clerk has not submitted the report this month but will include at the next meeting.

**It was RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report will be viewed at the next meeting.

### **104. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

### **105. BANK RECONCILIATION**

**It was RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliations at 30/09/2022 be approved and accepted.

### **106. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN**

Cllr. D Rostance updated Councillors everything going ahead and funding has been received from the sponsors and our contribution. Work will be started in the Spring next year although there will be some opportunities prior to that in regards to the wood sculptures or alternative sculptures. They have appointed a contractor but there will be some consultation before they start.

**It was AGREED** to send an invite to the January 2023 meeting.

### **107. CYCLEPATH (PHASE 8) – MULTI-USER PATH**

Cllr. G McGann commented that he had emailed and Telephoned Richard Thorpe and there had been no contact, Chair Cllr D Rostance said it was the same for him. There is no update because he is unable to contact anyone and no calls are being returned.

**It was Agreed** that the Ward Cllr's will pick this up.

## **108. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- (a) **Home watch** – Cllr R Hayes had attended a recent meeting, concerns around the vetting process as they hadn't had any certificate for this, after a conversation with the person vetting then they were told that they are vetted and they would receive nothing further. Requesting a meeting with the police to find out what support they can give. Julia had completed the leafleting at Pex Hill.
- (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. A social media post to be put on to see if this would benefit people in the community.
- (d) **Remembrance Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022**–  
Cllr, David Rostance to contact Paul Christopher to clean up the leaves in Coronation gardens around the Cenotaph and finger post.  
Request for Poppies on lampposts – Clerk to follow up.  
Printing of order of service – speak to Shaun Cooper – clerk to follow up
- (e) **Christmas Concert Update/Christmas tree lights**-  
Cllr John Foran – 6<sup>th</sup> December he will contact Cronton Garden Centre to clarify when they can put the Tree up suggestion of the 5<sup>th</sup> December.  
Cllr Ged McCann – Christmas Concert is the start this decides the lighting of the tree. Get in touch with the 2 schools regarding the tree lighting ceremony. We need the children's names who will be lighting the tree. Invite the Clergy. Collection which charity are we going to give this to this year.
- (f) **Defibrillator battery replacement and pad replacement** – 2 due to be replaced in February 2023, one quote already received. The clerk – to find out what is available due to national shortage to contact Shaun to get all quotes together.
- (g) **Council Office WIFI**-  
Cllr Rosanne Hayes to approach Vinny Dooley with regards to getting a dongle  
The Clerk- to find out the cost and for a standard WIFI package that doesn't need a land line connection.  
Cllr David Thomas – To cancel Zoom account.

## **109. CRONTON NEWSLETTER**

The next Newsletter will be printed in January 2023

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed *R Hayes* Date 28/11/2022