



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **10 JANUARY 2022** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Whiston and Cronton)
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
V Dooley (Chair, Cronton Gala)
5 Residents

128. APOLOGIES

All members were present.

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

130. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29/11/2021 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

131. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Planning application No. 21/00903/FUL (7 Mill Lane) – Neighbouring residents gave their reasons for objecting to the planning proposal. It was advised that individual objections would carry greater weight than collective representation.

Planning application No. 21/00964/FUL – Neighbouring residents were concerned about the height of the proposed fence.

These applications would be discussed under agenda item 7.

132. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Flooding – It was still a Borough wide problem. Knowsley Council had a 5-year plan to improve the situation and Cronton was included. The Parish Council would raise the flooding problem in Wheatfield Road/Cronton Road, Alder Lane/Cronton Road and Hall Lane/Cronton Road/Sandy Lane with Richard Thorpe (Highway of Knowsley Council).

133. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – There were no major problems apart from car and burglary incidents. To maintain a working relationship with the Police, Councillor R Hayes would invite a Police representative to attend a meeting.
- (b) **Transportation in Cronton** – No report.
- (c) **Environment** – A tyre fly-tipping incident had been reported before Christmas and the tyres were cleared by Knowsley Council. Thank you letters would be sent to Cronton Garden Centre for refilling the flower troughs and Mr Ken Bevan for the maintaining the St Anne's Well and Coronation Gardens. Councillor D Rostance would report pothole issues in Brook Close and Woburn Drive. An incident outside the Cronton chippy had been reported to the Highway Department.

134. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP. NO: 21/00903/FUL

LOCATION: 7 Mill Lane Cronton WA8 5DT

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A FRONT PORCH TOGETHER WITH ALTERATIONS TO REAR ANNEX INCLUDING REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND DOORS AND ADDITION OF CLADDING. BALCONY TO FIRST FLOOR REAR BEDROOM

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council objects to the planning application for the reason that the proposed development is inconsistent with the amenity and character of the area, and requests that residents' objections are given serious consideration when making a decision on this application.

APP. NO. 21/00964/FUL

LOCATION: LAND TO REAR OF 372-378 & 370A CRONTON ROAD CRONTON KNOWSLEY

PROPOSAL: RETENTION OF TIMBER FENCE TO SIDE BOUNDARY ADJACENT TO 370A CRONTON ROAD

It was **RESOLVED** that the Planning Department be requested to make an accurate measure of the height of the fence. If the actual height is higher than 2.1m, the planning application is then invalid and the Parish Council objects to the proposal based on the fact that it is higher than the existing height.

135. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 10/1/22 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

136. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

137. PRECEPT 2022/23

Budget for a speed indicator device (SID) was raised. The precept would be further discussed and finalised at the next meeting.

138. MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

It was **RESOLVED** the meeting schedule for 2022 be accepted.

139. OWL AND PUSSYCAT SCULPTURE TRAIL – CRONTON

- **Knowsley** - The Liverpool City Region's Borough of Culture 2022.
- **Storytelling** - The theme for the year.
- 2 of the 32 sculptures would be on display in key locations in Cronton.

Two locations were identified – (1) The Cronton Pasture on Hall Lane – on the left-hand side behind the entrance. (2) Coronation Gardens at the junction of Cronton Road/Smithy Lane – behind the Village Stocks and slightly to the right-hand side. The event organiser would be notified accordingly.

140. HALTON DELIVERY AND ALLOCATIONS LOCAL PLAN 2014-2037 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

In the last consultation, the Parish Council objected to the proposed housing developments in the green belt on either side of Sandy Lane – parcels W4 and W5.

As Halton had not considered the concerns of Cronton, **it was RESOLVED** to write to Mr Mark Cawood, Head of Planning of Knowsley Council to seek Knowsley Council's support to resist these developments so that Cronton can be prevented from being merged with Widnes and retain the setting and special character of an historic village.

Councillor D Thomas undertook to draft the letter.

141. PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW

A list of areas for the Parish Council Review prepared by Councillor D Thomas had been circulated to members. A date for the first meeting of the Council Review Group would be fixed.

142. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Chairman thanked Councillor R Hayes for setting up the Facebook linking to the website for a trial period of 6 months. Councillors R Hayes, L Terry and S Cooper were the admins of the Facebook.

143. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

Awaiting feedback on the Pasture Master Plan Community Consultation from Philip Hurst of Knowsley Council.

144. CYCLEWAY PROJECT

No further progress.

145. WEBSITE

Councillor D Thomas would organise a refresher training session in March.

146. ART COUNCIL LET'S CREATE JUBILLE FUND

Councillor R Hayes undertook to look for community projects that would meet the grant eligibility criteria.

147. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) **Speed indicator device (SID)** – Costing information for one unit of SID (powered by battery) provided by Knowsley Council was noted.
- (b) **Waste bin at the Hampton Drive shops** – Councillor G McGann would request for either a big bin or a bin with two compartments separating general waste and recyclables.
- (c) **Reopening the Office** – To be reviewed at the next meeting.

148. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Suggestions for the next issue.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed _____ Date 14 February 2022