

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **14 FEBRUARY 2022** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor T Byron (Whiston and Cranton)
Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Whiston and Cranton)
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
V Dooley (Chair, Cranton Gala)
1 Resident

149. APOLOGIES

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence received from Councillor L Terry be accepted.

150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interest in respect of agenda item 8 (planning application No. 22/00039/CLD) were received from Councillors S Cooper, R Hayes and G McGann.

151. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10/1/22 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

152. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised by members of the public present.

153. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Development at the former Cranton Colliery – An inquiry made by a resident had been forwarded to Knowsley Council.

Cycleway – Planning application would be considered in late summer. Flooding issue at the entrance of the cycleway in Fox's Bank Lane, some areas in Cranton and the Pasture were being looked at by Knowsley Council - Knowsley Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

154. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) **Policing** – Traffic Wardens were attending to the school traffic outside the Holy Family RC Primary School. There was an incident attended by the Police and Ambulance in Smithy Lane. Police would be invited to attend a meeting.
- (b) **Transportation in Cranton** – No report.
- (c) **Environment** – Potholes issues reported to Knowsley Council were still outstanding. Those repaired were of poor standard. A complaint would be made to the Highway Department together with the list sent previously. There were no major fly-tipping incidents. An unauthorised advertising board had been removed by Knowsley Council. Ward Councillors would thank Knowsley Council for their prompt response. A village walk around would be organised for March 2022. Ward Councillors and Knowsley Officers would also be invited to attend.

155. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP. NO: 22/00039/CLD

APP. TYPE Certificate of Lawful Use/ Dev. Proposed

LOCATION: 3 Sanbec Gardens Cronton WA8 5GY

PROPOSAL: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR THE PROPOSED ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council has no observations to make on this proposal.

156. LAND SOUTH OF M62 MOTORWAY, HALSNEAD GARDEN VILLAGE, CRONTON

A letter of 4/2/22 had been received from Matt Claxton, Planning Director, Tritax Symmetry, giving an update on the Tritax Symmetry's plans for the former Cronton Colliery site.

It was agreed to write to Matt Claxton to check if the Parish Council's observations sent to Knowsley Council had been incorporated in their outline plan.

157. HALTON DELIVERY AND ALLOCATION LOCAL PLAN (DALP) 2014/37

Cronton had reasonable grounds to object to the proposed housing development in Sandy Lane and was seeking Knowsley Council's support. Ward Councillors were requested to follow this up with Knowsley Council.

158. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 14/2/22 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

159. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

160. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was **RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation as at 31/12/21 be approved.

161. PRECEPT 2022/23

The followings were considered:

- To help ease the burden of inflation, it was prudent not to increase the precept.
- To keep a Reserve between 3 and 12 months of running cost.
- Speed indicator device (SID) – to set up Fund of £800 in 2022/23 with a total of £3,000 - £3,500 over 3 years. Other resources including - part of the infrastructure of the Pasture Master Plan, grants applied by the Gala Committee and joint project with Knowsley Council. After discussion, **it was AGREED** to set up a SID Fund with £800 in 2022/23.
- WiFi at the Parish Council Office.

After discussion **it was RESOLVED** that the parish tax per band-D equivalent property remains unchanged £49.84 and the **Precept for 2022/23 be set at £22,826** (£49.84 x 458 Band-D equivalent properties).

162. PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW

Many aspects of governance were already covered by existing policies. Councillor D Thomas would look at including the Equality and Diversity Policy. The Working Group would revisit Councillor W Cook's Vision Statement.

163. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The draft Policy would be adopted at the next Annual Meeting subject to amendments, if any, to Facebook. The Facebook was progressing well. It was suggested putting a Dog Fouling poster on the Facebook.

164. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

Two grant applications had been submitted. The results should be known in June.

165. THE PASTURE MAINTENANCE

In view of the on-going Masterplan project and the Parish Council was satisfied with the standard of work carried out by Knowsley Council, **it was RESOLVED** to extend the current contract for another year subject to the contract price.

166. CYCLEWAY PROJECT

An application would be submitted in late summer.

167. WEBSITE

A refresher training session had been arranged for the 16 March 2022.

168. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

- (a) **Speed indicator device (SID)** – Councillor D Thomas gave information on the 3 models provided by Halton Council's supplier
- (b) **Holy Family car park new exit** – A contractor would mark the yellow lines.
- (c) **Speed detecting gun exercise** – 10% of vehicles were over the speed limit. Good visibility and more exercises would be carried out.
- (d) **School parking issue at Iver Close** – A public meeting had been requested by a resident but it was not supported.
- (e) **Parking issue on Cronton Road outside the Dandelion** – The Chairman would contact the Police regarding the issue of warning notice on the vehicles causing obstruction. Extending the double yellow might shift the problem to nearby areas. The matter would be raised at the coming village walk around.

169. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Suggested topic(s) – Rat problems.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed _____ Date 28 March 2022