

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **28 MARCH 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, D Rostance, L Terry and D Thomas

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

170. APOLOGIES

All members were present.

171. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of Interest were received from:

- Councillor W Cook – agenda item 5 (Police Session)
- Councillors S Cooper and G McGann – agenda item 9 (planning application No. 22/00114/FUL)
- Councillors R Hayes and L Terry – agenda 14 (Grant applications 2022/23)

172. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14/2/22 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

173. COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the unconfirmed minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 7/3/22 be noted.

174. POLICE SESSION

The Chairman welcomed Stg Philip Kelly (Community Policing, Merseyside Police) to the meeting. The followings were discussed:

- The registration number of an abandoned vehicle in Brook Close was given to the Police for follow-up action.
- Seeking cross-border co-operation from the Police of Knowsley and Cheshire to tackle the issue of a large number of youths dispersed from Upton Rocks by Cheshire Police to nearby areas such as Cronton. Currently no formal arrangements were in place.
- Calls to 101 were sorted by the Central Government system according to post codes, so calls from Cronton having a Cheshire post code could be referred to the Cheshire Police Force. It was advised to report non-emergency matters via Merseyside Police website.
- Establishing a link with the Community Policing Team to foster better communication. Police surgeries via multi-media might encourage better attendance.
- A speed gun operation would be organised for the volunteers in Cronton.
- The Police would give advice on the use of 'no parking notice' on parked vehicles obstructing pavement.

- Police would keep a record of reported ASB incidents for follow-up action where necessary.
- Police Home Watch team members were being vetted. The PCSO (Cronton) would contact the Cronton Liaison regarding the running of the Home Watch Scheme.

The Chairman thanked Stg Philip Kelly for attending the meeting.

175. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

176. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Parking outside the Dandelion – The issue had been raised with Knowsley Council.

Car thefts – They were in the increase in the Borough.

Planning applications – It was felt that delegated powers were increasingly being used to make decision.

A new access to a house on Cronton Road – It was only a temporary access.

Potholes – It was suggested checking the roads in Cronton and reporting the locations for resurfacing. Councillor D Rostance would follow-up the pothole at the junction of Cronton Road/Tue Lane.

Tree felling – Ward Councillor was asked if there was a plan to tighten trees being fell before permissions were granted.

177. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

(a) **Policing** – Dealt with in the Police Session.

(b) **Transportation in Cronton** – There would be a bus service reform across the region.

(c) **Environment** – The next Clean-up Day would be held on Friday 1 April 2022. There were rat problems in the shop garage areas and a flat above a shop unit was also affected. This borough wide problem was being looked at by KMBC.

178. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **APP. NO: 22/00114/FUL**

LOCATION: 1 Sanbec Gardens Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A DETACHED OUTBUILDING

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

(b) **APP. NO: 20/00494/NMA**

APPLICANT: Tritax Symmetry Merseyside 1 Limited

APP. TYPE Non-Material Amendment

LOCATION: Former Site of Cronton Colliery Cronton Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: APPLICATION FOR A NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT FOLLOWING GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION 20/00494/HYB (HYBRID PLANNING APPLICATION COMPRISING: FULL APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 161,900 SQ FT (15,041 SQ M) (GIA) OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FLOORSPACE (USE CLASS B8), INCLUDING ANCILLARY OFFICES (USE CLASS B1), SECURITY GATEHOUSE, SITE ACCESS ROAD, ENGINEERING EARTHWORKS TO FORM A PART COUNTRY PARK, PUBLIC CAR PARK TO SERVE COUNTRY PARK, AND ASSOCIATED WORKS; AND OUTLINE APPLICATION WITH DETAILS OF POINT OF ACCESS (DETAILS OF PART-ACCESS, LANDSCAPING, APPEARANCE, SCALE AND LAYOUT ARE RESERVED) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 838,100 SQ FT (77,862 SQ M) (GIA) OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FLOORSPACE (USE CLASS B8), WITH ANCILLARY OFFICES AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (USE CLASS B1); ENGINEERING EARTHWORKS TO FORM COUNTRY PARK AND DRAINAGE ATTENUATION PONDS; PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE/EQUESTRIAN ROUTE CONNECTING EXISTING M62 FOOTBRIDGE WITH PROPOSED COUNTRY PARK; AND

ASSOCIATED WORKS) - AMENDMENT SOUGHT TO ALLOW ALTERATIONS TO THE APPROVED EMERGENCY ACCESS AND SITE ROAD ACCESS JUNCTION TO UNIT 01 AND ASSOCIATED AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROVED LANDSCAPING STRATEGY

The changes were positive. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council has no observations to make on this application.

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

A response to an inquiry to the Planning Director of Tritax Symmetry (developer) regarding the Parish Council's observations on the proposed development on the land south of M62 Motorway (Halsnead Garden Village) was noted.

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

The adoption of the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan on 2/3/22 was noted.

181. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 28/3/22 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

182. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

183. GRANT APPLICATIONS 2022/23

Three grant applications were received from local voluntary groups. After careful consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that the following grant allocations be approved:

- (a) **Cronton Community Association - £300** for refurbishing the disabled toilet.
- (b) **Seniors Christmas Party - £350.**
- (c) **The Cronton Gala Committee - £349** for a hotdog steamer machine for the Gala events and other Cronton community groups to load.

184. STANDING ORDERS AND DIRECT DEBITS REVIEWS

- (a) It was **RESOLVED** that standing orders for the monthly payments of the Clerk's salary and the office cleaner's charges for 2022/23 be approved.
- (b) It was **RESOLVED** that direct debit payments for WaterPlus, British Gas and CF Corporate Finan (photocopier hiring) for 2022/23 be approved.

185. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS ANNUAL REVIEW

It was **RESOLVED** that the Financial Regulations adopted on 7/9/20 be approved for 2022/23.

186. INTERNAL AUDIT TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was **resolved** that the Internal Audit Terms of Reference adopted on 17/2/20 be approved for 2022/23.

187. RISK ASSESSMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

Members received for consideration a Report on Risk Assessment and Management.

It was **resolved** that the Risk Assessment and Management Report dated 28/3/22 be accepted and approved.

188. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND INTERNAL AUDIT 2021/22 ANNUAL REVIEW

The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the system of Internal Control and Internal Audit based on the presented framework.

After careful consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council has a sound system of internal control, its financial and operational management is adequate and effective and is satisfied with the risk management.

189. COUNCIL REVIEW

The Parish Council policies governed the operation of the Council. A report would be presented to the Council after one more meeting of the Review Working Group.

190. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Parish Council Facebook was running smoothly. The Social Media Policy would be adopted at the Annual Meeting in May 2022.

191. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

The followings were considered at a recent meeting with Philip Hurst (Green Space Development Officer of Knowsley Council):

- Funding – awaiting results
- First phase of the project
- Drainage issue – awaiting solutions
- Noncombustible play equipment

The possibility of using the Pasture budget balance for match-funding was raised.

192. THE PASTURE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1/4/22 TO 30/3/23 (EXTENSION)

The matter had been considered and supported by the Council on 14/2/22 (minute 165) subject to the renewal price. The renewal price had been considered and approved by the General Purposes and Environment Committee on 7/3/22. It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the Committee's agreement to extend the current contract for another year (minute 64 of 7/3/22).

193. CYCLEWAY PROJECT

No update.

194. WEBSITE

A refresher training session had been rearranged for the 18 May 2022.

195. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

- (a) **Speed indicator device (SID)** – It was suggested raising the required funding from the village.

196. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Extra topic – Flying of a Ukraine flag.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed _____ Date 9 May 2022