



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **11 APRIL 2022** at 7.00 pm at Cronton Parish Council, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Whiston and Cronton)
V Dooley – Chair, Cronton Gala Committee
3 Residents

69. **APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

70. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

71. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 7/3/22 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

72. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Policing – It was reported that a young person residing in Cronton had been assaulted at Pex Hill. The incident had been reported to the Police. The family and the Parish Council were extremely concerned about the situation and felt that action needed to be taken to prevent recurrence and to ensure community safety. In recent years, the Parish Council had been seeking cross-border cooperation between the Merseyside and Cheshire Police authorities to deal with anti-social behaviour issues shifted from Upton Rocks in Widnes, with no progress. It was agreed to raise the issue with Stg Philip Kelly and the Cronton PCSO again and to arrange a meeting with the new Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner. The family concerned would be kept informed.

73. **WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Policing - J Mathews of the Crime and Disorder Team was aware of the incident at Pex Hill. It was commented that better communication between the Police and the Parish Council was needed. Councillor R Gaffney would contact J Mathews regarding policing issues in Cronton.

Pothole – Councillor R Gaffney would find out if any roads in Cronton were in Knowsley Council's Capital Programme. Pothole issues could then be reported for proper resurfacing.

Planning applications – Knowsley Council Planning Committee meeting was once again cancelled so decisions were not made by the Committee.

Fox's Bank Lane – Traffic problems caused by road closure for housing development could be transferred to surrounding areas.

74. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

APP. NO. 22/00162/REM

LOCATION: Former Site Of Cronton Colliery, Cronton Road, Cronton, Knowsley, L35 1QR,

PROPOSAL: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS PURSUANT TO 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) - APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR (SCALE, ACCESS, APPEARANCE, LAYOUT AND LANDSCAPING)

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

75. THE MERSEYSIDE LOCAL HERITAGE LIST – NEW PROJECT FOR HERITAGE ASSETS

It was suggested including Cronton Hall and the School House in the List.

76. YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANCHESTER AIRPORT FUTURE AIRSPACE PROJECT - STAGE 2 'DEVELOP & ASSESS' - PHASE 2 (deadline 16/6/22)

The consultation on the Manchester Airport Future Airspace Project – Stage 2 'Develop & Assess' – Phase 2 was noted. Councillor G McGann would try to attend a Phase 2 engagement session.

77. CYCLEWAY – PHASES 8 & 9

There was no progress on the cycleway except some site work was taking place near Windy Abor Road. Application for Phase 8 (Cronton) might be submitted in early autumn at the earliest.

78. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

Philip Hurst and Cath Sheil (Knowsley Council Green Space Development Officers) and James Tower (Architect) would have the two funding applications for £50,000 ready for submission by the end of the week and April 2022 respectively.

79. SOCIAL MEDIA

The Facebook page was going well.

80. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) The Clean-up Day on 1/4/22 was a great success covering Pex Hill, the Pasture and many other roads. Ten volunteers attended and 20 bags of rubbish were collected. In view of the good response, an interim Clean-up Day was suggested for June or July.
- (b) Tarmac had marked out the locations for road repairs.
- (c) The damaged litter bin outside the chippy had been reported for a replacement.
- (d) The wall by the new exit of the Holy Family car park had been repaired. The new exit would be open for use when the yellow line marking was done.
- (e) The Gala Committee's application for a SID was unsuccessful. It had now been deferred to the next round of allocations.

81. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The spring newsletter would be ready for distribution by the end of April.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed _____ Date 30 May 2022