



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **7 MARCH 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)
Cllr S Cooper – (Minute taker)
V Dooley – Chair, Cronton Gala Committee
2 Residents

54. **APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

55. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D Thomas declared an interest in agenda item 14 (b).

56. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 24/1/22 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

57. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two residents raised concerns about the suggestion to establish a one-way system along Penny Lane.

Residents were particularly concerned about:

- Increase in traffic speed.
- Increase in traffic outside Cronton C of E School.
- Increase in time for emergency vehicles.
- Problems for farmers reaching their fields.
- Possibly lead to potential development of land rear of the Ridgeway.

58. **WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

A one-way system in Penny Lane was not supported and there would likely be lots of Objections. Vehicle speeds would increase.

Work had started at the former Cronton Colliery site with heavy equipment in place. There was some evidence of wildlife migration. Planning applications had started moving again.

59. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

APP. NO: 21/00877/FUL

LOCATION: Penmancho Pex Hill Cronton

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SIDE EXTENSION)

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

60. CYCLEWAY – PHASES 8 & 9

G McGann was contacted by KMBC and informed that the planning application for Phase 8 would be submitted soon.

Phase 9 has major drainage issues which required the drains to be realigned. The Work needed to be completed before widening of the footpath could take place. Land would be purchased to enable widening of the footpath which would reduce the narrowing of Cronton Road. Some work would be necessary within the area of Cronton Community Centre. The Community Centre had been consulted and were happy with the proposals.

61. HALTON DALP

There would be no opportunity for further input. KMBC was committed to mitigation but was not addressing loss of separation. Councillor R Gaffney stated that Mark Cawood of Knowsley Council was aware of the Parish Council concerns particularly in relation to the green belt.

62. BOUNDARY REVIEW 2023 – PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES – SECONDARY CONSULTATION

The Boundary Review 2023 consultation was noted.

63. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL (1/4/22 – 31/3/23)

The Parish Council had a 3-year long term agreement with BHIB from 2021/22. The renewal premium payable in March 2022 had been budgeted for in 2021/22.

After discussion, **it was RESOLVED** that approval be given to renew the Parish Council Insurance with BHIB at a renewal premium of £995.24.

64. THE PASTURE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1/4/22 TO 31/3/23 (EXTENSION)

Knowsley Council and the Parish Council were working in partnership to produce a Master Plan for the refurbishment and the long-term maintenance of the Pasture. The Parish Council was satisfied with the standard of the contractual maintenance work undertaken by Knowsley Council.

After discussion, **it was RESOLVED** to extend the Pasture maintenance contract with Knowsley Council at a cost of £4,288.96 (excl. VAT) being an increase of 164.96 (4% uplift on the current 2021/22 contract value of £4,123.99 (excl. VAT)

65. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

Awaiting news on the applications for funding. The creation of a footpath was a priority but there were concerns about the drainage with parts of the site waterlogged. D Rostance would arrange a site meeting and James Towers (landscape architect) would be invited to attend.

66. SOCIAL MEDIA

The Facebook page was going well and there were no problems to date. The page was being regularly visited and there had been no comments to worry about.

67. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

(a) The village walk around had been a success with potholes being temporarily repaired as the walk continued. The representative from Tarmac stated that KMBC dictated the size and level of repairs due to financial constraints. The temporary repairs would be permanently repaired within 28 days.

(b) Councillor D Thomas felt that Penny Lane was being used as a rat run with vehicles driving onto the fields in the narrower sections. On occasions vehicles would stop on private

driveways to allow other vehicles to pass. D Thomas had suggested considering making Penny Lane one-way.

Councillor G McGann moved that no further action should be taken into creating a one-way system. It was **unanimously AGREED** that no further action be taken.

- (c) P Hurst of Knowsley Council in consultation with the Gala committee was awaiting a decision on funding which could be used to fund a SID. **It was AGREED** to bring the funding of SID's to residents notice in the next newsletter.

53. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Councillor J Foran reminded members to forward articles to the Parish Clerk for inclusion in the Spring newsletter.

Suggested topics for the new village newsletter:

- Precept 2022/23
- The Pasture Mastplan
- SID - funding
- Speed gun operations
- Parking issues
- Covid-19 update
- Cronton Gala
- Knowsley Borough of Culture 2022 – storytelling and sculpture trail
- Acknowledge the floral displays donated by Cronton Garden Centre
- Rat and Dog Fouling (*received from Councillor J Foran*)

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed _____ Date 11 April 2022