

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **21 March 2023** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

Present: Councillors, (Chair) R Hayes, G McGann, L Terry, D Thomas, W. Cook, and R Fielding

In attendance: Ward Councillor Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cronton)
Ward Cllr Denise Allen (Whiston and Cronton)
Ward Cllr Terry Byron (Whiston and Cronton)
V Dooley - Disability Advisor
2 Residents

190. APOLOGIES

Cllr J Foran – Hospital Appointment
Cllr Rachel Fielding – Left the meeting early 7:45 pm

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies received from Cllr J Foran, Cllr R Fielding, be accepted.

191. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Hayes declared that one of the candidates for the Co-option had asked her to proof read their application for Co-Option so thought it right not to vote (point 13 on the agenda)

192. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the General Purpose and Environment Committee Meeting held on 06/03/2023 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

It was moved by Cllr. D Thomas and seconded by Cllr. G McGann and all **AGREED**.

193. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES – Kevin Shields Operations & Development Manager

Cllr R Hayes welcomed Kevin Shields to the meeting.

Kevin Shields spoke at the meeting with regards to his position and informed the council that he will be the contact for neighborhood services for Parish Councils within Knowsley. (Grounds maintenance, litter picking, waste collection, bin emptying, Pest control) If the Parish Council is having any issues with regards responses from KMBC he will take this forward on our behalf, send him an email and he will pick this up with the relevant officers.

Pasture Master Plan update – Chris Birtles still waiting for a start date of works with the contractor.

Cllr R Hayes commented that we have been working with Philip Hurst but still waiting on the start date and that we paid towards the cost in August 2022 and have now been told possibly after Easter to start. Cllr Hayes shared a number of issues with Kevin Shields which he will try to get answers for.

Cycle Pathway update – KMBC secured a 6.6 million grant from the Liverpool City Region sustainable urban development program for the installation of the Prescott to Cronton Cycle way this will be used for landscaping, habitat development works alongside the route however the SUDS

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program sustainability issues amounted to Partner offers of additional funding to landscape and habitat development within the program to supplement this. KMBC subsequently accepted a further 180k to deliver further habitat and landscaping and woodland management to the works to the pasture in Cronton Village, tree planting will benefit from this along the route.

Cllr R Hayes asked for more details on how the pasture will benefit from this.

Cllr G McGann commented he had contacted Richard Thorpe to ask who was the lead on the project he said it was Alex Leonard. He then contacted Alex, he said that Phase 8 of the project is from Foxes Bank Lane to Penny Lane and the Contractors have been identified for that part. He said there are still a couple of outstanding lease issues which was a surprise as KMBC has said there were no issues. Cllr McGann was sure the lease issues were sorted a few years ago so there shouldn't be any now. As a council we would like to know when the contractors are going to start any work. He asked a question to Kevin around the issues that the other parish councils are having at the moment and is mainly about development work.

Cllr David Thomas commented about Phase 9 of the project, there are particular issue's where Penny Lane meets Hall Lane with traffic accidents on the blind bends, there are serious safety issues. He would like to know what is proposed to keep that area safe for people, will there be funds made available for traffic calming and speed awareness?

Cllr Rosanne Hayes commented on issues around town end, double parking and pot holes will these be dealt with? If there putting a pathway in that area it will be a danger to people if this isn't dealt with.

Cllr G McGann commented on issues around Tue Lane off Cronton road is national speed limit and this needs to change because, where it meets Penny Lane, there will be cyclists, walkers and Horse riders and will be a danger. This has been discussed on many occasions and will be part of phase 9 of the project. Also adjacent to the Community Centre there is a large drainage works being carried out and phase 9 can't be completed until this drainage work is completed.

Kevin Shields commented that the traffic management schemes will avoid clashes where they can to minimize disruptions to residents where they can. He's not sure on what happening but will put all points to Richard Thorpe.

194. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vinny Dooley commented on 2 assisted bin collections being missed

Action: Vinny will check its ok with his neighbors to share their details with the council and this issue will be taken forward with Kevin Shield's.

Kevin Shield's was thanked for attending the meeting at this point and left.

195. WARD CONCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr. T Byron - reported on issues around ASB at Pex Hill raised at a previous meeting, he has contacted Joanne Matthews, she told him she would put extra patrols in that area. He thought things had subsided however Cllr Rosanne Hayes had received an email from Philip Kelly, there's been 5 incidents reported in the last 2 months and he will be patrolling the area and any congregation of youths will be dealt with. He will ask Joanne Matthews to consider street intervention in this area and will share the letters from residents with the theory teams.

He has also asked for covert cameras to be put up with regards to the fly tipping in certain areas like Penny Lane and Tue Lane but is awaiting a response from Andrew Donaldson.

Cllr D Allen –

Reported that seedling trees had been planted and destroyed.

An email about dog faeces was received, areas around the schools and along Hampton drive were mentioned so she has put a request in to see if Knowsley can put a bin in these areas. It has been suggested that when people are picking it was getting thrown in gardens in the area. She is awaiting a response and will feed back the outcome of the reply. A description of one gentleman has been given to the council who never picks his dogs faeces up. This has been passed on to KMBC for the dog warden to patrol.

Cllr R Hayes and Cllr D Thomas both commented about it being a problem and it has been reported before but has continued.

Cllr R Gaffney – Reported about one of the planning applications previously discussed which had been rejected previously with 7 objections and has been submitted again (23/00081/FUL). He feels that this is still contentious for a number of reasons.

Cllr R Gaffney – Keith Moyles had stated the start of the Cronton Cycle Footpath is acknowledged and putting measures in place so now the lake issues can be dealt with.

195. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Rosanne Hayes has completed this year's 2023 Annual Report for the website

It was **AGREED** that this would be the only report this year as the one for the General Purpose and Environment Committee would duplicate what Cllr. R Hayes had written in her report.

196. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP. NO: 23/00025/FUL **CASE OFFICER:** To be allocated
APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs Jones **APP. TYPE** Full Application
LOCATION: Dragon House Farm 370A Cronton Road Cronton
PROPOSAL: REMOVAL OF CONDITION NO. 5 ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION 21/00165/FUL (ERECTION OF 1 NO. AGRICULTURAL STORAGE BARN FOR PERSONAL USE) TO ALLOW FOR THE AGRICULTURAL STORAGE BARN TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY
WARD: Whiston & Cronton View Here -
<https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R OSJC0IXLHS00> **APP. NO:** 23/00113/TCA **CASE OFFICER:** Jonathan Henderson

Action: Have a look at previous objection, concerns regarding requesting an agricultural barn for personal use, however it is thought that there is no farming at the property.

APPLICANT: Mr Gary Keith
APP. TYPE Trees in Conservation Areas
LOCATION: 2 Lyme Tree Court Cronton Knowsley
PROPOSAL: FELL 2NO. TREES

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Objection: To cutting down trees in a conservation area but will leave this to the opinion of KMBC

RE: 23/00081/FUL | CONSTRUCTION OF DROPPED KERB AND FORMALISE EXISTING ACCESS TRACK | Land Adjacent to Properties No. 372 - 378, Cronton Road Cronton Knowsley – **Email from member of public**

APP. NO: 23/00081/FUL CASE OFFICER: Lee Osborne

APPLICANT: Neil Walsh

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: Land Adjacent to Properties No. 372 - 378, Cronton Road Cronton

PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF DROPPED KERB AND FORMALISE EXISTING ACCESS TRACK

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Objection: Previously had 7 objections so, this has now been resubmitted with adjustments. A resident who has written to the council feel that they won't receive the number of objections again and this will go ahead. As this is a different application the council discussed this application again as previously there was no declaration of what the land was going to be used for as there is already access to this agricultural land just no drop-down curb and this is part of the Green belt land. The understanding of the council is that it is to gain better access to the land on the west side of Dragon House Farm but, what is the land going to be used for is it for development purposes? The council concluded this was the reason on the last objection and wrote to Knowsley Council to object on these grounds.

Action: To resubmit an objection as there is no logic for this planning application. This is Green Belt Agricultural land. The title only has been changed to create a formal track.

197. CYCLE PROJECT

Cllr G McGann – At the previous meeting there had been mentioned the footpath no 1 at High Shaw Farm, Cllr G McGann had contacted Alex Leonard who wasn't aware that this had been closed and thought it should remain open until phase 8 started. He will look into this and report back as to why it was closed.

198. BUDGET CONTROL REPORT

The Budget report was noted and **AGREED**

Cllr D Thomas doesn't fully understand the report and has asked if he can get some clarification from Karen Newton. Cllr W Cook and Cllr D Thomas agrees as this is quite new and different to Vitti's spreadsheets.

It was RESOLVED Cllr D Thomas would have some training on the new budget control sheet with Karen a date to be arranged.

199. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

200. CRONTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY

Cllr W Cook – The trustees of the account are appointed by Cronton Parish Council will ring Blackrock to request that the new trustees are put on the account.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr R Hayes and Cllr John Foran be **APPROVED** to be the additional trustees along with Cllr W Cook.

It was moved by Cllr. Lianne Terry and seconded by Cllr. G McGann and all **AGREED**.

201. CO-OPTION FOR CASUAL VACANCY

Earlier this evening there was a meeting held with the 2 candidates for Co-Option and after they had given their strong views on why they would like to become a Councillor for Cronton, a discussion between the Councillors on the merits of Lynne Heywood and Vinny Dooley, it was agreed that Councillors would vote in the traditional format via a 'show of hand at tonight's meeting.

The Vote:

3 For Vinny Dooley

2 For Lynne Heyward

RESOLVED: That the candidate Mr. V Dooley be welcomed onto the Town Council as a co-opted Town Councillor.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr. R Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr. G McGann and by a show of hands, and all **AGREED**,

202. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

No Information at present but Cllr R Hayes commented she would invite Philip Hurst to attend one of our meetings in the near future.

203. Taylor Wimpey

.no updates at present but a letter had been received by a resident regarding traffic calming and safety issues which Cllr Rosanne Hayes has forwarded to Richard Thorpe who was sending it on to the Highways safety team. Cllr R Hayes had telephoned the resident to let them know the letter was getting dealt with.

Cllr D Thomas commented the Cllr D Rostance before he resigned was going to contact the assistant to the Lady who owns Parklands as they had some valid reasons for objections to the development, he was unsure if Cllr D Rostance had actually

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spoken to him and would contact him to see if he had and what the outcome was. Cllr D Thomas will follow up and take forward.

204. MALC

No Updates – Next meeting May 23

205. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

(a) **Policing in Cronton** – Cllr R Hayes – Discussion on issues in Pex Hill and an email from Philip Kelly included in Ward Councillor reports. Street Intervention will attend any future issues.

Cllr R Gaffney reported the Police Commissioner was at the meeting and that there had been a burglary in Cronton and that one of the Officers present is a Cronton resident who was aware of the crime.

(b) **Transportation in Cronton** – Cllr G McGann - No updates as far as he is aware but Mr. Dooley commented that the Arriva contract was up for renewal. This will affect the no 7 and 61 bus service as Arriva have not secured this contract. Cllr G McGann will look into this and will email the Council with the outcome.

(c) **Environment** – Cllr R Hayes – Fly tipping incidents which KMBC have been quick to respond to. Cllr G McGann asked that if the council see anything that has been fly tipped to report it immediately to have it dealt with.

206. Newsletter

Agreed to complete documents for the meeting on 24th April 2023

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed  Date 21/03/2023