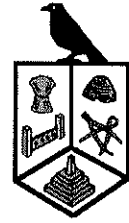


CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **26 June 2023** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

Present: Councillors, R Hayes (Chairman), W Cook, G McGann, J Foran, L Terry, D Thomas, and V Dooley

In attendance: Clerk K Newton
Ward Cllr's - R Gaffney, D Allen
5 Residents

29. APOLOGIES

Cllr Rachel Fielding sent apologies due to illness, this was **APPROVED**

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr David Thomas made a declaration with regard the Planning Application 23/00971 this is his neighbors he has "public domain" information to pass to the council but will not comment on this application.

31. MINUTES

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 09/05/2023 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

32. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cronton Resident 1 – Comment on the Taylor Wimpey housing development – The letter in the Council window says about inviting comments and send it to the email address on the letter but when he tried to comment the email didn't work. He wonders id Cronton residents are wasting their own time commenting as the decision lies with Halton Borough council.

Cllr David Thomas reassured the resident from Cronton that they had every right to comment and he to will be commenting. This application is further down on the agenda and will be discussed in depth.

Cronton Resident 1 – Had a completely separate issue raised regarding the safety of people walking between the Community Centre and Sandy Lane, blackberry plants are overgrown and quite sharp. Who is responsible for this.

Cllr Rosanne Hayes commented this is also further down on the agenda and there are other issues people have around the over grown trees and bushes which will be dealt with.

Halton Borough Council resident – As he understood the planning application for Halton Borough Council and the exit plan was for Knowsley Borough Council so she plans to object to both as without a junction they can't get into the housing development. She feels this is important that people object.

Cllr G McGann commented that Cronton 6th Form college are planning to create 25 more classrooms which will hold 30 students in each, this hasn't been taken into account on their traffic report. Anything that has been discussed needs to collectively be included in on our report to object. Then include in each personal objection.

Cllr David Thomas commented to the Halton resident that all the comments she has made were very helpful and asked could she put something together with all her comments to include in the objection from the council.

Cllr Rosanne Hayes thanked the resident for their comments.

33. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr D Allen said that Cllr T Byron had asked her to follow up the CCTV on Pex Hill, the feedback was that there is nowhere to put the CCTV up as there's no Wi-Fi however, apparently the waterboard have got somewhere that this can be done. Cllr T Byron needs to go back to United Utilities to see if this could be done. She informed of the consultation around Whiston woods and the extension of the cemetery, this have been extended for another month because some people haven't received the consultation papers. She is checking email address and for the correspondence is correct. They have an early forum in Whiston on the 17th July @ 5.30 pm and again will bring up ongoing ASBO issues at Pex Hill. She asked if there were any other issues we may want taking to this forum.

Cllr R Gaffney commented that these forums are a complete waste of time from past experience. He referred to the Cronton policing issue from 18 months ago which he asked what was happening he got told it was in hand and hasn't heard anything since. It then gets removed off the agenda. The last one got quite heated. A question was asked as to where these meetings were held – Community Centers within the Whiston, Prescott and Cronton areas, however there has never been one held in Cronton.

ACTION: Cllr G McGann will attend the next one if he is allowed to. The Ward Cllrs will find this out and feed back to Cllr G McGann.

Cllr R Gaffney commented on the planning application regarding the dropped curb had been approved 2 weeks ago. He felt that people who commented outside the remit were dismissed as irrelevant, there were 9 objections. The only point that was relevant was road safety, the point they agreed to was the speed points going from 60mph to 30mph would this be reached in time on the blind spot. The hedge at the entrance will need to be taken down. The resident has agreed to doing things but these haven't been done.

Cllr David Thomas had telephoned the planning application officer to which he was told this is just getting approved. In spite of all the objections it was going ahead and that was the first phone call.

Cllr G McGann commented our main objection was what was this entrance for? reading the correspondence of turning the 4 houses into 2 is it something to do with that, what are their intentions?

Cllr D Thomas commented its for access to this land so that they can put horses on it to raise or to put a tractor on it to cut it, he feels this is conjecture to get it through the planning application process.

Cllr R Gaffney reported there was an add on to the application saying that Cronton Parish Council did not send an objection. Cllr D Thomas commented that he had received the proof from the Clerk that they did by the way of reply from the Portal.

Cllr R Gaffney commented about the street lighting and quite a few lights being out there is a fault and Scottish power are working to rectify this matter, some of the cables haven't been switched on.

34. RISK ASSESSMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

Cllr Rosanne Hayes commented that the working group still need to get together to finalize the review and produce a document of their findings and will bring back to full council later in the year.

It was **AGREED** to put this on the agenda at a later date.

35. COUNCIL REVIEW

Cllr Rosanne Hayes commented that the actions from the working group review progress will be looked at the same time as the Risk Assessment and once finalized will be brought back to the council for their approval. She commented that this is a working progress to see if allocating areas of the workload would work better to meet all actions needed. The updated action list will be circulated after the meeting if you didn't get it tonight.

It was **AGREED** to put this on the agenda at a later date.

Cllr G McGann commented on his recent attendance of the MALC meeting and has offered to hold one of the Meetings in the Cronton Council office. He asked around the issues of development sites building over 2 boundary areas have any of their councils come across this, they have and were aware of this happening in their areas. There were comments that the plans had just been passed. He referred back to our previous meeting where a comment was made by the Planning officer that had attended our meeting saying that most applications are passed.

36. INTERNAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENT 2023/24

The Internal audit fee of £118.00 for the 2023/24 audit fee was **AGREED**.

It was **RESOLVED**: That the letter of Engagement will be sent to David Blanchflower to do the Internal Audit for 2023/24.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr. G McGann, **SECONDED** by Cllr. D Thomas and all **AGREED**,

37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00081/FUL | CONSTRUCTION OF DROPPED KERB VEHICULAR ACCESS AND RETROSPECTIVE PERMISSION FOR RETENTION OF ACCESS TRACK | Land Adjacent to Properties No. 372 - 378, Cronton Road Cronton Knowsley

Action: This planning application has now been approved so no further comments.

APP. NO: 23/00362/FUL CASE OFFICER: Reece Black

APPLICANT: Mr Lee Pimlott

APP. TYPE Full Application

LOCATION: 27 Stanwood Gardens Whiston Knowsley

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF PART SINGLE AND PART TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY FRONT PORCH EXTENSION AND CONVERSION OF CONSERVATORY TO SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION EXTENSION

WARD: Whiston & Cronton View Here -

<https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R T319PIXGFX00>

Action: The council agreed this was out of our area so no further comments.

APP. NO: 23/00971/CLU CASE OFFICER: To be allocated

APPLICANT: Mr Carl Flute APP. TYPE Certificate of Lawful Use/Dev. Existing

LOCATION: 103 Hall Lane Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR THE RETENTION OF A SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING AND A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (ORANGERY)

WARD: Whiston & Cronton View Here -

<https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=suimary&keyVal=R V3NHTIXHXF00>

Cllr Rosanne Hayes commented that this application is looking for retrospective approval.

Cllr David Thomas introduced this application giving public domain background information. He did not participate in the ensuing discussion.

Cllr G McGann 7 years ago we had from Knowsley a planning application for a single-story extension that's how it was worded for the outbuilding which the council objected to as it was in the green belt. At the next council meeting we were informed by Knowsley that it had been amended, it's not a planning application it's a retention. The single story out building is what you remember in 2017/18 they wanted to get a certificate for the lawfulness of the single-story building. The other one was to get the retention of a single-story garage being used as a stand-alone habitable unit both were refused by the planning department. The recent one is for the retention of a single story out building this is the same building as before. The outbuilding is part of the planning application. It was a double garage, garden store and 2 stables that's the outbuilding as it was originally. The out building as it is now is accommodation that's the first point. They're wanting lawful use of single-story outbuilding which puts garage when its accommodation. The other single story rear extension – the orangery is a flat roof storage extension for the kitchen. All photos are from Rightmove as this property is up for sale.

The question was asked does someone live in this because if they are the Council are unaware of this. At that time the question was asked are they paying Council Tax? Mrs Flute attended a council to ask why this was on the agenda to which we replied "it was put through as a planning application" to which we know now it isn't. The question went back to KMBC what is it and who is living there? This was on the agenda at 6 to 7 meetings. At that point we left our objections in and left things with KMBC. The council wants to know how long have the people lived there and do they pay council tax. The council should object as the council thought this had been dealt with by KMBC years ago but no questions were answered to who was living there and are they paying council tax.

Objection: Cronton Parish Council strongly object to the conversion of the out building being changed to a residential dwelling without permission as we objected to 7 years ago. The outbuilding is part of the planning application. It was a double garage, garden store and 2 stables, that's the outbuilding as it was originally. Lawful use of single-story outbuilding stated as a garage when this is accommodation. The out building as it is now is accommodation. The single rear extension (Orangery) is a flat roof storage extension for the kitchen as shown on pictures from the selling agent Rightmove.

This property is on green belt and a conservation area and we should not be allowing the conversion of the stables into a dwelling therefore we object to the certificate of lawfulness.

APP. NO: 23/01037/OUT CASE OFFICER: Jo Sheridan

APPLICANT: Taylor Wimpey UK Limited APP. TYPE Outline Application

LOCATION: Land to North and East of Rose Farm, Chapel Lane, Widnes, Knowsley / Cheshire

Council Meeting 26/06/2023

PROPOSAL: OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION (WITH ALL MATTERS OTHER THAN ACCESS RESERVED) (TO BE DETERMINED BY HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL ONLY) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 350 DWELLINGS, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS. FULL DETAILS FOR SITE ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS VIA A NEW JUNCTION ON CHAPEL LANE (TO BE DETERMINED BY KNOWSLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL ONLY) AND EMERGENCY ACCESS VIA SANDY LANE (TO BE DETERMINED BY HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL) WARD: Whiston & Cronton View Here - <https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R V80U3IX0MW00>

Cllr G McGann commented to get the Halton residents points from her and get all our points to collectively take forward the objection.

Cllr J Foran suggested a meeting with Halton residents to take this forward. Cllr G McGann commented that everyone wants the same outcome.

Discussion around calling a meeting to discuss points to object to this planning application and to get residents to object.

Cllr D Thomas explained the planning applications and previous objections.

Cllr L Terry commented about her Mum receiving 2 letters about the consultation but she didn't receive any letters. She asked if all residents knew about this application? She will get copies off her mum to pass to the Council.

Cllr G McGann spoke about the exit coming out in Cronton Village rather than Queensbury Road which is already in Halton.

Cllr D Thomas explained the planned exit into Cronton from the plan.

Cllr V Dooley explained the exit needs to be wider for people who need wheelchair access.

Objection: To Collect all information and send in written objections to Halton Borough Council and Knowsley Borough Council arrange meeting and circulate to residents/social media and the Website.

Action: Resident to write up their findings by Wednesday. Arrange Meeting for Thursday 6pm. Send out Correspondences to Residents and Planning

APP. NO: 23/01333/NEI CASE OFFICER: Jo Sheridan

APPLICANT: HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCATION: Land to North and East of Rose Farm, Chapel Lane, Widnes, Knowsley / Cheshire

PROPOSAL: OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION (WITH ALL MATTERS OTHER THAN ACCESS RESERVED) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 350 DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING LANDSCAPING. SITE ACCESS PROPOSALS ARE SITUATED WITHIN KNOWSLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORITY AREA. FULL PERMISSION FOR THE ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS ONLY, VIA A NEW JUNCTION ON CHAPEL LANE ARE TO BE DETERMINED BY KNOWSLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL ONLY. ALL OTHER PROPOSALS ARE SITUATED WITHIN HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORITY AREA AND ALL OTHER MATTERS ARE TO BE DETERMINED BY HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL WARD: Out of Borough View Here - Planning Applications (halton.gov.uk) - Search 23/00244/OUT

Planning Application Consultation 23/00244/OUT

Outline planning application (with all matters other than access reserved) for the development of up to 350 dwellings and associated works including landscaping. Site access proposals are situated within Knowsley Borough Council authority area. Full permission for the access arrangements only, via a new junction on Chapel Lane, are to be determined by Knowsley Borough Council only. All other proposals are situated within Halton Borough Council authority area and all other matters are to be determined by Halton Borough Council only at Land at Chapel Lane Widnes Cheshire

Although not on the agenda it was agreed by full council to discuss the following planning application.

Objections: as above on previous planning application 23/01037

OUT OF BOROUGH CONSULTATIONS

APP. NO: 23/01331/NEI CASE OFFICER: Andrew Hunt

APPLICANT: HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCATION: Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CHANGING ROOMS AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE MAIN COLLEGE BUILDING TO PROVIDE A NEW MUSIC HUB WITH MUSIC PRACTICE ROOMS, BAND ROOMS AND TWO CLASSROOMS. CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILD TEACHING BLOCK PROVIDING THREE ICT CLASSROOMS, LABORATORY AND SIX CLASSROOMS WITH STAFF AND SANITARY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING AND COVERED WALKWAY.

WARD: Out of Borough View Here - Planning Applications (halton.gov.uk) - Search 23/00236/FUL

Cllr David Thomas explained this planning application not being considered with the Chapel Lane development this is great for the students however the build-up of traffic on the Cronton Roundabout will get worse.

Cllr G McGann Although we are not against education because of the Chapel Lane development could they not consider extending their Kingsway campus instead of the Cronton Lane Campus because of the traffic implications. What about the old magistrate's land opposite in Kingsway? could you use that?

Objection: Cronton Parish Council, whilst supporting new facilities for education, does have concerns regarding the traffic congestion at the roundabout at the top of Queensbury Way which causes traffic to back up along Cronton Road into Cronton village. This is particularly bad in the early morning and in the afternoon when classes finish.

We have commented before about whether the buses can have facilities for pick up and drop off inside the college grounds at the front. This could reduce the large number of students queuing up at the traffic lights and bus stops outside the college. This seems to be the main cause of the congestion.

Could these proposed facilities be included in the Kingsway Campus instead of the Cronton Campus thereby not increasing the pressure on the road system.

RSH

38. Budgetary Control Report

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 31/05/23 and 30/06/2023 be received and approved.

39. Receipts and Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that payments as listed be noted, approved and put up onto the website.

40. The Pasture Masterplan

Cllr R Hayes commented that the work has started on the pasture. Concerns where the path was going to be sited with regards to the houses. No figures have been agreed. An explanation of the pathway work was given. Positive feedback on the work so far has been received. The play equipment and railings were discussed and work around the equipment that had been set on fire previously. Looking to get "No Bike's" signs as there have been a couple of incidents.

The maintenance contract not yet agreed as there are some unanswered questions around the work done in previous years and we have requested a breakdown.

The tender process has been discussed for September and Steve Jones will have one to send over.

Action: Costing for new signs. Email: Pasture Maintenance Steve Jones, Caroline Homes, Philip Hurst.

41. Cycleway Project

No updates take off the agenda

42. Town & Parish Councils & D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024

To bring back to September Council meeting, the Council will be celebrating this event.

43. Village and Community Matters

(a) Policing –

There have been a few issues at Pex Hill that are ongoing.

Information received from the Liverpool Astronomical Society and earlier incident where men on horses and carts blocking an exit had been abusive and were kicking his car when he tried to get out. This was not reported to the police.

Scrambler bikes have been reported to the police riding around the village.

Pasture incident - Paedophile hunter group, they do work alongside the police and it is the Paedophile who suggests the meet this being on Cronton Pasture so residents to be vigilant to safeguard children in the Cronton area.

Cllr G McGann – Received his accreditation and in January received a letter to renew, he sent his formal reply on the 5th March 23 and a month ago he received an email saying he needed to renew, he's made several phone calls and is still no further to see if his document has been found. The Speed Camera on Chapel Lane, he didn't know it was happening no one had been contacted.

Action: Cllr R Hayes to contact Emily Spurrell/Mark Berry/Mike Berry around issues within the village.

Cllr D Thomas – Camera on Tue Lane has been taken away by KMBC this was to prevent fly tipping in the area.

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Action: Ward Cllr D Allen to contact KMBC and ask for it to be put back.

(b) Transport – Bus Stop outside the pub

Action: Cllr G McGann to contact Tarmac

(c) Environment – Georges Wood (Email Received)/Request Knowsley to clean up over hanging bushes and weeds – Disability access

Emails received about Fridges and rubbish being dumped and skips being there, an email has been sent to Kevin Shields in KMBC to follow up.

Action: We will find out who owns the wood and write to them about the issue.

Emails regarding over hanging bushes was sent to Kevin Shields our neighbourhood officer at KMBC

Action: Cllrs to walk around village to check the village.

(d) Parking – Dandelion Pub (Email Received)

Cllr G McGann - If cars are parked on pavements around the village the council ask you to take pictures of the back and front of the vehicle and send it to the parking department at Merseyside police. An email address can be supplied or send the information to the Parish council office email address.

Cllr Rosanne Hayes - asked if the Community Police can do a walk around.

(e) Pathways – Paths along Cronton Road (Email Received)

Cllr J Foran – has identified 3 areas where signs are not visible due to overgrown trees or need to be replaced. He will get in touch with Paul Christopher and Richard Thorpe at KMBC.

(f) HGV Signs – Paul Barton Reply

Cllr D Thomas has tried to get more no HGV signs but hasn't been successful with this task. He feels that we do not have the correct signage to stop HGV's coming through the Village.

(g) Defibrators – Quotes for training/low stock on pads

Cronton are 4th on the list to receive new pads so shouldn't be too long.

2 quotes for defibrator training have been received

Ward Cllr D Allen commented that we could approach the fire service for training.

Action: To look at the 2 recommendations and contact the fire service/St Johns ambulance service to see what they can offer by means of training.

(h) Knowsley Services – Library/Wellness/bus

Cllr R Hayes is trying to get the Wellness bus/Library to come to Cronton she feels the village get missed on this type of service and will chase this up.

(i) Cronton Parochial Trust – Black Rock

Cllr W Cook has suggested to close the account and for the council to ringfence it within the accounts.

It was RESOLVED: - that Cllr Will Cook, will close the account and pass over the remaining funds to Cronton Parish Council.

It was MOVED by Cllr G McGann and SECONDED by Cllr W Cook and all AGREED

(j) Internal Audit

Duplicated agenda item discussed above

(k) Cronton Newsletter

Cllr R Hayes Chased up items for the newsletter. The Clerk will put items together in draft format for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

Signed



Date

31/07/2023