

**CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**



Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on **18 January 2016** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, commencing at 7.36 pm.

**Present:** Councillors W Cook (Chair), S Cooper, J Foran, G McGann, D Rostance and G Pentin

**In attendance:** Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
1 member of the public

**25. APOLOGIES**

**It was resolved** that apologies for absence received from Councillors D Bray, P M Green and M O'Dowd be accepted.

**26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of interest had been submitted.

**27. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on **14 December 2015** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**28. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**29. 2016/17 PRECEPT**

**It was resolved** that the precept will be considered and finalised in February 2016 pending more information from Knowsley Council and the Central Government.

**30. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

The Local Government (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2015 allows local (parish and town) councils to be able to send agendas electronically. Whether documents can be sent electronically needs to be clarified. However, most members preferred to receive printed copies before a meeting.

**It was resolved** that agendas can be sent electronically, and printed agendas and documents continue to be sent to members before a meeting.

**31. REVIEW OF KNOWSLEY CONSTITUENCY POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES**

Knowsley Council proposed to change the polling station in Cranton from the Parish Council Offices to Cranton Community Centre as it provides better access for people with disabilities. It was commented that the Parish Council Offices are in the centre of the village, the change may have a negative impact on voter turnout. The Polling District Review Working Group noted the Parish Council's comments and agreed to review the new polling station after the 5 May 2016 elections. The interim review will take place during the summer of 2016.

**It was resolved** that the proposed change of polling place in Cronton to Cronton Community Centre be noted and a quote for converting the entrance of the Parish Council premises for disabled access be obtained.

**32. GRANTS (2015/16) FEEDBACK**

**It was resolved** that feedback from Cronton Community Association and Cronton Senior Citizens Christmas Party be noted and accepted.

Feedback from the Gala Committee will be received after the event in June 2016.

**The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 29 February 2016

Unconfirmed