

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held **remotely** on **12 APRIL 2021** at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors D Rostance (Chair), D Bray, W Cook, S Cooper, J Foran, R Hayes, G McGann and D Thomas

In attendance: Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Cranton & Whiston)
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
V Dooley (Chairman, Cranton Gala Committee)
J Pullan (Resident)
B Wright (Resident)
J Powell (Chair, Birchfield Ward Community Association, Halton)

67. APOLOGIES

All members were present.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

69. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 1/3/21 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70. PROPOSED CYCLE PATH – FOX’S BANK LANE/PENNY LANE

Mike Kaciubskij (Knowsley Council Project Manager) was unable to attend the meeting due to the current purdah period procedure elections on 6 May 2021. A separate meeting would be held after the elections.

The Council would find out if a planning application had been submitted by the developer and the current situation of the work taking place at the junction of Fox’s Bank Lane/Cranton Road.

71. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cycle path (Fox’s Bank Lane/Penny Lane) – A discussion took place as to how the views of residents concerned could be presented to Knowsley Council. A resident led action group was suggested. The Parish Council would comment on the proposal when further information and updated drawings were received from Knowsley Council.

Dog fouling – To tackle dog fouling problems in the village, B Wright suggested installing some homemade dog waste bags dispensers on the lamp posts hoping this would encourage dog walkers to clean-up after their dogs. The Council supported the proposal and Councillor R Gaffney would enquired if it needed Knowsley Council’s approval.

Projects at the junction of Cranton Road/Queensbury Way – Mr J Powell, Chair of Birchfield Community Association (Halton) reported on the progress of the wildflower and tree planting in the area. The two local primary schools in Cranton were engaged in the planting projects. There was a plan to set up an ecology hub with associated facilities - a small container for storage, stable block with animal barns, 2 park benches and litter bins. A farmers market was

part of the overall project. Car parking facilities at the Cronton Garden Centre would be available for the market days. They also looked into improving the surface condition of the footpath between Cronton Road and Sandy Lane. A discussion took place about the current status of the path, its ownership and permitted use. They were aware of planning approval where necessary from Knowsley Council.

The Chairman thanks Mr J Powell for attending the meeting and for the information.

72. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor R Gaffney reported on the followings:

- **Dog waste bag dispensers** – He supported the proposal and would contact Knowsley Council to clarify if permission was required to fix them on the lamp posts.
- **Projects at the junction of Cronton Road/Queensbury Way** – Knowsley Council was supportive.
- **Aligning scheme at the roundabout outside Cronton Garden Centre** – Been rejected by Knowsley Council.
- **Cycleway (Fox's Bank Lane/Penny Lane)** – There would be a full public consultation.
- **New vehicular access to the Holy Family Church car park** – Knowsley Council should be responsible for safety issues. The Council would write to the Planning Office. Councillor R Gaffney would also follow-up this up.

73. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning notifications were received from Knowsley Council.

74. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) **Cronton Home Watch Scheme** – The Chairman was in favour of the scheme shown in BBC Fronton Line Fight Back programme. It was suggested that B Wright to co-ordinate the scheme in the village and to provide feedback to the Council.
- (b) **Smiley face speed detecting device** – A device had been reserved for Cronton but without a definite date. Councillor R Gaffney continue to follow this up with Knowsley Council.
- (c) **Speeding issues in Hall Lane, Smithy Lane and Cronton Road** – The speed gun training could only take place after the Covid-19 lock down.
- (d) **Missing letters of road marking outside Holy Family RC Primary School** – Most of the word 'SLOW' was missing.
- (e) **Parking issue at Wheatfield Road area** – Caused problems to people with walking aids. Councillor R Hayes to follow this up with Knowsley Council.
- (f) **Modification at the crossing near Cronton Chippy for wheelchair users** – Richard Thorpe confirmed that the design would be ready for work to start in July this year.

(g) **THE PASTURE HIRING**

An enquiry had been received from Fitness Beyond the Bump about holding some Buggy Beat Fitness Classes at the Pasture. There were mums from Cronton attending the classes in other areas.

After discussion, **it was resolved** that approval be given to Fitness Beyond the Bump to hold Buggy Beat Fitness Classes at Pasture at a hiring fee of £10 per session subject to receiving a copy of their insurance.

(h) **WEBSITE**

The website was running smoothly and updated on a regular basis.

(i) **CRONTON NEWSLETTER**

Suggested topic(s) for the next issue:

- Task updates – Councillor S Cooper
- Cycleway
- Planters

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed _____ Date 24 May 2021