



# CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **20 JUNE 2022** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

**Present :** Councillors D Rostance (Chair), W Cook, S Cooper, R Hayes, G McGann, L Terry and D Thomas

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor Denise Allen (Whiston and Cranton)  
Ward Councillor Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cranton)  
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)  
V Dooley (Chair, Cranton Gala)  
3 Residents

### **34. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

The chairman made a statement about an email received from a Councillor.

### **35. APOLOGIES**

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence received from Councillor J Foran be accepted.

### **36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor D Thomas in respect of agenda item 17 (Cycleway Project) for living near the proposed cycleway.

### **37. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Annual Meeting held on 9/5/22 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### **38. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the unconfirmed minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 30/5/22 be noted.

### **39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

### **40. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- Knowsley Council capital programme included a £150 drainage scheme on Cranton Road. Hopefully it included the junctions of Cranton Road/Hall Lane and Cranton Road/Wheatfield Road.
- £85,000 for highway improve including pothole repairs in Cranton.
- Planning application for the cycleway (Phase 8) was out for public consultation. It was commented that a wider consultation should be carried out.

#### **41. CAUSAL VACANCY**

- (a) **It was RESOLVED** that Councillor S Cooper's resignation effective from 21/6/22 be accepted. The Chairman thanked for his great effort put into the Council, and added that he would be seriously missed.
- (b) **It was RESOLVED** that a casual vacancy be declared. Knowsley Council would be notified.

#### **42. GENERAL PURPOSES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

It was proposed by Councillor S Cooper, seconded by Councillor G McGann and **AGREED that Councillor L Terry be appointed Chairman of the Committee.**

It was proposed by Councillor S Cooper, seconded by Councillor W Cook and **AGREED that Councillor G McGann be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee.**

#### **43. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- (a) Policing – A police van patrolled through the village regularly in the afternoon. A note had been left by a resident on a Councillor's car parked in Hall Lane informing that it had been vandalised but after checking no evidence of vandalism could be seen. Another incident that windows of a property in Mill Lane had been kicked out.
- (b) Transportation in Cronton – No report.
- (c) Environment – No issues were raised. A pussy cat and an owl statues were on display in Coronation Gardens and the Pasture until early September. Members were requested to keep an eye on them. The Parish could keep the two statues in the village. A decision would be made later.

#### **44. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning application notifications received from Knowsley Council.

#### **45. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON LAND TO NORTH OF CRONTON ROAD SOUTH OF M62**

A letter of the 10/6/22 had been received from Avison Young regarding a pre-application consultation on the proposed development on land to north of Cronton Road south of M62.

**It was RESOLVED** to resubmit the comments on potential traffic issue caused by the proposed development – To protect the environment of Cronton and to avoid the potentially adverse impact of the traffic on Cronton, all HGVs and smaller vans should use Junction 6 of M62 (Tarbock roundabout) instead of passing Cronton on A5080, with appropriate signage in place.

#### **46. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

**It was RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 20/6/22 shown in Appendix A be received and approved.

#### **47. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

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

#### **48. BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES**

Councillor Shaun Cooper, who was a signatory of the bank accounts at NatWest, resigned from the Parish Council on the 21 June 2022. A replacement signatory was needed.

**It was** proposed by Councillor D Rostance, seconded by Councillor G McGann and **resolved** that

- the Vice-Chairman Councillor Rosanne Hayes be approved the replacement signatory.
- the Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3 be changed in accordance with section Authorised Signatories.
- And the current mandate will continue as mended.

The mandate would be amended accordingly.

#### **49. THE TWINDLE CHARITY**

The Twindle Charity being a small charity was no longer required to register with the Charity Commission. To claim charitable tax reliefs, Councillor W Cook, the sole trustee of the charity, had applied to HMRC for a charity number. It was also suggested that the Parish Council to take over as the trustee of the charity in the future. The money in the trust could be used for community projects in Cronton.

#### **50. THE PASTURE MASTER PLAN**

Decision on funding applications would be made on 30/6/22. The results would be known in early July 2022.

#### **51. CYCLEWAY PROJECT**

Councillor G McGann stated that Phase 9 (Penny Lane to Sandy Lane) of the cycleway project would not require planning permission but would be subject to highway regulations. With the number of people he spoke to, they raised no objections. The following points were considered at the meeting:

- Alternative route from Penny Lane, straight down Hall Lane to Cronton Road - The junction of Hall Lane/Cronton Road was massive for cyclists, a new crossing could be an issue so an updated existing crossing by the Community Centre was going to be used.
- Pedestrian safety in Cronton.
- Traffic calming measures at the junction of Penny Lane/Hall Lane – A number of accidents happened at that corner. Previous proposals were declined. A safety audit and proposals to make the junction safe for all users were needed.
- Speed limit on Penny Lane and Tue Lane – Maximum 30mph but ideally same as the rest of the village at 20mph. It was pointed out that though recommended in the safety audit no action would be taken by Knowsley Council as it was claimed that the condition of the road was self-limiting with respect to speed.

Councillor G McGann would raise these issues with Mike Kaciubskij of Knowsley Council and keep the Council and residents informed. He reminded that individual comments could also be sent directly to Knowsley Council.

## 52. WEBSITE

Councillor D Thomas and Councillor S Cooper would update the website. Further training would be organised.

## 53. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

- (a) Meeting with the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner on 25/7/22 – **It was AGREED** to send the background information prepared by the Chairman Councillor D Rostance to the Commissioner before the meeting. Councillor G McGann undertook the liaison.
- (b) Defibrillators – Councillor S Cooper continued to be the custodian of the 3 defibrillators. The pediatric pad would expire next year. **In 2023/24, the Council had to set a budget of £1,000 for the replacement pads.**
- (c) Flag days – Councillors G McGann and S Cooper would continue their Flag Day role.
- (d) Remembrance Service – Councillor S Cooper would continue to be involved including the PA system.
- (e) Christmas tree – Councillor S Cooper would continue connecting and testing the Christmas tree lights.
- (f) Speed watch – Councillor S Cooper continued his speed watch role with the other Councillors.
- (g) Speed bumps on Smithy Lane proposal – Councillor G McGann would bring this up with Mike Kaciubskyj of Knowsley Council.

## 54. CRONTON NEWSLETTER

Suggested topics

- Councillor S Cooper's resignation
- The Queen's Jubilee party in Cronton
- The Cronton Gala

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 25 July 2022