

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **08 January 2024** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

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

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cranton)
Ward Cllr Terry Byron (Whiston and Cranton)
Clerk Y Prescott
0 Residents

124. APOLOGIES

No Apologies received.

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

126. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11/12//2023 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr. V Dooley, **SECONDED** by Cllr. G McGann and all **AGREED**

127. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

128. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

It was reported that in Whiston a social supermarket has been established and Ward Councillors are requesting Parish Councillors to consider if Cranton Parish would benefit from a Social Supermarket. Funding is available but would require volunteers to help with the start up. Customers would be able to receive the equivalent of £20 worth of food for £5.

ACTION – To add to next February

A Planning application for Chapel Lane has been received by Halton. Knowsley MBC will have to be involved due to the position of the application.

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A discussion was held around this regarding the timeframe and why Halton has only just received this, it was acknowledged that planning has to have all the information before the application is put out for public consultation.

ACTION - Cllr Thomas to contact Jo Sherian at Knowsley MBC for more information.

Neighborhood constable police Kenneth Patterson has met with groups within Whiston and Cronton. Community groups are being asked to attend a meeting in Whiston and he is struggling to find a contact in Cronton.

ACTION – Cllr Hayes to contact PC contact him to give details and confirm our interest.

129. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

(a) Policing in Cronton – Cllr. R Hayes – Cllr Hayes is sourcing a contact in Merseyside Police to request their attendance at Parish Meetings.

(b) Transportation in Cronton – Cllr. V Dooley/G McGann - Cllr McGann confirmed that Traffic Wardens had been present this morning around the local school's area.

A temporary bus stop has been installed. Investigation work has been completed and Cronton Parish is now waiting for repair work to begin. The bus stop outside The Dandelion Pub is still outstanding and it was agreed that this would need to be chased up.

Knowsley MBC has informed Cronton Parish that with regards to Parking permits there are too many driveways we do not fit the requirements.

Q. Do we know if any traffic offence tickets had been issued as a result of this? Speed monitoring, is this being done?

A. Councilors can go out and use the speed gun and pass information to the police., residents then get a letter warning them. Councilors feel that this is not sufficient and police need to attend.

(c) Environment – Cllr. D Thomas – Several areas in the Parish are still suffering with pot holes. It was agreed that Cllr Fielding will record the pot holes in the Parish and take photos for the Local Authority.

Fly Tipping on Penny Lane has been reported and has been cleared. Some tyres on Sandy Lane have been cleared.

No bin on Sandy Lane – new bin has been requested from Paul Christie – one taken and not replaced. Bin was removed due to vandalism but it was never replaced.

130. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application(s) – Pcx hill to Norlands Lane is the bridal path in dispute. A discussion was held around designating these footpaths as bridal paths. There was some confusion as to if the paths are being widened or just being renamed. A discussion was held and it was agreed that it is already being used as a bridal path and it was just a change to the classification on the map. It was agreed to support this application.

Q. Have you heard anything about the path/bridge between Cronton Colliery and Whiston?

A. No, nothing has happened as yet it. The whole plan seems to have stood still. Crossing has not been installed and although the bridge has been approved no work has started in completing this.

A. Highways are questioning the bridge due to the number of incidents taking place, this has not been confirmed officially.

It was suggested to ask the Local Authority if a member from Knowsley come along and speak to CPC regarding the issues.

ACTION - It was agreed to monitor this situation and try to find out who is the project manager for this project.

131. PASTURE MAINTENANCE TENDER 24/25

1. **Tender 24/25** – Cllr Thomas has kindly remodeled the tender; the document is almost complete and just needs some small items changing. A letter is to be sent with the document to the LA (Knowsley) and any other prospective contractors.

132. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

- (a) Home watch/Neighborhood Watch – Julia has purchased the stickers she asked the council to purchase so will be reimbursed when she passes the receipts to the council and has now placed these around the Parish.
- (b) ASB in Cronton – On the Christmas tree lights the cable underground had been removed from the ground. This was reported to the Local Authority and it was confirmed that this had been vandalized. This wasn't reported to the police but it was agreed moving forward that this will be reported retrospectively.
Drug Dealing has been observed by the Chair and the police have confirmed they will be doing undercover work in the area to resolve the issue.
- (c) Defibrillator update – It was agreed to obtain three quotes for this training.

133. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 05/11/2023 be received and approved.

134. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

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

RCM

135. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was **RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation be noted and approved.

136. CASUAL VACANCY

It was **RESOLVED** that after a notice of election had not been challenged that the Parish Council would look to Co-Opt a new member.

The meeting closed at 08:01 pm.

Signed *W. Hayes* Date 08/01/2024