

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on **21 September 2015** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, commencing at 7.51 pm.

Present: Councillors W Cook (Chair), S Cooper, P M Green, G McGann, M O'Dowd, G Pentin and D Rostance

In attendance: Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
2 members of the public

12. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors D Bray and J Foran be accepted.

13. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor M O'Dowd to the meeting.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

15. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on **13 July 2015** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

17. 2016/17 PRECEPT

The Chairman gave a brief feedback on an informal meeting with the Leader of the Council, Councillor Andy Moorhead held on 16 September 2015. It covered:

- (a) Loss of maintenance contracts from Parish/Town Councils contributes to redundancy in Knowsley Council.
- (b) Improvement to communication between Parish/Town Councils and Knowsley Council.
- (c) New housing targets set by the current government.

It was commented that to formalise relationship between Parish/Town Councils and Knowsley Council, formal meetings should be held and minutes be taken. Knowsley Local Plan has reached its final stage and is to be adopted by the end of 2015. It includes a robust Green Belt Policy safeguarding green belts from housing development.

It was resolved that the Chairman's feedback be noted.

18. TRANSPARENCY FUND APPLICATION

Government funding is available to support small parish councils and other smaller authorities to become web-enabled and compliant with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. The Parish Council's outdated computing system needs to be replaced to access the internet and to improve communication, ultimately to meet the new audit and transparency rules.

It was resolved that approval be given to the Council to apply for a grant.

Councillor S Cooper will provide the technical information for completing the application form.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed _____ Date 2 November 2015