

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **14 July 2014** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors D Rostance (Chair), W Cook, P M Green, G McGann and G Pentin

In attendance: V Osborne (The Clerk)
Nicky Greening – Knowsley Council
3 members of the public

12. APOLOGIES

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors D Bray, S Cooper and I Watson be approved.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

14. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes and Environment held on 2 June 2014 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. HEALTHWATCH KNOWSLEY

Healthwatch is a national project. Its sole purpose is to understand the needs, experience and concerns of people who use the health and social care services and to speak on their behalf. Nicky Greening gave a briefing about how the system works and the work being carried out in Knowsley.

Public transport linking Cranton with the rest of Knowsley is adequate. Most residents go to doctors in Widnes and hospital in Whiston. Improved public transport would help transfer residents to health and care services in Knowsley. The team will try to liaise with the practices in Widnes to work out how Knowsley residents can take part in future surveys.

It was suggested running a day-time Healthwatch event in Cranton to enable more people to attend.

The information was useful and the Chairman thanked Nicky Greening for the attending the meeting.

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tiny Pro Soccer Camp – Chris Shukes is seeking permission for holding a few sessions of Soccer Camps for children aged between 7 and 11 on The Pasture during the summer holidays. The Parish Council has no objection subject to satisfying the requirements of the hiring agreement.

Environmental issues

- Lambourn Avenue and village shopping area – the road and pavement conditions are appalling. Are there any repairing plans?
- Field by Sandy Lane – It is in a bad condition. How to improve the area?
- Mechanical sweeper is moving too fast to do a good job.
- Litter bins are over flowing.
- Waste bins were not put back properly after they had been emptied.
- The appearance of the areas around the shops is disappointing.
- Cut grass from a private property had been piled on the edge of the field at The Roundabout.
- A fire incident was noted on The Pasture.
- The hedges behind the sand pit on The Pasture has to be tidied up.
- Knowsley Council provides a good scheduled and reactive service but a little more proactive attention would make it even better.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for raising the issues. It was suggested making 'State of the village' as a regular agenda item. A village inspection will be held and residents are welcome to take part.

Anti-social behaviour

- An unoccupied property at Pex Hill had repeatedly been set on fire.
- People were caught trespassing on a private property at The Roundabout.
- Youth anti-social behaviour incidents had been reported to Dave Rimmer (PCSO).

It was suggested discussing anti-social behaviour at future meetings.

17. PLANNING APPLICATION

App No: **14/00325/FUL**
Location: Lindau Pex Hill Cronton
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to part of rear elevation comprising of storage area at lower group level and bedroom with balcony to higher ground level
Comments: No objection subject to no encroachment into the green belt.

18. KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY – MODIFICATIONS AND RECONVENED HEARINGS

The public hearings and Policy SUE 2c – Sustainable Urban Extension – South of Whiston and Land South of M62 Overall Development Strategy were noted.

It was resolved that land south of M62 be clarified.

19. KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY – CONSULTATION WITH TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

The consultation with town and parish councils was noted. Written briefing and a presentation had been requested.

It was resolved that the presentation be given at an early stage of the consultation to ensure enough time to respond.

20. OLD DIRECTION SIGN

Councillor W Cook continues looking for suitable grants for refurbishing the old direction sign at the junction of Cronton Road/Chapel Lane.

21. MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

In Knowsley, it was proposed to close the fire stations in Huyton and Whiston and build a new station on Manchester Road, Prescot. It was commented that a majority of calls from Cronton were covered by the fire services in Widnes so the changes in Knowsley should not have a major impact on Cronton. However fire services in Widnes are also under restructuring. The Parish Council had not been consulted on the proposed changes in Knowsley.

It was resolved that a responsible personnel be invited from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services to come and explain the proposed changes.

22. ARMED FORCE FLAG AND UNION FLAG

The Armed Force Flag had gone missing and the Union Flag was worn.

It was resolved that both the Armed Force Flag and the Union Flag are to be replaced.

23. CAROL SERVICE

It was resolved that Councillor P Green to obtain a date for the Carol Service from schools.

24. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

It was resolved that the Clerk to invited the clergy of the three local churches to take part in the Remembrance Sunday Service on the 9 November 2014.

25. HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

There was no response to the submission to the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

26. COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

There was no further development in the proposed community car scheme in Cronton.

27. CRONTON NEWS

It was resolved that the Summer Newsletter be deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

Signed _____ Date 15 September 2014