



CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **18 September 2017** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

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

16. **APOLOGIES**

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillor P M Green be accepted.

17. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

18. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 3 July 2017 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

An issue had been raised about dog fouling in the sand of the children's play area on the Pasture. It was suggested removing the sand.

The land between the Community Centre and Sandy Lane had not been used for farming for a long period of time. It was in the green belt and concern expressed about its future. It was responded that the Parish Council would write to Knowsley Council asking if there were plans for developments.

20. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning notifications nor decisions were received from Knowsley Council.

21. **KNOWSLEY PARKS AND GREEN SPACES REVIEW BOARD**

Members received for consideration the Report of the Knowsley Parks and Green Spaces Review Board. It was proposed to set up a Charitable Trust to manage the parks and green spaces in the Borough from 2019. An endowment would be established and funded by the sale of land (e.g. 10% of the sites). A discussion taken place about double-taxation and that the proposal might attract housing developers' interest. A public consultation on this strategic model took place in September 2017.

The open space at the end of Houghton Croft was donated to Knowsley Council for the benefit of local residents. The Parish Council would obtain a copy of the covenant from Knowsley Council.

22. **GOVERNMENT'S NEW LITTER INNOVATION FUND**

The Fund was for new ideas. It would be looked into by Councillor D Rostance.

23. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Remembrance Sunday Service would be held on 12 November 2017. The Clerk would invite the clergy and local groups to take part in the service. The Police would be notified and the bugler invited. Clergy would be invited to attend a meeting to consider the Order of Service and to nominate a charity.

24. ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

It was proposed to hold the Carol Service on Tuesday 12 December 2017. The Clerk would contact the two local schools to confirm the date, to invite the Mayor and Mayoress of Knowsley Council and to book the church.

25. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

Dog fouling remained a concern in the village, Hall Lane and Smith Lane in particular. The Clerk would contact Philip Hurst of Knowsley Council for the return of the no dog fouling banner recently removed by Knowsley Council.

The sand in the children's play area could be replaced by bark chips. Councillor D Rostance would ask to keep 50% sand.

Overgrown hedges on Hall Lane opposite Brook Close were obstructing the highway. First Ark had been contacted to cut back the hedges without success. Councillor W Cook would follow-up the issue.

Overgrown hedges from Tue Lane to the junction of Cronton Road/Prescot Road were obstructing the public footpaths and needed to be cut back. This would be reported to Knowsley Council.

The newly installed 'Not suitable for HGVs' in Smithy Lane should be closer to the junction of Cronton Road/Smithy Lane to maximise impact. An updated regarding highway issues raised with Richard Thorpe of Knowsley Council be requested.

26. CRANTON NEWSLETTER

Additional topic – dog fouling.

The meeting closed at 7.44 pm.

Signed _____ Date 30 October 2017