

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **20 January 2020** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

In attendance: 2 Police Officers (Merseyside Police – Knowsley)
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
1 member of the public

54. APOLOGIES

All members were present.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

56. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the General Purposes and Environment Committee meeting held on 9 December 2019 as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

57. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parking on the wrong side of the road at the exit of The Roundabout to Hall Lane – A reminder for a response from Knowsley Council would be sent.

58. PARKING AND SPEEDING IN CRONTON

The 20 mph speed limit in Smithy Lane and Hall Lane was ignored by some drivers. The smiley face speed detector recalibrated to 20 mph had yet to be returned to the village.

The Police had a new dedicated team to tackle speeding. The speed watch scheme was for risk assessment and protecting people. Members were asked what role they would like to undertake in the scheme. A speed detection device could be designated for Cranton and training provided for volunteers.

The Police Pavement Parking Scheme was explained. Photos of obstructing vehicles could be sent to the Police for follow-up action. It was suggested including this information in the village newsletter.

Pavement parking outside Dandelion Tavern and the hairdresser on Cranton Road obstructing pedestrians and traffic required the Police/Enforcement Officers' attention.

School parking in nearby roads was also problematic.

Parking on the wrong side of the exit at The Roundabout/Hall Lane was raised by a resident. The Police would look into it and provide feedback to the Council.

59. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

No Ward Councillors were present.

60. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning notifications received from Knowsley Council.

61. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- (a) The Pasture security – Due to bad weather that no anti-social behaviour issues were reported. Heavy rains had left The Pasture over saturated causing problem to maintenance vehicles.
- (b) The appearance of some of the garage doors behind the shops on Hampton Drive was a concern – ongoing follow-up with garage owners. Hopefully it could be resolved in spring.
- (c) Parking on the pavement in Smithy Close – It had been covered by the Police Pavement Parking Scheme.
- (d) Parking issue in Iver Close – Knowsley Council Civil Enforcement Officers attended the area as well as Hall Lane.
- (e) Speed gun training – Councillors were invited to take part in a training.
- (f) Smiley face speed detection device – ongoing follow-up with Knowsley Council.
- (g) Rat problems – Awaiting a reply from United Utilities about their policy on sewer baiting and for advice on how to deal with the problem.
- (h) Fly tipping – Attended by Knowsley Council.
- (i) Halsnead Garden Village development - Junction of Fox's Bank Lane/Cronton Road/Prescot Road - A mini roundabout to replace the proposed signalised crossroads. To write to Knowsley Council for confirmation about the type of junction improvement decided for the site.
- (j) The two damaged/worn out litter bins outside Cronton C of E Primary Schools needed replacing – To inform Knowsley Council.

62. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE REVIEW

The Parish Council website was due to be reviewed in 2020 to meet the current requirements. A Working Party including Councillors W Cook, S Cooper, G McGann and D Thomas and the Clerk would look into the matter.

63. CRANTON NEWSLETTER

- Rev Jenny MacGregor's retirement in June/July 2020 (Methodist Chapel)
- Carol Service 2020 tree lighting (on an earlier date)
- Defibrillator training update (volunteers' contacts)
- Rat problems in Cranton – ways to eradicate
- Precept 2020/21
- Speed watch/pavement parking scheme

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed _____ Date 2 March 2020