

**CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **Monday 27 November 2023** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

Present: Councillors (Chair), R Hayes, (Vice Chair) L Terry (Minutes), G McGann, J Foran, D Thomas and R Fielding

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cranton)
Sue and Jackie from Whiston Woods Campaign
Darren from the Cranton Bowling Club

95. APOLOGIES

Cllr W Cook, Cllr V Dooley (Medical), Karen Newton Clerk (Medical)

Ward Cllr. T Byron and Denise Allen (Whiston and Cranton) Prior Engagement

this was **APPROVED**

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

97. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04/09/2023 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr. V Dooley, **SECONDED** by Cllr. W Cook and all **AGREED**

98. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jackie and Sue from the Whiston Woods campaign attended to request support, it was decided that CPC would send a letter to KMBC in order to object to this development (cemetery) Jackie and Sue will forward the email sent by Whiston town council as a proforma.

Action: Clerk to Send email objection to KMBC

Darren from Cranton Bowling Club attended the meeting to advise us of the work the Bowling club have undertaken to revitalise the bowling club. He advised that they would like to arrange a meeting with the Cranton Community Centre committee but have so far been unable to contact. The parish council advised that as this is in the interests of the community, they would endeavor to contact the community centre committee to assist with facilitating this meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact Cronton Community Centre Committee to facilitate meeting between them and the bowling club.

99. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Ron Gaffney gave an update on the bus stop accessibility issue and advised that it was on the list for the bus stop to be moved, but this could be within the next 12 months. Ron advised that he'll update on the dates for environment days

Action: RG to update on environment days

Was contacted about trees being cut down on Brook Close and is checking if permission has been granted.

Action: RG to check if permission was granted

100. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

1. (a) **Policing in Cronton – Cllr. R Hayes** - Traffic Calming – due to Taylor Wimpey Development, it was agreed to contact KMBC to ask about traffic calming measures. There was further discussion around parking for permit holders.

Action: Clerk to email KMBC.

(b) **Transportation in Cronton – Cllr. V Dooley** – No updates

(c) **Environment** – No Updates

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Discussed planning application for Wayside – Agreed to support, with the stipulation that it is the same footprint/size as the original property and is ideally similar in style/materials.

Action: Clerk to provide comments

Discussion around Dragon House Farm not complying with the conditions of the dropped curb, KMBC are keeping an eye on this.

102. PASTURE MAINTENANCE 23/24

The documents were approved by Cllr G McGann and Cllr L Terry

103. NEW PASTURE MAINTENANCE TENDER 24/25

It was decided that the new pasture maintenance contract would be carried over to the next meeting.

104. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

(a) It was agreed that the parish council would fund the neighborhood watch stickers. Approved by Cllr G McGann and Cllr R Fielding.

(b) Not much to mention on ASB.

(c) Cllr J Foran confirmed that he'd confirmed with Cronton Garden Centre that the tree was arranged.

Action Cllr J Foran and Cllr G McGann to collect the names of the children who won Christmas card competition

105. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

It was advised that we had sifted the CVs and chosen three candidates to take to interview and the interviews have been scheduled. It was advised that the interview panel would compromise Cllr L Terry, Cllr R Hayes and Cllr D Thomas.

It was advised that Karen Newton (Clerk) will complete a handover and then leave (by the end of the year)

106. BUDGET CONTROL REPORT

The budgetary control report was approved by Cllr G McGann and Cllr D Thomas.

107. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS/BANK RECONCILIATION

Due to lack of complete understanding of this document, it will be carried over to the next meeting

108. BUDGET CONTROL ACCOUNT

Due to lack of complete understanding this will be carried over to the next meeting

109. NEWSLETTER

It was decided that the next newsletter would go out in the early spring, e.g., Feb/March time. Some suggested topics are, Xmas tree/carol concert, Remembrance Day, Clerk leaving etc.

NOTE: Cllr John Foran advised the parish council that he was seeking to stand down as Councillor within the next few months.

The meeting closed at 09:00 pm.

Signed *R. Hayes* Date 12/2/2024