

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **09 January 2023** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cranton.

Present: Councillors (Chair), D Rostance, (Vice Chair) R Hayes, L Terry, D Thomas, W. Cook, and R Fielding

In attendance: Ward Councillor Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cranton)
Karen Newton Clerk
V Dooley - Disability Advisor
2 Residents

135. APOLOGIES

Cllr G McGann sent apologies due to prior engagement
Cllr John Foran sent apologies due to Health

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies received from Cllr G McGann, Cllr J Foran, be accepted.

136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest

137. MINUTES

It was moved by Cllr. D Rostance and seconded by Cllr. D Thomas and all agree.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12/12/2022 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

138. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member of public 1 - attended as he is opposed to the housing development in Sandy Lane Development.

Disability Advisor – Assisted bins not being emptied. LIV Housing tenants some being drug users and something needs to happen with regards their behavior.

139. WARD CONCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Ron Gaffney was in attendance and advised that the refuse service for Knowsley is normally quite efficient but there has been a lot of complaints due to the wrong days being advertised on their website. An apology was published in the Liverpool Echo.

The footpath Planning application goes to the Planning Committee on the 12th January 2023. The report that has been presented is quite lengthy and the recommendation is for granting this application. In Cllr Gaffney's opinion if the recommendation is to Grant the application, then this is what normally happens in his experience. They gave scant comments regarding the flooding. The Brook in bad weather floods and looks like a river, cars get stuck, Cllr

Gaffney has driven through in the past and water went into his vehicle. No lighting or CCTV to be put there.

He feels that all the objections are well written and get the point across and even though not ignored Knowsley planning responded well to the objections. Julia and Mark Pullan are to attend with their objection which is quite lengthy.

Action days from KMBC – Walk around Wednesday – Cllr Gaffney has turned up and no one from KMBC have arrived.

On the 9/01/2023 Staff from KMBC had been sent to problem areas and he hadn't seen as many officers turn up previously. He had been contacted by an officer 3 days previously to ask where the problem areas are and were there any issues, photographs have been sent they had never previously visited these sites. He feels that this contact is to enable them to clean the area so that when the action days happen the area has been cleared and that presents no issues.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Gaffney will take up the pot hole situation with regards to Hall Lane and Penny Lane as there are concerns with how deep they are, the assisted bin collection and LIV Housing tenants with KMBC.

140. CASUAL VACANCY

- (a) Cllr David Rostance – Spoke about his up-and-coming Retirement from the Council after a long 30 years' service. Cllr Rostance has said he can stay on until the Annual Council Meeting on 9th May 2023 where he can pass the Chairman position over to the newly elected Chair but feels there needs to be a conversation with the full council members as 2 were missing from this meeting
- (b) Put on hold advertising the Casual Vacancy until after Cllr Rostance has discussed with all members of the council.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr David Rostance resignation and the casual vacancy to be discussed at the next meeting.

141. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- (a) **Policing in Cronton** – Cllr D Rostance - Occasional police van has been spotted – no issues at present.
- (b) **Transportation in Cronton** – Cllr G McGann - No updates.
- (c) **Environment** – Cllr D Rostance – Fly tipping in Tue Road, photographs sent to KMBC to get it removed.

142. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr David Thomas requested that a letter is drawn up for future objections as he feels this will have more of an impact.

It was **AGREED** to draw up a draft to be circulated with Councillors before sending to KMBC.

APP. NO: 22/00743/PDE CASE OFFICER: John Fleming

APPLICANT: Carl Brooks APP.

TYPE: Prior Notification - Household

LOCATION: 152 Windy Arbor Road Whiston Knowsley



PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION MAXIMUM DEPTH FROM ORIGINAL REAR WALL: 6.00 METRES MAXIMUM HEIGHT: 3.00 METRES HEIGHT OF EAVES: 3.00 METRES WARD:

Whiston & Cronton View Here -

<https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/onlineapplications/application/details.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RMSUZUX0MX00>

It was RESOLVED that the council has no observations to make on this planning application at this stage and not to include these type of planning applications on future agendas.

143. CYCLE PROJECT

Cllr David Thomas feels that KMBC are quite dismissive of the signage motorized or non-motorized and this will not be policed so opens up for incorrect usage. Julia and Mark Pullan have commented on the 38-page document to be submitted to the council and awaits to see the outcome as they are only allowed a 3-minute slot at the meeting.

Vinny Dooley explained that a wheelchair would be allowed on any pathway as its described as an electronic device.

Julia Pullman had taken pictures of HGV vehicles coming along Penny Lane and getting stuck for hours, the council felt that this was great evidence with regards bad signage and the damage and inconvenience this is causing. Cllr Thomas to draft a letter and circulate for comment before being sent to Richard Thorpe regarding better larger signs on both sides of the road.

144. BUDGET CONTROL REPORT

Discussion around the budget and photocopier.

It was RESOLVED that the council will start to use the photocopier for the newsletter and there needs to be further discussion at a finance meeting with regards the Budget.

145. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Cllr Will Cook to write a new cheque for £1500 and bring to the next meeting.

It was RESOLVED that payments as listed in Appendix B be noted and approved.

146. PRECEPT 23/24

After a short discussion,

It was RESOLVED that there will be a discussion at the Finance Meeting on 30th January 2023 and the outcome will be discussed at the next council meeting on the 13th February 2023.

147. BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

The Clerk is not certain that the information that the Bank have is correct as after asking for clarification the email from the bank did not confirm anything. Cllr David Rostance will need replacing as a signatory in the next couple of months.

It was RESOLVED that Karen Newton will email the bank to check they are holding the correct as this was not clarified in the latest email. Discuss a new signatory at the Finance meeting.

148. INTERNAL AUDITOR/EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Council was satisfied with the service of the Internal Auditor Mr. David Blanchflower.

The Council was satisfied with the service of the External Auditor PKF Little John.



It was **RESOLVED** that Mr. David Blanchflower he re-appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2022/23 at the audit fee of £110 and will take place on Thursday 20th April 2023 and External Auditor PKF Little John at the sum of;

INCOME/EXPENDITURE BAND (£)	TEE FOR LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW (£)	
0 - 25,000	0	(If a Certificate of Exemption is submitted)
0 - 25,000	210	(If a LAR review is required)

149. THE PASTURE MASTERPLAN

Cllr David Rostance has emailed Philip Hurst but he is on leave at present. He has also telephoned/emailed Cath Shiel & James Towers and to date has no response. He is awaiting a response from Philip Hurst on his return.

150. Taylor Wimpey

Cllr David Rostance has received a reply from Kevin Foster and they have not yet received a planning application for the development as of yet. There is nothing further the council can do at this point but when it is submitted, they will reiterate the concerns to Knowsley Planning.

Cllr David Thomas asked should the council consider some legal support as when he attended the meeting at the Parklands, they had an advisor there who said they would be turning up with a lot of argumentations around the position of the access onto the development. He asked if the council could assist this further on the back of this. There needs to be communication from the council with the advisor.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr David Rostance will make contact with the Parklands advisor.

151. WEBSITE

It was **RESOLVED** that training will take place on the February 10th 2023 and Cllr Terry, Cllr Fielding and Karen Newton will do the training on that session. Cllr Rosanne Hayes will attend work permitting.

152. MALC

No Update

153. NEW COUNCILLOR AND CLERK TRAINING

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Rachel Fielding will have a look at what course she is going to take and come back to the clerk with the information.

154. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

(a) The meeting with Merseyside and Cheshire Police – Nothing has moved forward on the will ask Cllr Ged McGann to follow up.

(b) Defibrillators x 3 – It was **Agreed** to place an order with Andrew Deptford as this was the best price and we have previously dealt with Andrew.



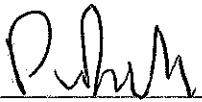
156. Meeting Schedule 2023

The schedule presented was **AGREED** with one change, the meeting on the 30th January meeting being cancelled so that the council can conduct a Finance and Precept Meeting to prepare items for the agenda on February 13th.

157. Newsletter

Move publication to April/May 2023

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed  Date 13/02/2023 ~~13/02/2022~~