

CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING



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

Present: Councillors (Chair), R Hayes, (Vice Chair) L Terry, J Foran, D Thomas, W. Cook, R Fielding and V Dooley (Disability Advisor)

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cranton)
Ward Cllr Denise Allen (Whiston and Cranton)
Clerk K Newton
5 Residents

75. APOLOGIES

Cllr. T Byron Prior Engagement

this was **APPROVED**

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

77. 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**

78. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bridie Seddon discussed the importance of receiving a donation from the Parish Council for the Pensioners Party along with their fund raising that they do all year, this is run by a voluntary group of 4 ladies independent of the Community Centre but they use the Community Centre to hold this.

A discussion regarding advertising events at the Community Centre and fundraising. The Coffee Morning is on the 3rd November 2023 10am until 12pm. It was also pointed out that there are a lot of grant funding opportunity's available for community groups and that maybe try to apply for those too.

Cllr. D Allen commented that there is a lady at KMBC who would be able to help the Voluntary Group that organise's the Christmas party to set up a constitution and bank account instead of them using the Community Centre bank account to cash cheques. She will get her details and pass then to her. She also assists with helping to fund raise for community groups.

78. TAYLOR WIMPEY

No Updates other than the planning application was to be going to planning in the first week of

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Action: Cllr. D Thomas will telephone them and ask if there are any updates.

79. POLICING IN CRONTON

No Updates

Action: Cllr. G McGann to email for an update. Cllr. D Allen to find out who the correct person is who we need to contact.

80. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr. D Allan spoke on behalf of Cllr. T Byron who had said he had been notified of an increase in fly tipping in Cronton and he will chase the relevant people up on this. She will also chase up the camera requests previously made by the council.

Cllr. R Gaffney - Houghton Croft – a bollard that was stuck down going onto the croft he will be contacting Steve Jones and Philip Hurst regarding this matter along with the condition of the road and path surfaces around there.

The Taylor Wimpey application put into planning looks to be going to be looked at as late as the new year.

SSE are responsible for the signs being put on Lampposts.

81. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

(a) Policing in Cronton – Cllr. R Hayes - A couple of attempted car thefts that that the home watch is aware of through the social media channels not the police. There have been a few reports of a man on ring door bells acting suspicious. The marquee hired for the Gala had been vandalised as it had been left over night and not collected and youths got to it around the Sunday tea time.

Cllr. V Dooley commented on damage to the footpath, Cllr. R Hayes has contacted Steve Jones over this.

(b) Transportation in Cronton – Cllr. V Dooley – No updates regarding Bus stop on Cronton road having the correct footpath for a wheelchair access onto the bus.

Action: Ward Councillors to follow up at KMBC Highways.

(c) Environment – Cllr. J Foran Has been in touch with Paul Christopher regarding the overhanging hedges, these have now been cut back and cleared the path. There is another area's further down that needs to be done.

Action: Ward Councillors to contact Daniel Griffiths at KMBC to sort out getting the work completed.

Cllr. J Foran had visited the pasture that morning and had noticed a huge amounts of full dog bags being left around the pathway and bin along with bottles and can. The bin had been emptied but noticed all the litter around the path was ignored and left where it was. Cllr Foran picked all the waste up and put it into the bin.

Cllr. L Terry commented on the number of potholes around Cronton.

Cllr. D Thomas commented on having an Autumn litter pick and could we get this organised.

82. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application(s) – considered were: -

APP. NO: 23/01244/FUL CASE OFFICER: Lee Osborne

APPLICANT: Mew Design Ltd APP.

TYPE: Full Application

LOCATION: 372 - 374 Cronton Road Cronton Knowsley

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF 2 NO. SINGLE STOREY FRONT PORCH EXTENSIONS TOGETHER WITH EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS

WARD:

Whiston & Cronton View Here –

[https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/online-](https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R)

[applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R](https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R)

Comment: This is to be 4 houses made into 2 and a new porch put on the 2 houses. Request that KMBC Planning follow all procedures for this application due to the previous upset of local residents due to the development on this site.

APP. NO: 23/02389/FUL CASE OFFICER: Andrew Hunt

APPLICANT: W Bennett & Son APP.

TYPE: Full Application

LOCATION: Land Adjacent to Prescott Road North off Red House Farm And South Of Cronton Road Cheshire

PROPOSAL: AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING ACCESS AND LANDSCAPING SCHEME OF APPROVED AGRICULTURAL GRAIN STORAGE BUILDING (APPLICATION 23/00005/AGR)

WARD: Whiston & Cronton View Here -

<https://planapp.knowsley.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R>
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Comment: This relates to work that needs to be completed before the work on the grain storage can commence. Red house Farms view would be restricted in one direction so they have been asked to put up trees to soften this, it a pre-condition that the Council does support no further comment and no action required from Cronton Parish Council.

83. PASTURE MAINTENENCE 23/24 AND TENDER 24/25

Pasture Maintenance 23/24 – Cllr. R Hayes has set up a meeting with Steve Jones, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Foran and Cllr Terry to go over the quote we have received and discuss what the council will expect from them regarding the path and the drainage issues.

Tender 24/25 – Discussion with regards the Tender for 24/25 will need a separate meeting to discuss the process in preparation to put this out in February 2024.

Action: Arrange meeting to discuss the tender and check with KMBC if they have a Community Chest of providers for the service the council require.

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84. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

It was **RESOLVED** that payments as listed be noted, approved and put up onto the website.

85. BANK RECONCILIATION

It was **RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation be noted and approved.

86. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS

- (a) Home watch/Neighborhood Watch – Meeting Postponed
- (b) ASB in Cronton – No incidents reported
- (c) Remembrance Sunday 12th November – Invites completed/ Bugler invited
- (d) Poppy Wreaths and Poppy Purchase - Request for more lamppost poppies a further 10 and make a donation of £25 was suggested and £25 for the wreath. The Clerk will Purchase these. Cllr. G McGann and Shaun Cooper will sort out the Garden area and Flags.
- (e) Christmas Concert update/Christmas Tree & Lights/Awards – Cllr John Foran has spoken to Holy Family School and have agreed with all that the date will be the 12th December 2023 for the tree lighting and the Carol Concert. The donation to be decided and collection arranged by the church. All the Council **AGREED** to this. The tree will be arranged to be put up prior to this date possibly 8th December 2023.
- (f) Defibrillator battery and pad replacements – Adults are in place but the children's have not yet arrived. The Clerk to chase up the Childrens pads and the training.

87. GRANTS/DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Cllr G McGann commented on the budget for grants and feels this needs to be used for grants.

The clerk explained that it had been discussed in previous meetings that this would be given to Community Groups as a donation the past grants had been given to the groups with no oversight of their accounts and this needs to be tightened up. It was discussed when setting the budget that there could be an opportunity to open the grants applications but to keep the precept requirement down on cost this would be discussed at a later date which it has been.

Cllr. R Hayes discussed she is in agreement that this needs to be tightened up and requests for donations are Bridie Seddon for the Cronton Pensioners Party and Aidens Defibrillator charity.

Cllr R Fielding discussed that the cheque for the pensioners party being paid to the Community Center needs to be sorted out for any future requests as if this is a separate entity it will need to reflect that.

Donations agreed:

Bridie Seddon £350 Cronton Pensioner Party.

Aiden Jackson £150.00 for his defibrillator Charity

It was **RESOLVED** that this is to come out of the Grant Budget for 2023/23 £500.

88. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

PKF Littlejohn the External Auditor Report and the closing statement to finalize the accounts for 2022/23 was received and **ACCEPTED**

89. CLERKS RESIGNATION

Cllr Rosanne Hayes thanked and accepted the Clerks resignation.
There was a discussion around a new advert for the position and the timescale.

It was **AGREED** to put the new advert out as soon as possible.

90. NEWSLETTER

Cllr R Hayes commented to try to get the newsletter out before Remembrance Sunday to inform the Community of the up-and-coming events in Cronton. Cllrs to get write ups over to the Clerk within the next 2 weeks.

The meeting closed at 09:00 pm.

Signed *R Hayes* Date 09/10/2023