

**CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

# **NEWSLETTER**



**AUTUMN 2015**

**S**ome time ago the Parish Council was contacted by Crabtree Homes Ltd asking if we would meet with them to discuss their proposal to build 29 dwellings on the green belt land at the rear of Smithy Lane and Smithy Close. We decided not to arrange any meetings as we took the view that there is absolutely nothing that Crabtree Homes could say that would cause us to change our total opposition to any new development within the green belt.

Sometime later we were informed by Knowsley Council that Crabtree Housing had applied for outline planning approval for their plan to construct 29 new houses within the green belt. The item was placed on the agenda for our full council meeting to be held in September which is normal practice for our consideration of planning applications. Although we have no powers in respect of planning approval we are a statutory consultee and experience has shown that Knowsley Council take our comments very seriously.

In line with our policy on the green belt a document outlining our reasons for objecting to the proposal was prepared prior to the meeting. The meeting was attended by many residents, so many

## **HOUSING PLANS WITHDRAWN**

in fact that not all could fit into the council office. The document was put before members and was unanimously adopted. Our objections were forwarded to Knowsley Council the following day.

The council Chairman suspended the meeting to allow discussion with residents and to listen to all comments. It became very clear that all those present objected to the proposed development. Advice was given on how to object and valid reasons for objecting. After the meeting dwellings directly affected by the proposal were leafleted with similar advice.

**Over the next few days Knowsley Council received over 50 objections with only 1 person supporting the development.**

This was very critical and is very likely the reason Crabtree Homes have withdrawn the application. This is not necessarily the end of the matter. Crabtree Homes may make a new application in the future after studying all the objections. Any new application may be an attempt to address the objections in the hope that the application would be approved. **Crabtree Homes will never be able to overcome Policy C5 of the Knowsley Local Plan which clearly states that "inappropriate development in the Green Belt is not permitted". New housing is defined as**

**being inappropriate development. It is for this reason that Crabtree Homes are trying to argue special circumstances.**

**In any event should a new application be submitted please be assured that the Parish Council will again oppose such an application and will again assist residents.**

**All Parish Council members found it gratifying that so many of you took time to attend the September meeting. Perhaps Crabtree Homes underestimated the sense of Community in Cranton and took the view that your Parish Council was not particularly pro-active. If this is their view then they are clearly wrong.**

**I would like to thank all of you who objected to the application, the number of objections can be very important in any planning consideration. Should a further application be submitted I urge you to again object.**

Shaun Cooper  
Vice-Chairman





## Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 8th November 2015

At 10.45 am

War Memorial, Cronton

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Please come and support this Remembrance Service which commemorates the ultimate sacrifice of those who gave their lives for us.

You are welcome to attend a short church service at **Cronton Methodist Church**, Chapel Lane, after the Remembrance Service. Refreshments will be provided.

## CRONTON GALA COMMITTEE

**We** will be promoting the annual Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th November from 9.30am to 12.00 noon in the Parish Council Office next door to the newsagents. All welcome, especially newcomers, meet and catch up with neighbours, friends and relatives over tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Any donations of a raffle prize will be appreciated.



**Also**, we hope to arrange the annual Father Christmas Float to tour the village on the evening of Thursday 17th December, this is to be confirmed nearer the time but if we do then our little helpers will be knocking on doors asking for donations, **please give generously as the Gala's future depends on funding.**

**Lastly**, the Gala Committee meets very informally almost every month throughout the year organising the Gala and other supporting events and **we welcome new faces to join our happy band and assist us in any way they can, whether a lot or a little it all makes a difference.** Contact Ian on 07770395599 or [ian@linian.com](mailto:ian@linian.com) for details.



## CRONTON ENCUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2015

Tree lighting ceremony 7.00 pm - Coronation Gardens

Carol Service 7.30 pm - Holy Family Church

Reception 8.00 pm - Holy Family Parish Centre

(Tea, coffee, juice and mince pies will be served)

Volunteers needed for Reception. Please contact Councillors.



# YOUR VILLAGE

Councillor Dave Rostance

## Reporting Fly tipping

We are fortunate in Cronton to have the benefit of a circle of greenbelt that surrounds our village, and whilst this gives pleasure to most of us it also attracts the attention of unscrupulous fly tippers.

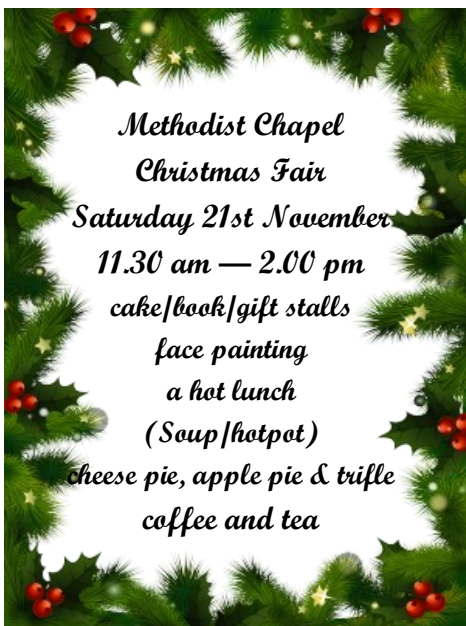
If you witness fly tipping please see if you can get the registration and description of the vehicle that is dumping the rubbish, also if you see that fly tipping has taken place please note the location and a brief description of what has been dumped and report it in both cases by calling Knowsley Council on , **0151 443 2400.**



## Planters in the village

You may recall in the last newsletter that we reported that Knowsley Council could no longer maintain the planters in the village and had intended to remove them.

Well the good news is that we have received sponsorship from **Cronton Garden Centre** who have kindly replanted them and a number of residents will keep an eye on them and carry out minor maintenance. **We trust that you will join us in expressing our sincere appreciation to Cronton Garden Centre.**



## Welcome to Cronton Gateway Signs

You may have noticed the welcome to Farnworth village signs that are located as you enter into Widnes from Cronton and we believe they are a good idea projecting a positive image.

That so we are embarking on a project to erect similar signs on all of the gateway sites entering Cronton as we feel that the history and heritage of Cronton deserves this but also it will improve the identity of Cronton that sometimes goes astray.

**There of course is a cost to doing this and we will be seeking sponsorship opportunities to fund this project, and apart from the ones we are pursuing if you have any suggestions on this they would be appreciated.**

*Sponsorship*



## **CUTS TO POLICING**

Councils within the Merseyside area have been contacted by the Police and Crime Commissioner to inform them of the impending cuts to the Merseyside Police budget.

In short Merseyside Police will have to save £48 million by the end of the financial year 2018/2019. This is in addition to the £77 million already cut since 2010. With this amount of cuts only severe reductions in the levels of policing can occur.

If all PCSO posts were cut during 2016, the mounted section disbanded and the basic command structure dissolved £28 million will have to be saved by 2018/2019.

This means that every team within Merseyside Police is facing cuts. This includes the teams of officers and staff who investigate sex offences, hate crimes and the Matrix teams who

## **Cronton Pathways**

## Cronton Village Clean Up Day

The next village clean up day will take place on **Friday 6th November** starting at 10.am from the **Holy Family Social Club** car park and litter pickers, gloves and bags are available.

If you have an hour or so to spare then you will be made most welcome and you will contribute greatly to the environment of our village.



## Local Skills

**Are you a retired tradesman or just an expert DIY person who is prepared to volunteer a little bit of your time.**



The reason is we have a number of elderly and less able villagers who occasionally need a little assistant at home for minor repairs etc. So if you can help please get in touch.



combat serious and organised crime.

This will have serious implications for the level of policing in Cronton. We are very much dependant on PCSOs to police the village and any loss of posts will leave the village with a 999 response only which in itself is likely to be under severe pressure.

**The Parish Council believes that it is important that all crime in the village is reported to the police however minor it may seem. Statistics will be used when determining levels of policing so it is important that all criminal activity is reported.**

*Councillor Shaun Cooper*



## ROSES COACH TRIPS HAPPY DAYS

To all Crontonians and everyone in our area

Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Rycroft Hall  
Llangollen aqueduct cruise with creamed tea  
Hay on Wye, Matlock and Chatsworth House  
Cartmell, Miniature Village, and Grange Over Sands  
Colwyn Bay and Llandudno  
Black Country Museum  
Litchfield

And more to come

Thanks to the Wonderful effort of **Rose** who does all the work and has all the worries on our behalf.

Great Job **Rose** thanks from all the local people who have had the pleasure of these trips

Everyone is welcome and can enjoy themselves thanks to this splendid effort

Still to come is

Hawes and Wensleydale

Ashbourn and The National Arboretum

Queens Hotel Chester for indoor market and Xmas dinner with entertainment

Manchester Xmas market and shops

WE owe **Rose** a vote of thanks, if people like her did not make the effort then it would all be a much duller place

Once again Thanks to **Rose** for a great job



From Jack and Lynn and all your friends - All welcome - **contact Rose on 0151 495 2103**

### Coming Council Meetings

At Cronton Parish Council Office,  
commencing at 7:00 pm

**Monday 30 November**

Council Meeting

**Monday 14 December**

General Purposes and  
Environment Committee

Finance and Policy Committee

**Monday 4 January 2016**

Council Meeting

**Monday 18 January 2016**

General Purposes and Environ-  
ment Committee

Finance and Policy Committee



### YOU ARE INVITED

**CRONTON  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
NETWORK MEETING**

7.00 pm on Tuesday  
12 January 2016

Cronton Parish Council  
Offices, 7 Hampton

### WARD COUNCILLORS

(Whiston South including Cronton)

Terry Byron 0151 208 3281

Tony Newman 0151 292 4884

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In an emergency call **999**  
For everything else call **101**

Meeting notices will be  
posted on the notice  
board.



The press and public are welcome  
to attend all Council meetings and  
will be invited to speak at the pub-  
lic participation session.

### **CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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