



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2015

The Parish Council continues to support and promote the interests of the residents of Cronton with Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC), the Ward Councillors and other public bodies.

We have continued to receive good community services with particularly relevant to the cleanliness of the village, care of local spaces, hedgerows and lighting. There is however, still a way to go in the state of the pavements, road surface and drainage, although there are continued initiatives to improve these services. For example pot holes are regularly repaired and the surface of Hall Lane has been resurfaced. Since the withdrawal of much of the government funding to the Metropolitan Borough Council we have started to see an increased deterioration in the number of Pot Holes particularly on Smithy Lane and Penny Lane. Resurfacing on Smithy Lane is promised to be done during the coming School holidays. We continue to get an excellent waste collection service and fly-

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tipping is promptly cleared up.

Since the drains in the Village have been overhauled, especially at the village end of Penny Lane, on the A5080 at the end of Wheatfield and on Smith Lane outside the School, this seems to have solved the problem in Smithy Lane and other areas of the Village. There was serious contamination of the Brook but actions taken have cleared up the Brook and it continues to improve with time.

The next improvement to the Pasture is planned to be fixing of the poor drainage in this area, to this end a survey to investigate the feasibility of drainage has been instigated by 20-20 with a view to applying for grants to improve the drainage of the Pasture to facilitate the leisure and sporting activities on the Pasture. Knowsley MBC has maintained the Pasture to our Green Flag status, but will now no longer be going to support this maintenance. The Village through the Parish Council has taken on this responsibility by putting the cost onto the Precept.

We have continued to receive good policing in the Village; the Police have been particularly active in dealing with illegal parking at the schools and on double yellow lines. There is still some speeding in the village, but the introduction of the 20mph zones seem to have helped. A special thanks to Dave Rimmer, our PCSO who has recently resigned from the Police and we wish him every success for the future.

Network meetings are held every 3 months and have continued to be well attended. These meetings act as an important vehicle for the voice of the community to be heard and are an excellent adjunct to the Parish Council.

*Will Cook
Chairman*



CRONTON GALA

CRONTON GALA held on the 13th June was a great success and each year goes from strength to strength. We were all very worried about the weather forecast as close as the day before but happily on the day the sun shone and everyone had a jolly time. Each year the Gala is a little different and this year was probably one of the best with something for everyone. We had lots of praise and no complaints. Many villagers entered in the spirit and exhibited scarecrows during the week leading up to the Gala, they were all really good and it was hard to try and judge the best.

Your Gala Committee works hard throughout the year organising the Gala and other supporting events. Keep an eye on the Parish Council office window for updates. Better still, and if you have an hour to spare now and then, why not come and join our happy band, we can always use a bit of extra help. Call Ian 07770395599 for details.



www.cronton.org

Check out the new village website

As you may already know we lost our original website for some unknown reason, so had to begin again. The new site has been up and running since January this year and is developing along the same lines as the original, but is much more user-friendly.

Check it out for up-to-date information about the village of Cronton, from Parish Council Meeting Minutes to local activities and services.

If you have any suggestions for additional menu items or you have any photographs which could be added.



Councillor Vacancies

Councillors represent the interest of the community, work and make decisions together to improve the quality of life and local environment.

If you are interested, please contact the Chairman Councillor Will Cook on 0151 424 4612 or the Clerk (see contact us) for details.

YOUR VILLAGE

The Pasture

As you are no doubt aware our village park the Pasture has seen significant improvements over the last few years and is now one of the finest country parks in the area enjoyed by Cronton residents and visitors to our village. We have seen increased usage of the Pasture all very positive in the main with families, children and dog walkers all enjoying the lovely environment that the Pasture provides.

We have however experienced some negative activity in the form of large gangs of visiting youths and girls that assemble in intimidating numbers creating noise pollution until late into the night and evidence of vandalism.

Also may we remind you that camping is not allowed on the Pasture nor is the use of any kind of motorised vehicles including child size quads.

Should you witness any misuse of our Pasture please do not hesitate to report it to Merseyside Police by dialling 101.

New PCSO

After many years of good service to Cronton Dave Rimmer has moved on to pursue his career elsewhere and has been replaced by another enthusiastic individual Matt Lawrence who is now our new PCSO. Should you want to contact or meet Matt for whatever reason please contact via the following:

Email
council@cronton49.freeserve.co.uk

Telephone
0151 420 0235 and leave a message and your contact details

Post a note and pop it through the letterbox at the Parish Council offices at 7 Hampton Drive Cronton WA8 5BZ and mark your envelope FAO PCSO.



Community Engagement

We in Cronton are suffering like most areas due to Local Government budget cuts that means some of the services we used to receive will no longer be available. One example of this is that the planters around the village that were planted with seasonal flowers and shrubs will no longer be replaced and it was suggested the planters around the shops should be removed.

The Parish Council believe that this would be a retrograde step and therefore we at the early stages of developing a volunteer scheme via community engagement.

Should you have any spare time and be prepared to spend an hour two to assist in maintaining the standards of the village then we would be delighted to hear from you. (See contact above)

Dave Rostance
Chairman
General Purposes and
Environment Committee

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for details



THE KNOWSLEY COUNCIL APP

The official Knowsley Council mobile app gives residents access to a range of council services and information whilst on the move. Using the app, you can:

- Browse council jobs
- Keep up to date with council news
- Report a missed bin collection
- Report incidents of fly tipping
- Report issues with litter
- Report dog waste
- Report incidents of noise pollution

You can even pinpoint issues on a map of your local area and attach / upload images if appropriate.

All reported incidents go directly to the council ensuring your query or issues is dealt with swiftly.



YOU ARE INVITED

CRONTON NEIGHBOURHOOD
NETWORK MEETING - 7.00
pm on Tuesday 13 October
2015

Cronton Parish Council Offices,
7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

WARD COUNCILLORS

(Whiston + Cronton)

Terry Byron	0151 208 3281
Tony Newman	0151 292 4884
David Williams	0151 430 0607

News
from
Cronton
Mission
Church



You probably know that there is a Methodist Chapel and a Roman Catholic Church in the village – but did you know that **there is a Church of England mission church in Cronton?** We meet in Cronton CE Primary School – and you are very welcome to come along and join us for relaxed and friendly worship on Sundays.

You may never have been to church; you may not have been for years and you may only have been to church for baptisms, weddings and funerals – but you are always welcome to join us. I think we would all say that we leave here with a smile on our face, feeling lighter, refreshed and ready for the week. Give it a try!

We have a Sunday service three weeks out of four – always at 10.30 am

- Week 1 – Morning Prayer
- Week 2 – Café style church
- Week 3 – no service
- Week 4 – Holy Communion

We have a lively Sunday School and the highlight of this year was



the service for the Confirmation of children and adults from all the churches in East Widnes. This was held in Cronton for

the first time, so we had Confirmation candidates from four churches confirmed by the new Bishop of Liverpool - who seemed very much at home here in Cronton. He is pictured here with India Odley who has been attending Cronton Mission since she was a baby.

We no longer have our own dedicated vicar in Cronton. As in many parishes, East Widnes has a small clergy team (two vicars and a curate) covering four churches, supported by a team of licenced Lay Readers. The whole team work in every church on a rota, so everyone on the team leads services in every church and no church has a single vicar.

Our clergy team is led by Revd Helen Blackburn, assisted by Revd Lyn McIver and our curate – Revd Laura Leatherbarrow. Revd Lyn McIver has key responsibility for Cronton – she is in school and around the village every Monday. Have a chat if you see her around – she wants to get to know people.

If you know anyone who would like a home visit; to receive home Communion or a prayer – please let us know. If you or someone you know needs some spiritual support, please let us know. You can call the Team administrator on 0151 423 4311 or email us on

eastwidnesteam.2942@gmail.com



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For everything else call **101**

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Knowsley Council

Coming Council Meetings



At Cronton Parish Council Office, commencing at 7.00 pm

Monday 7 September

Council Meeting

Monday 21 September

General Purposes and Environment Committee

Finance and Policy Committee

Monday 19 October

Council Meeting

Monday 2 November

Committee Meetings

Monday 30 November

Council Meeting

Monday 14 December

Committee Meetings



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

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