

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020



The Parish Council continues to support and promote the interests of the residents of Cranton with Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC), the Ward Councillors and other public bodies. Since I have been Chair, despite the cost cutting of KMBC, I have noticed no deterioration in services that the community has received; this is particularly relevant to the waste collection, cleanliness of the village, hedgerows and lighting. However, care of local spaces has deteriorated. We continue to get an excellent waste collection service and fly-tipping is promptly cleared. A camera has been erected in Tue Lane to spot illegal tipping, this seems to have helped. A group of Ward and Parish Councillors regularly inspect the Village and residents are encouraged to report any defects.

The poor drainage of the Pasture has been attended to and to this end we used a Grant from the Corrie Trust, this is supported by matched funding from the Parish Council, Junior Football team and Gala Committee, the action has been partially successful as there has been further drainage problems. The Green Flag status of the Pasture has been maintained with many thanks to the Knowsley Parks Department. They have been hired to maintain the Pasture for the 2019 season. Unfortunately, due to the heavy rainfall the Pasture has suffered badly and is very soggy, hopefully this wet weather is not now the norm and your Council will monitor the state of the Pasture very carefully.

There are still parking issues around the Schools at pickup times. There is still some speeding in the village – the Police appear to be powerless to interact with this nuisance but have recently been active on Smithy Lane, with a campaign to highlight speeding to road users. We continue to encourage the Police to maintain a watch on speeding. The other major problem has been youth nuisance in the Pasture; similarly we encourage the Police to take action on this.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Parish Council does not meet face to face and meetings are now online through Zoom, members of the public are still welcome to attend through that media. The date of the meetings are posted in the Parish Council shop window.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parish Councillors and Clerk for their continued support.

Will Cook  
Chairman (2019/20)  
Cranton Parish Council

29/12/20