



MINUTES OF THE CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	
Date	13 th May 2024 at 7pm
Venue	Cronton Parish Office
Attendees Present	Cllr Rosanne Hayes Cllr David Thomas Cllr Lianne Terry Cllr Rachel Fielding Cllr Gordon Thomas Cllr Ged McGann
Apologies	Cllr Vinny Dooley
In attendance	Yvonne Prescott Clerk & RFO Cllr R Gaffney PC M Vincent

For all sets of minutes and backing papers it is taken that all will have been pre-read and coverage will therefore be limited to: • accuracy • action points • challenge

AGENDA ITEM 1	WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
Approved	Councillors were welcomed to the meeting by Cllr R Hayes and apologies accepted. No apologies received from Cllr W Cook. The meeting met its quorum.
AGENDA ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
Approved	No new declarations of interest were received.
AGENDA ITEM 3	PART ONE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8th April 2024)
Approved	The minutes were deemed a true and correct record.
AGENDA ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING
	No matters arising

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AGENDA ITEM 5	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	<p>There was one member of the public in attendance.</p> <p>Q. Why the precept has increased so much & Grants has reduced,</p> <p>A. Pasture costs have increased, committed to Knowsley flower show shuttle bus and the council are not looking at this being a regular increase.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 6	WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS
	<p>Cllr Ron Gaffney reported that in his opinion the level of hostility aimed at Councillors, is rising not just in Knowsley but UK wide.</p> <p>Cllr Ron Gaffney also noted that a complaint has been raised regarding a gable end, in a conservation area, that has been painted in a very bright colour. This has now been passed to the conservation officer.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 7	COUNCILLOR REPORTS
	<p>To receive for information only the undermentioned verbal reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Policing in Cronton <p>PC Vincent was in attendance and confirmed that over the last month there had been more police patrols in the Parish and Pex Hill.</p> <p>Scrambler bikes have been witnessed on Pex Hill and Police are dealing with these issues.</p> <p>Social Media sites are being used to report incidents, PC has gone through them.</p> <p>Contact made with Cheshire Police and looking a joint approach to Cronton moving forward.</p> <p>Police surgeries in place and police will attend community events.</p> <p>Police were invited to attend the gala on the 7th of September and on 6th</p>



June for D Day events

2. Transportation in Cronton – including:

- Traffic Signs – the sign has now been removed but not yet been placed in the correct place. No more updates as Cllr Dooley not in attendance. Cllr Gaffney confirmed that an area in Whiston has just had a speed limit reduced to 20mph.
- Yellow Lines Cronton Road – Resident emailed the Parish Council, and a discussion was held around the points raised. It was agreed that the extension of the Double Yellow Lines is needed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council will provide a letter of support in favour of the Double Yellow lines.
- Speed Checking in Cronton – It was agreed that the Parish Council will use the Speed Guns to record any data regarding speeding. This will then be passed to the traffic enforcement department. Cllr McGann to arrange this

3. Environment – including:

- Pasture Path / Multi User Path Update.

Cllr McGann had nothing to report regarding the Pasture Path.

Cllr Gaffney reported that many houses have been built near the path. The path near the houses is in incredible condition but parts of the path that are not near properties is in dreadful condition. Some residents have reported that they do not want the path as it leads to nowhere.

Cllr Terry had received an email from a resident regarding the Pasture cutting and can the grass cutting be removed? When will the railings be painted?

Pasture has been cut and due to cost the cuttings will not be removed, this has never been done previously. The painting of the railings has been chased and is ongoing.

Cllr Hayes is still awaiting a response from Grounds maintenance regarding several points.

Cllr G Thomas reported that the cadets have requested use of the Pasture a couple of times a year to practice drills etc. A discussion was held, and it was agreed that the cadets can use the Pasture and the footpaths as requested. It



was requested that they let the Parish Council know when they wish to use the Pasture.

Footballers have not started using the Pasture yet.

Cllr D Thomas reported that a fly tipping incident on Penny Lane had been reported last week. It has now been cleared and the security camera has been replaced on Tue Lane. Cllr D Thomas will contact Steve Donnelly regarding this.

- CPC Office internet & remedial quotes – Three quotes have been received and it was agreed to ask United Utilities to do a water test regarding the brown water. Add to next agenda.

Cllr G Thomas suggested we purchase some Mold Remover and treat the black Mold initially.

Action 26	Clerk to write to Knowsley MBC supporting the extension of double yellow lines.
Action 27	Cllr McGann to arrange a date for use of speed guns.
Action 28	Cllr Thomas to contact Steve Donnelly regarding Fly Tipping
Action 29	Clerk to ask United Utilities to complete a water test
Action 30	Cllr G Thomas to purchase Mold and Mildew remover.

Agreed	Cadets can use the Pasture for training with prior notice being given to Cronton Parish Council
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AGENDA ITEM 8	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
	<p>No objections to the planning application received.</p> <p>Cllr D Thomas reported that Halton & Knowsley councils are still awaiting information regarding the Taylor Wimpey build. There have been changes that may trigger another public meeting. Cllr G Thomas discussed objections regarding the previous consultation that may be raised again if another meeting is triggered.</p> <p>Cllr Gaffney reported that a large development in Prescot had received 263 objections, and the planning was denied pending a site visit.</p>
Noted	Councillors have agreed to monitor this situation.



AGENDA ITEM 9	D DAY
	<p>Cllr G Thomas discussed that the British Legion was very passionate to help CPC on D Day. Several meetings have taken place to plan the D DAY events. Preparations for the day were discussed and it was agreed that the Flag will be put out early morning and then the bells will start to ring at 6.30pm to symbolise the start of the event. The cadets will arrive at 7pm and the parade will start. At 8pm the town crier proclamation will start then the standards will take place and then march around the village and then the beacon will be lit on the pasture after the 9.10pm national standards. The parade will incorporate a route that passes Jimmy Finnegan's (Cronton Parish's oldest Veteran) house. Billinge Parish Council will be donating their beacon for CPC to use for the event. It was agreed to create a guest list and invite the local newspaper to attend. Road Closure still needs to be arranged and traffic management needs to be confirmed. A Consultation letter will need to be issued to residents and emergency services explaining the routes in and out of the village.</p>
Action 31	Cllr G Thomas to email councillors with 'to do ' list and issue consultation letter.

AGENDA ITEM 10	EMAIL ADDRESS & LAPTOP FOR PARISH COUNCIL
Action 32	Cllr Dooley not present. Item to be moved to next agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 11	NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA
	<p>To receive updates on the progress of the newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crime stoppers and Police information - Police & Cllr Dooley• Litter Picking - Cllr Feilding• Dog Fouling – Cllr Hayes• D Day – Cllr G Thomas• Christmas Service – Cllr Fielding• Gala – Cllr Hayes• Parking – Cllr Dooley• New Councillor – Cllr G Thomas



- Pasture update – Cllr Hayes

Action 33 Add to net agenda

**AGENDA
ITEM 12 DEFIB TRAINING**

To appoint David OConnell to provide BSL & Defib training.

Action 34 Clerk to appoint and obtain some dates.

**AGENDA
ITEM 13 FINANCE**

- **Budgetary Control Report**
To consider and approve the Budgetary Control Report as at 31/03/2024.
- **Receipts and Payments/Bank Reconciliation**
To note receipts and to authorise payments as listed and
To approve Bank Reconciliation as at 31/03/2024
- Receive and approve the AGAR for and Public Notice for 2022/23

Approved • Agar Form and all Finance items were approved.

**AGENDA
ITEM 14 PROCEDURES / POLICIES FOR REVIEW/APPROVAL**

It was agreed to adopt the sample policy from SLCC

**AGENDA
ITEM 15 SOCIAL SUPERMARKET**

To be added to a future agenda

**AGENDA
ITEM 16 Grants**

Cllr Terry reported that Jewsons may be able to supply paint for the office refurbishment.

**AGENDA
ITEM 17 REVIEW ACTION ITEMS**

Item	Action	Who	Status
2.	Follow up with Knowsley MBC regarding the parking on Smithy	Cllr Allen	Ongoing



	Lane		
4.	Follow up on Disability Walk Around	Cllr Dooley	Ongoing
14.	Invite Keith Moyles and Laura Brown from Highways to attend a Parish Council Meeting	Cllr Hayes	Ongoing
17.	Litter behind the shops – A letter to be issued to shop owners	Cllr Hayes	Ongoing
21.	All councillors to write a piece for the newsletter as allocated.	All	Ongoing
26	Clerk to write to Knowsley MBC supporting the extension of double yellow lines.	Clerk	Completed
27	Cllr McGann to arrange a date for use of speed guns.	Cllr McGann	
28	Cllr Thomas to contact Steve Donnelly regarding Fly Tipping	Cllr D Thomas	
29	Clerk to ask United Utilities to complete a water test	Clerk	
30	Cllr G Thomas to purchase Mold and Mildew remover.	Cllr G Thomas	
31	Cllr G Thomas to email councillors with 'to do ' list and issue consultation letter.	Cllr G Thomas	Completed
32	Email and laptop quote to be added to next agenda	Clerk	Completed
33	Newsletter added to next agenda	Clerk	Completed
34	Appoint D Oconnell for BSL training – obtain dates	Clerk	Completed

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AGENDA ITEM 19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING/S
	<p>Please refer to the meeting schedule circulated at the beginning of the year for all dates for 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 10th June 7pm

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