



**MINUTES
OF THE CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date	8 th April at 7pm
Venue	Cronton Parish Office
Attendees Attended	Cllr Rosie Hayes Cllr David Thomas Cllr Rachel Fielding Cllr Vinny Dooley Cllr Ron Gaffney Cllr David Thomas Cllr Gordon Thomas Cllr Wilf Cook
Apologies	Cllr Lianne Terry Cllr Ged McGann Cllr Denise Allan
In attendance	Yvonne Prescott Clerk & RFO PCO 6793 Millicent Vincent PCO Laming

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.
Noted	Chair welcomed all the Councillors and accepted the apologies. The meeting met its quorum.

AGENDA ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
Noted	No Declarations were raised.

AGENDA ITEM 3	PART ONE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (11th March 2024)
Agreed	Adjustment to wording on Section Cllr Reports and add Cllr Thomas surname. The minutes were agreed by Cllr Vinny Dooley and seconded by Cllr Rachel Feilding.

AGENDA ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING
Noted	No Issues arising.



AGENDA ITEM 5	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Noted	<p>There were 2 members of the public present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Fouling was raised as a concern. • Parking and road traffic on Smithy Lane. – Cllr Dooley confirmed Traffic enforcement officers were due to patrol after Christmas. The police will help with a patrol on Smithy Lane & Hall Lane.

AGENDA ITEM 6	WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS
Noted	<p>Cllr Gaffney thanked Cllr Feilding for the Big Spring Clean. It was a great turn out considering the weather. Knowsley MBC staff helped, and Councillors felt this was a great help and contributed to the community feel.</p> <p>Cllr Gaffney has recently been dealing with housing development issues, these are the same issues that the Parish Council has recently raised. All these issues including the Pasture could be directed and coordinated together.</p> <p>The drainage on the Pasture is an issue and this has been identified by the Ward Councillors and the Parish Councillors.</p> <p>Parking is an issue in the area and previously a meeting has been held which did not really provide a good solution to the parking situation. The idea of inviting them to a Parish Council meeting was a good one but needs a coordinated approach.</p> <p>The list of issues needs to discuss and approached in a chronologic order and then a plan compiled on how to resolve all these problems in the Parish.</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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCO Vincent is the Cronton Ward Officer. PCO Vincent reported that the quads have been on patrol on the village and staff have been on Pex Hill daily since the last meeting. Cllr Fielding noted that there had been incidents reported on social media that some children have been throwing eggs at residents' cars, The police were unaware of this but will check the report log. Police can issue parking fines, but they are not traffic enforcements officer. They would like to help with a patrol to reduce this matter in Cronton. <p>Q. What is the best way to report incidents to the police?</p>



A. 101 is the best way.

Q. Is there another way as 101 can be a lengthy task?

A. social media but request that the incident is sent to the local team.

PCO Vincent confirmed that all calls logged should receive an incident number.

Q. Why would a log number not be offered?

A. Maybe someone new or human error but you should be offered a log number.

Q. Is the Pavement parking email address still working?

A. PCO Vincent is unsure, but she will check when she is back at the station.

Scrambler bikes were reported outside the Cronton Parish office. Police are aware of this and trying to maintain a police presence in the area to discourage this behaviour. Crimestoppers is also a good place to report incident and you will be issued a log number. A leaflet drop for Crimestoppers was considered.

Cllr Fielding reported that a large amount (around 20) of aerosol canisters and fly tipping had been found on Pex Hill. PCO Vincent has a day of action in April and will include Pex Hill in that activity.

PCO's left the meeting at 19.43pm

2. Transportation in Cronton – including:

- Parking Permits

Cllr Dooley confirmed that the traffic department would be in touch after Easter, but we have not yet heard back from this department.

John Richards is the best contact for parking. Cllr Dooley also reported that no further progress has been made with the bus stop outside the one stop. Kneeling bus has not been functional so Cllr Dooley will look in to this.

- Yellow Lines Cronton

No further update.

3. Environment – including:

- Pasture Path/Multiuser Update

Cllr McGann not present so no further update



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPC Office Parish Council has rising damp in the toilet on the corridor, we have 2 quotes already and a builder coming to provide another quote on Wednesday. • Great British Spring Clean. Cllr Hayes thanked Cllr fielding and Cllr Feilding confirmed that a lot of rubbish was collected, and it was a great event. Cllr Thomas reported that some fly tipping on the pasture, and cigarette butts behind the row of shops. • Dog Fouling Cllr Hayes had a meeting with the Dog fouling team from Knowsley MBC. They have confirmed that the streets will be sprayed with the no fouling signs and some posters will be displayed in the area. They will also provide a presence in the area to monitor the situation. • Potholes Cllr Feilding will meet Cllr Allen and take some photographs of the pothole in Cronton.
Action 13	Cllr Dooley to liaise with Cllr Hayes on the traffic permit situation and Cllr Hayes will contact Highways department.
Action 14	Cllr Hayes to invite Keith Moyles & Laura Brown from Highways and the school Headteachers to the next meeting.
Action 15	Cllr Dooley to contact Highways regarding Yellow lines in Cronton.
Action 16	To obtain further quotes for the CPC office damp issue.
Action 17	Cllr Hayes to write a letter to shop owners about the litter behind the shops.

AGENDA ITEM 8	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/00118/FUL – Rear first floor extension and single story to bay and dormer extension to rear. A discussion was held regarding this planning application and councillors confirmed that they have no objections to this application. • 24/00131/FUL – Retention of detached garden room with adjacent external terrace/decking in rear garden. A discussion was held regarding this planning application and councillors confirmed that they wish to contact Knowsley MBC regarding this planning application. • 24/00135/FUL – Erection of Single-story extension and rear extension. A discussion was held regarding this planning application and councillors confirmed that they have no objections to this application.
Action 18	24/00131/FUL Councillors felt that this was built without consent in 2020. A letter asking Knowsley MBC to investigate this application.

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AGENDA ITEM 9	D DAY
Noted	<p>Cllr McGann has been trying to find out if we still have the beacon that has been previously utilised. Cllr Hayes confirmed it was expensive to hire/purchase another beacon. Cllr Thomas suggested that maybe the cadets could help with this, or Cllr Hayes suggested the local group who performs at the Gala may be able to help.</p> <p>Q. When it is the cenotaph do the cadets help? A. Sometimes</p>
Action 19 Action 20	<p>Cllr Hayes will drop a note to Geoff Pennington house asking if he still has the beacon. Cllr G Thomas will contact the cadets and museums.</p>

AGENDA ITEM 10	EMAIL ADDRESS & LAPTOP FOR PARISH COUNCIL
Noted	<p>Knowsley MBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up Costs £0• Email Address £346.50• With an increase of £40 per year based on Microsoft putting up their prices this would be re-invoiced yearly. <p>Scanstation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email address £396 plus Vat• Set Up Cost £240 plus Vat <p>Netwise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email Address £160 plus Vat• Annual Cost £100 plus Vat• No Microsoft with this quote so would be extra.
Agreed	<p>A vote was held, and it was agreed to purchase the email address from Knowsley MBC.</p>

AGENDA ITEM 11	NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA
Noted	<p>A discussion was held, and the following suggestions were raised as ideas for the May 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



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Councillor – Cllr G Thomas• Pasture update – Cllr Hayes
Action 21	All councillors to write a piece for the newsletter as allocated.

AGENDA ITEM 12	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDER
	<p>A discussion was held around the tender applications and a meeting was held with Knowsley MBC to confirm some questions that the Parish Council would like confirmed. Wildflower Garden was discussed, and it was agreed that as the seed can be unreliable, and Knowsley MBC suggested that plugs would be a better solution. Knowsley MBC will obtain quotes for the plugs.</p> <p>The path was costed incorrectly but it was agreed that as the path was not in a great state at present. It was suggested that we accept the tender for a 12-month contract. Discussions are ongoing with Knowsley MBC regarding the drainage. A discussion was held.</p>
Agreed Action 22	<p>To accept the Knowsley MBC tender for 12 months.</p> <p>Clerk to contact tender applications with the outcomes.</p>

AGENDA ITEM 13	DEFIB TRAINING
Action 23	To be moved to next agenda

AGENDA ITEM 14	GRANTS
	Merseyside Police have granted us £1650 towards planters and seeds. Councillors would like to thank the police and Lesley Barnabus Knowsley MBC.
Action 24	Clerk to thank police and L Barnabus

AGENDA ITEM 15	SOCIAL SUPERMARKET
Action 25	To be moved to next agenda

AGENDA ITEM 16	FINANCE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budgetary Control Report To consider and approve the Budgetary Control Report as at 11/02/2024.• Receipts and Payments/Bank Reconciliation To note receipts and to authorise payments as listed and



	To approve Bank Reconciliation as at 11/02/2024
AGREED	All Payments agreed. It was agreed to purchase Clear Councils insurance, EDF and BT Internet including landline.

AGENDA ITEM 17	PROCEDURES / POLICIES FOR REVIEW/APPROVAL
	No Policies to be reviewed at present.

AGENDA ITEM 18	REVIEW ACTION ITEMS			
	Item	Action	Who	Status
	1.	Social Supermarket to be added to agenda when more information available.	Cllr McGann & Cllr Allen	To be added to May 2024 Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING/S
	Please refer to the meeting schedule circulated at the beginning of the year for all dates for 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 13th May 7pm <div style="text-align: right;"><i>R. Hayes</i></div>