



**MINUTES
OF THE CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date	11 th March 2024 at 7pm
Venue	Cranton Parish Office
Attendees Attended	Cllr Rosie Hayes Cllr David Thomas Cllr Lianne Terry Cllr Rachel Fielding Cllr Vinny Dooley Cllr Ged McGann Cllr Ron Gaffney Cllr Will Cook Cllr Terry Byron
Apologies	Cllr David Thomas Cllr Denise Allan
In attendance	Yvonne Prescott Clerk & RFO PCO Tom McGrady PCO Tigan Wood

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 (12th February 2023)
Agreed	The minutes were agreed by Cllr Lianne Terry and seconded by Cllr Will Cook.
AGENDA ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING
Agreed	A discussion was held regarding public participation, and it was agreed to make a bullet point note of any issues.

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AGENDA ITEM 5	TERM OF OFFICE & VACANCY
Agreed	A discussion was held regarding the councillor vacancy, and it was agreed to Co-opt Gordon

AGENDA ITEM 6	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Noted	No public in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 7	WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS
Noted	<p>Cllr Byron reported about the Fly tipping issues. Covert Cameras are being placed in Cronton to identify Fly Tipping. Cllr Byron will enquire where the cameras will be placed and inform the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Gaffney reported that Knowsley MBC planning Dept had held a meeting regarding the footpath in Cronton (Norlands Lane to Pex Hill) and it had been agreed to keep the footpaths open. Knowsley MBC confirmed that there are large areas of land that are owned by people who they have not been able to contact.</p> <p>Cllr Gaffney issued all councillors with contact numbers if anyone discovers shopping trollies that have been fly tipped.</p>

AGENDA ITEM 8	COUNCILLOR REPORTS
	<p>To receive for information only the undermentioned verbal reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Policing in Cronton PCO T McGrady and PCO T Wood reported to all the councillors about the current statics, only 14 crimes have been reported recently in this area, this could be due to lack of people reporting the incidents. Police Quad Bikes are sent out to monitor ASB incidents. Police are keen to encourage residents to report any incidents, they can be reported via the phone, social media, police website and via the neighbourhood watch contact. A discussion was held regarding the boarder of Cronton as it sits between Merseyside Police and Chesire Police. The police are keen to work with the Parish Council in attending incidents. Councillors feel that incidents seem to increase when dispersant orders have been put in place in others areas and the perpetrators move on to Cronton then.



Q. When Cheshire Police are moving ASB incidents on and they end up in Cronton do Merseyside Police get informed about this?-

A. Not always, it would depend on the incident.

PCO Left the meeting 19.35pm

2. Transportation in Cronton – including:

• Cycle Path Update

Cllr McGann reported back regarding the email he had received from Knowsley MBC. He asked various questions regarding the finances and planning for the cycle path and after chasing up Knowsley MBC he received a response that did not answer any of the points raised by Cllr McGann. Cllr McGann asked if Cllr Hayes could contact Kevin McGile at Knowsley MBC and it was agreed.

• Speeding in Hall Lane.

Cllr Hayes has noticed an increase in speeding on Hall Lane. It was suggested that Speed Camera is used on Hall Lane to deter this escalating any further. Cllr McGann will contact the Speeding Team and arrange this.

• SID returning to Cronton.

Cllr Dooley reported that the SID will be installed in Cronton in the New Financial Year. It will be installed on Chapel Lane. It was noted that it would need to be installed on the correct part of Chapel Lane where the cars pick up speed.

• Traffic Warden visits Update.

Cllr Dooley has contacted the Traffic Department in Knowsley who have agreed to send out the traffic wardens out on a more regular basis. Cllr Dooley has not yet received dates and times.

Q. Is it mostly Illegal Parking?

A. Yes, mostly on Double Yellow Lines.

Residents are questioning the extension of the double yellow lines, are they going to be policed otherwise they do not feel that this initiative will bring positive results. Residents have raised concerns that the extension of double



yellow lines and it being policed will move the problem further into Cronton. Merseyside Police has a system where you can send a photo of someone who was illegally parked to them, and they would respond by contacting the owner of the vehicle, but it was unsure if this system is still in place.

One of the schools in Cronton has ample parking but another school has extremely limited parking, this is making the situation worse at school times. The after-school parking situation seems to be worse than the morning and it was felt that the schools breakfast club eases congestion.

Q. Could the Unicorn Public House open their car park to parents at school times?

A. Yes that would be a good idea and something they may be open to.

3. Environment – including:

- Tender Applications.

Cllr Hayes started the discussion about the tender applications and asked councillors for their views.

A suggestion about segregating an area for Beekeepers to use was discussed.

Q. Will we get a percentage of money returned if they don't meet the tender requirements or the ROSPA requirements?

A. These are very good points, this question should be asked before we accept the Tender.

The drainage on the Pasture is a large factor for the Parish Council to consider. A discussion was held about leasing the area and the cost of drainage, is it an option to hand the lease back to Knowsley MBC?

It was **AGREED** to postpone the decision until the matters arising from the Tenders have been answered.

- Pasture Path Update.

Cllr Hayes has been chasing an update on this issue, Knowsley MBC has completed some drainage work on the path but have not yet provided the financial figures that the Parish Council requested.

- Pothole Update.

Cllr Fielding has nothing to report on this now.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling Update. Cllr Hayes has nothing to report on this issue now. Cllr McGann reported that the issue is getting worse. • Great British Spring Clean. Cllr Hayes reported that this event is normally held between the 15th and 31st March. Cllr Hayes asked if anyone would like to organise/promote this event and it was agreed that Cllr Fielding would lead on this project and would aim for it to be on the 23/24th March.
ACTION 7	Clerk to contact Tender applicants with decisions/questions.
ACTION 8	Cllr Fielding to arrange/promote The Great British Spring Clean.

AGENDA ITEM 9	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Noted	Cllr McGann noted a planning application in Prescott to update the playing fields. Cllr Hayes noted a planning application from Taylor Wimpey on Foxwood Garden Village.

AGENDA ITEM 10	D DAY
	Cllr Hayes asked Councillors for input on event ideas for D Day celebrations in the village. Cllr McGann is trying to source the beacon previously used in events. This would then be lit on Pex Hill to commemorate D Day.
ACTION 9	Add to next agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 11	EMAIL ADDRESS & LAPTOP FOR PARISH COUNCIL
	Cllr Hayes informed the councillors about the legislation changing and the Parish Council now need to have a .Gov uk email address. The Parish Council has sourced various options for this. It was agreed to continue sourcing options.
ACTION 10	Add to next agenda

AGENDA ITEM 12	NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA
	Cllr Hayes reported that the last newsletter was issued in November 2023. It was suggested that the next newsletter would be issued after Easter. It was suggested that the following items could be included: Litter picking event

Handwritten initials



	<p>Gala</p> <p>D Day</p> <p>New ownership</p> <p>Christmas Tree</p> <p>It was requested that any other suggestions be emailed to the Chair and Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Hayes discussed Social Media update post meeting and asked for Councillors feedback.</p> <p>It was agreed this was a good idea and Cllr Fielding and Cllr Tierney agreed to help with this to promote Cronton Parish Council.</p>
ACTION 11	Cllr Fielding & Cllr Tierney to help promote CPC on social media.

AGENDA ITEM 13	GRANTS
	Cllr Hayes requested ideas for Grants that may be able to help update Cronton Parish Office. Cllr Tierney will speak to Jewson's about the community grant that they offer.
ACTION 12	To source grants for update of CPC office.

AGENDA ITEM 14	KNOWSLEY SHUTTLE BUS
	Cllr Hayes reported that Knowsley MBC have agreed to pay half the cost of the bus. It was agreed that Cronton Parish Council will pay the other half (£300). Cllr Tierney suggested that the public houses in the village may contribute to the cost if the pub picks up outside their property.
AGREED	To pay £300 towards the cost of the shuttle bus.

AGENDA ITEM 15	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	To move Budgetary Control Report to the next agenda. All Payments agreed.

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AGENDA ITEM 16	PROCEDURES / POLICIES FOR REVIEW/APPROVAL
	No Policies to be reviewed at present.

AGENDA ITEM 17	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 April 2024 Agenda.
	2.	Appoint a Project Manager for Path at Cronton Colliery.	Chair to assign	Cllr McGann assigned.
	3.	Council Vacancy to be filled	All	Completed.
		Follow up with Knowsley MBC regarding the parking on Smithy Lane.	Cllr Allen	Ongoing.
	4.	Follow up on the Disability Walk Around.	Cllr Dooley	Ongoing.
	5.	Ask Knowsley MBC to stencil the pavement.	Chair to assign	Cllr Hayes
	6.	Contact Richard Thorpe regarding the Multi Use Path.	Cllr McGann	Ongoing.

AGENDA ITEM 18	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 8th April 7pm

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CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING: 11th March 2024

AMENDMENT TO MINUTES

Following a discussion at the April 2024 Meeting of the full council held on 8th April 2024, it was proposed by Councillor G Thomas and seconded by Councillor R Heyes that **MINUTE REFERENCE 5 and 8** be amended as follows:

1. MINUTE REFERENCE 5

- (a) To include Cllr Gordon Thomas surname.**
 - a. The council agreed to coopt Gordon Thomas.**

2. MINUTE REFERENCE 8

- a) To clarify that the Unicorn Public House would need to be asked by a Councillor if they could open their car park to parents.**

