



MINUTES OF THE CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	
Date	9 th December 2024 at 7pm
Venue	Cranton Parish Office
Attendees Present	Cllr Rosanne Hayes Cllr David Thomas Cllr Rachel Fielding – arrived 19.32pm Cllr Gordon Thomas Cllr Ged McGann Cllr David Thomas Cllr Simon Boyd Cllr Vinny Dooley
Apologies	Cllr Lianne Terry
Present attendance	Yvonne Prescott Clerk & RFO Cllr R Gaffney PC M Vincent Cllr T Byron Cllr D Allen E Birtles

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.
	Councillors were welcomed to the meeting. The meeting met its quorum.

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AGENDA ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
	There were no new declaration of pecuniary or personal interests.

AGENDA ITEM 3	PART ONE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (4th November 2024)
	The minutes from the 4 th of November were approved by Cllr D Thomas and seconded by Cllr G Thomas.

AGENDA ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING
	No new matters arising.

AGENDA ITEM 5	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	<p>There were five members of the public present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Congestion on the roundabout, Cronton Colliery, 25 minutes to get to work, Cllr Gaffney responded to confirm that Windy Arbour Rd is closed so this is adding to the problem. Bus Companies can't stop if no temporary signs. This will not be completed until late 2025.• Yodel site, bus stop heading towards Liverpool has no litter bin and the litter is strewn all over the road. Cllr Gaffney confirmed that no plan for a bin currently, he will raise this issue at the planning committee next week.

AGENDA ITEM 6	WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS
	Councillor received reports from Cllr R Gaffney:



- Cllr R Gaffney reported that the rat problem has been reported to the Environment Health department, no response yet. Cllr Gaffney will speak to the resident who originally reported the issue.
- Pex Hill link to Norlands Lane, issues with fly tipping, someone must be providing fly tippers with a key for the gate, as this area is protected by large locked double gates. Cllr Gaffney will check the status of the land that it is green belt land. Cllr McGann confirmed that the field in his opinion is in Cronton Parish but the area with the gates is in Halton.
- Council officers not responding to emails.
- Cllr G Thomas asked if there was an Ombudsman that people could complain to regarding Knowsley MBC. Cllr Gaffney confirmed that there is.

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

To receive for information only the undermentioned verbal reports:

1. Policing in Cronton

PC M Vincent was present and reported that Cronton is in a very good place now and the statics are lower. Police are working with the local school on speeding. Schools are asking children to be involved in the speeding issues and community liaison. Recruiting of parent volunteers will hopefully happen in the New Year.

Parking on Smithy Lane – resident complaint – was reported to the police. The police will warn the shops, pubs and chip shops about the parking. Cllr Heyes asked if Police could look if people have parked incorrectly, PC Vincent confirmed she can stop and warn the car owners. Issues around disabled people getting past the cars.

Cllr McGann feels that the response unit drives around at the wrong time to observe any of the complaints.

2. Transportation in Cronton - Discussed in policing, it was agreed to invite Laura Brown to the January meeting.

3. Environment – including:

- Pasture update from C Birtles



- Chris Birtles reported that all the cutting back for the Pasture, full winter works and laying the paving slabs at the end of January.
 - Wildflower meadows will be started in March after last years failings. This will be a different process to last year. No costing received for plugs yet so C Birtles will chase this up.
 - No Sculptures as funding was not met in time, some other funding steams will be available in 2025 so that will explored.
 - Three trees are down in the play area and Knowsley MBC are prioritising anything that may cause a danger to life, but all cases will be dealt with as soon as possible.
 - Branch hanging down since November so this needs to be rectified Cllr Heyes reported this and C Birtles will check the progress of this.
 - Drainage of the Pasture Site, Clerk attended a funding meeting with Knowsley MBC, no contact made with Pex Hill yet even though Knowsley MBC has made several requests. Cllr Boyd will chase this up to set up a three-way meeting between CPC, Pex Hill and Knowsley MBC.
 - Green Space action plan has been approved and is available online.
 - Cllr Heyes asked about a funding source that Caroline mentioned, C Birtles to chase up.
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- Dog Fouling – Resident email – Cllr Heyes reported this issue to Rachel Gibson in Knowsley MBC, and they will be doing more stencils, and another dog warden has been recruited. Knowsley MBCs are asking for all incidents to be reported so that it can be raised at the action day. Rachel Gibson will invite CPC to the next action day.
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- Fly Tipping on Hall Lane has been reported today.
 - Some canisters have been found on private lane; residents are unsure how to dispose of them.
 - Autumn Clean – Date set for next clean up. Cllr agreed on 30th December 2024.

W. Heyes



AGENDA ITEM 8	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
	<p>There were no new planning applications to discuss. Cllr D Thomas no movement on the Taylor Wimpey planning. Documents have not been submitted and Jo Sheridan is unsure when the new date will be. PC Vincent can ask the police architect if they are aware if any of the plans have changed and report back to Cllr D Thomas.</p>

AGENDA ITEM 9	CAROL SERVICE
	<p>Tree will be put in place on Tuesday 10/12/24. Cllr Fielding to email Cllr McGann the names of the children.</p> <p>The service will be advertised on social media so that residents can be bring cash if they want to.</p> <p>Clerk purchased the vouchers for the children who have won the design competition.</p> <p>3/4 councillors present on the night that can help with the collection and counting any monies received. It was agreed that the Parish Council will round the collection up to the nearest £100 pound.</p>

AGENDA ITEM 10	OFFICE UPGRADE
	<p>Cllr Heyes would like to upgrade the main area of the office and asked for suggestions and improvement ideas. A discussion was held, it was agreed to concentrate on the main area and the office. It was suggested that a tender is put out in the local area for the work. It was suggested to use the saving made on clerk's pension to pay for the work.</p>



AGENDA ITEM 11	FINANCE																								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgetary Control Report To consider and approve the Budgetary Control Report as at 30/11/2024. • Receipts and Payments/Bank Reconciliation To note receipts and to authorise payments as listed and to approve Bank Reconciliation as at 30/11/2024 <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>REASON</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> <th>CHQ NUMBER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Yvonne Prescott</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>£720.23</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yvonne Prescott</td> <td>Voucher for Children – Prize winners</td> <td>£30.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Contributions</td> <td>£180.06</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Netwise</td> <td>Domain Set up and Registration</td> <td>£40.08</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access By Design</td> <td>Link In with new email address</td> <td>£192.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NUMBER	Yvonne Prescott	Salary	£720.23		Yvonne Prescott	Voucher for Children – Prize winners	£30.00		HMRC	Contributions	£180.06		Netwise	Domain Set up and Registration	£40.08		Access By Design	Link In with new email address	£192.00	
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AGENDA ITEM 12	GRANTS
	Cllr R Heyes update that the party will be held on Saturday 14 th December 20024

AGENDA ITEM 13	VE DAY 80 th 5 th MAY
	<p>Cllr G Thomas reported that VE Day theme is street theatre in 2025. Cllr Thomas suggested that the pasture could be used as an outdoor theatre. Sound of Music could be the musical that is performed. The local dance theatre could be asked to be involved.</p> <p>It was suggested the whole pasture be used.</p>



AGENDA ITEM 14	WHISTON WOODS
	<p>Whiston woods committee requested support from Cronton Parish Council, it has been discovered that Whiston Woods can be made into an asset of the community. The committee have approached several companies to help support this cause.</p> <p>This will help create more time for the Whiston Woods Committee to oppose the woods being destroyed.</p> <p>Cllr Gaffney thanked the committee for all their hard work.</p> <p>Deadline is asap.</p>
Action	It was agreed to complete the form.

AGENDA ITEM 15	ACTIONS
	Cllr discussed the action plan and talked through the outstanding actions.

AGENDA ITEM 16	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 13th January 7pm