



**MINUTES
OF THE CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date	4 th November 2024 at 7pm
Venue	Cronton Parish Office
Attendees Expected	Cllr Rosanne Hayes Cllr David Thomas Cllr Rachel Fielding Cllr Gordon Thomas Cllr Ged McGann Cllr Vinny Dooley Cllr David Thomas Cllr Simon Boyd
Apologies	Cllr Lianne Terry Cllr R Gaffney Cllr T Byron
Expected attendance	Yvonne Prescott Clerk & RFO PC M Vincent Cllr D Allen

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.
	A warm welcome to new councillor Simon Boyd. Councillors were welcomed to the meeting and all apologies were accepted. The meeting met its quorum.
AGENDA ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.



Cllr Heyes & Cllr G Thomas declared that they were volunteering to help at the pensioner's party.

**AGENDA
ITEM 3** PART ONE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (7th October 2024)

The minutes from 7th October 2024 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Cllr Dooley and Cllr D Thomas approved.

**AGENDA
ITEM 4** MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

**AGENDA
ITEM 5** PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of public was present.

- Parking on the main road has not improved. Cllr Dooley met with PC Vincent last week and there will be an improved targeted response to this.

**AGENDA
ITEM 6** WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS



Cllr Allen reported that Cllr Byron has chased up about the double yellow lines and will forward on any response.
Mersey travel looking at keeping the £2 cap on travel, Cllr Allen will be attending a meeting later this week.

Cllr Gaffney reported that he had received an email from Knowsley Health Watch, it was reported that there was a pest control issue within the parish.
Cllr D Thomas suggested that in the past CPC have written to United Utilities about any Pest Control Issues.
Knowsley Health Watch and Cllr Gaffney will work together to monitor this.

Cllr Gaffney also reported that it was noted in a ward councillor meeting that officers are not responding to outside emails within the correct time frame. Caroline Holmes & Keith Moyles was reported as not responding along with others.
It was also noted that when trying to contact a person in the Local authority you very often get someone else in the department, so you do not deal with the people that you initial contacted.
It was agreed to monitor this.

**AGENDA
ITEM 7**

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

To receive **for information only** the undermentioned verbal reports:

1. Policing in Cronton – PC Vincent reported back that the statistics are not always relevant to the councillors so will bring forward the relevant information.
Traffic statistics are low currently, which is good news.
Safer roads initiative from last meeting, only two people volunteer, and we



need three for the programme to go ahead. It was suggested that we put another call out on social media and the website. PC Vincent will also link in with the schools.

2. Transportation in Cronton – including:

- Yellow Lines – Resident emails – discussed in Item 6.
- Cllr Dooley still trying to obtain contact with Richard Thorpe. Cllr Allen will bring up at the ward councillor meeting.

3. Environment – including:

- Pasture update – Move to December agenda when C Birtles will be in attendance.
- Fly Tipping – minor incidents around the parish but seems to have slowed down.

Action	Clerk to add Pasture update to December Agenda.
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AGENDA ITEM 8	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
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To discuss 24/00428/FUL for the Unicorn Public House.

Cllr D Thomas said the only suggestion would be that the extension was kept in keeping with the original building.

Some concerns around the plans for the outside.

Cllrs were all supportive of this planning application but going forward there maybe concerns from residents if live music is played outside, that would be a licencing issue not a planning issue.

Cllr Thomas reported that Jo Sheridan contacted him today to say that Taylor Wimpey should have delivered the revised package by the end of October, but it has been delayed.

Cllr D Thomas reported that CPC sent a 3rd letter to D Twigg and received a one-line email response.

Small changes to planning application for the landscaping in the collier development.

**AGENDA
ITEM 9**

CAROL SERVICE

Cllr McGann confirmed the date 11th December 2024 and that the schools are happy to be involved. Invitation are to be sent to the following people:

Will Cook
Local Councillors & Ward Councillors
Mayor & Mayoress
Schools
Food Bank (this will be nominated as the charity)

Tree lighting at 7pm and the children who have won the competition in school, light the tree.
Carol service 7.30pm organised by the schools and church.
Councillors will take the collection – Cllr McGann to speak to the school.
Once donations have been counted and then a cheque will be presented to the Food Bank. **Q. Did the damaged tree lights get fixed?**
A. Yes, the electrics were okay, and Cllr McGann will check the lights.

Q. Have we got a Christmas Tree & Lights?
A. No, this needs to be organised – Cllr Feilding will organise.

Action Clerk to purchase two vouchers for the children who have won the competition.

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AGENDA ITEM 10	DATES FOR NEXT MEETING
	The dates circulated were agreed, add annual report as a separate meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11	FINANCE																																				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgetary Control Report To consider and approve the Budgetary Control Report as at 31/10/2024. • Receipts and Payments/Bank Reconciliation To note receipts and to authorise payments as listed and To approve Bank Reconciliation as at 31/10/2024 																																				
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AGENDA ITEM 12	GRANTS
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Cllr R Heyes presented a copy of the grant application for the pensions party. The grant application was discussed, and it was agreed to contribute £500. There was some concerns that the application form was from an association outside of the Parish.

Action To award the grant.

**AGENDA
ITEM 13** REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

All items have been addressed and nothing outstanding. Cllr Thomas & Cllr McGann to receive the wreath laying list from the clerk.

Action Clerk to send wreath laying list to Cllr Thomas & Cllr McGann.

**AGENDA
ITEM 14** CLERK VACANCY

Cllr Heyes has drafted an advert & Job description for the Clerks Position and will liaise with the clerk to get this advertised on the website, LALC and Knowsley MBC. It was agreed Cllr Heyes, Cllr McGann and Cllr D Thomas who would be on the interview panel. It was agreed to consider a job share.

**AGENDA
ITEM 15** ACTIONS

All actions were discussed.

**AGENDA
ITEM 16** DATE OF NEXT MEETING/S

Please refer to the meeting schedule circulated at the beginning of the year for all dates for 2024.

- Monday 9th December 7pm