



MINUTES OF THE CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	
Date	7 th October 2024 at 7pm
Venue	Cronton Parish Office
Attendees Present	Cllr Rosanne Hayes Cllr David Thomas Cllr Lianne Terry Cllr Gordon Thomas Cllr Ged McGann Cllr Vinny Dooley Cllr Rachel Fielding
Apologies	PC M Vincent Cllr D Allen
Present attendance	Yvonne Prescott Clerk & RFO Cllr T Byron Paul Fletcher CST Ben Bragg PC Quinn Cllr R Gaffney

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.
	The meeting meet its quorum.



AGENDA ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
	Councillors are required to declare any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declaration of pecuniary or personal interests.
AGENDA ITEM 3	PART ONE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (2nd September 2024)
	The minutes from the 2 nd of September 2024 were approved the minutes of the last meeting. Any points of accuracy should be addressed in this item.
AGENDA ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Councillor application – separate meeting to be arranged – 14/10/24 7pm</i>2. <i>Remembrance Day – Wreaths to be taken down. Bugler is booked, Chris Rodgers is representing Holy Family. Three clergy will be in attendance, Sean will sort out readings. Cllr G Thomas will have the list of wreath layers.</i>3. <i>Cllr W Cook – Invite to carol service & gift</i>
AGENDA ITEM 5	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	There were 7 members of the public present: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pleased to see communications have improved• Chapel Lane – if the housing estate is built is there a possibility of having a weight limit placed on the road? Possibly a 7.5 tonne? Possibility of a sign on the Prescot Road Bridge (Weak Bridge).• Signage still up saying road works from July. – Contact Tarmac to remove• Two information signs for housing sites that are a few years old.• Planning – Chapel Lane have a right of access for 2 other houses, they are using other properties access, how does this stop? Councillors referred the residents to the planning department & land registry.



Action	Clerk to contact Tarmac Clerk to speak to Knowsley Planning Department and ask for a site survey.

AGENDA ITEM 6	WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS
	<p>Ward Councillor Reports from Cllr Bryon & Cllr Gaffney.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Bryon confirmed that yellow lines have been given permission on Cronton Road. Cllr Byron will take the issues of speeding and speed bumps to Knowsley Council. He also sent apologies for not attending the Gala.• Cllr Gaffney congratulated the Gala committee for its successful turnout and friendly environment. Full council meeting on Wednesday will be ratifying the new CEO of Knowsley MBC.

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 - PC Bragg reported a dip in incidents being reported and would encourage Councillors and residents to report any incidents. Foot patrols around Pex Hill to deter anti-social behaviour. More issues that are reported will enable the police to implement more resources in the area. Speeding operation is being implemented and monitored, more tickets will be issued and hopefully this will reduce the number of incidents. Speed Traps will be placed in the area when staffing levels allow. <p>Q. Can the police bring crime statistics to the next meeting? Also, traffic statistics? A. Yes no problem</p> <p>Q. Vigilant group was noted last meeting has any progress been made?</p>



A. The police are aware of these situations, there is a boundary between Freedom of Speech and a Public Order Offence.

2. Transportation in Cronton – including:

- Speed Checks – Presentation from Paul Fletcher. Merseyside Road Safety Partnership.

Paul Fletcher can provide statistics for Smithy Lane, Cronton Rd, Hall Lane and Chapel Lane at a future meeting.

Cllr G McGann is already a volunteer in the speeding groups.

If you wish to volunteer there is no minimum expectancy of sessions to attend.

Over 2000 letters have been sent out and less than 5% are second letters and less than 1% are people who have been caught more than twice. This shows the scheme is working.

An operation needs 3 volunteers to go ahead and no more than 4 people are in a group. The operation will be logged with the control room and you will be given a log number.

Paul showed councillors and residents the speed guns that are used and talked through what happens on an operation.

Paul receives all data after an operation has taken place and will then send letters out. A person must be caught 3 times before further action will be taken by the police.

Paul left some information for residents and bin stickers to look at who may want to volunteer.

Q. is this coordinated with the Police who also do speed checks?

A. Not always but yes they do coordinate.

A. The police have legal rights that the speeding groups do not have.

- Speeding Smithy Lane – Resident Request this was noted, and Paul Fletcher will provide some speeding statistics for the next meeting.
- School Road Safety – Cllr Feilding has emailed both schools and the C of E school are keen to get involved in any initiatives regarding speeding

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awareness. No response yet from Holy Family but Cllr Feilding will chase this up.

- Speed Bump outside Cronton CE Primary – Resident Request Cllr G McGann we have asked previously, and these have been refused, however we will happily request a speed bump again by Cllr Bryon
- Cllr Dooley spoke to the bus company, and they keep rotating relief drivers on this route, they are training more drivers.

3. Environment – including:

- Multiuser path/Country Park – Cllr McGann confirmed that the collier's site is moving ahead, and Cllr McGann contacted the Land Trust and the developers, Unit 2 is currently under construction. Once units 3 & 4 have been started work can start on the country park. Start date is January 2026. Cllr McGann has gone back through all emails back to 2020 and the Parish Council has never been informed that the money was time limited.

Q. Can some of the money that is spent on cycle paths etc be used on the multiuser path?

A. We can ask.

A discussion was held around land availability. There is also a legal battle with the owners of the listed building adjacent to the Colliery.

No trees have yet been planted.

The lake is full of polluted water and not suitable for habitats.

- Pasture Entrance Trees – Cllr McGann the family opposite have trimmed the trees in their garden and have contacted Knowsley MBC to trim the trees at the Pasture Entrance and have been told that its CPC responsibility. Cllr Heyes has raised this with Chris Birtles, and they will look at this over the winter. What is required needs to be clarified and then Cllr Heyes will contact Chris Birtles again. A cost may be incurred.



Action	<p>Cllr Bryon to speak to Knowsley MBC about Speed bumps and speeding. Cllr Feilding to chase up Holy Family for speed awareness. Cllr McGann & Cllr Heyes to contact Chris Birtles regarding the trees at the Pasture entrance.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM 8	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
	<p>Cllr D Thomas has had confirmation from Knowsley MBC regarding the Taylor Wimpey development. This will go out again for the resident to object. Cllr D Thomas feels that the Parish Council needs to be prepared in time for this. Cllr G Thomas had shared the plans that Knowsley MBC had put on the planning portal; a discussion was held around the plans.</p> <p>The response from Cllr Twigg was discussed and it was agreed to write again and share the response with the residents on social media.</p> <p>Planning regarding Chapel Lane discussed under Public Participation.</p> <p>Traffic Calming measures on Chapel Lane have never been discussed with residents. This will also impact the allotments in this area who are looking to open a community garden/kitchen.</p>
Action	<p>On Social Media alert residents that documentation will be submitted before the end of October. Cllr D Thomas to write another letter to D Twigg.</p>

AGENDA ITEM 9	CAROL SERVICE
	<p>The date will be 11th December, and the service will be held at Holy Family Church. Cllr G McGann has spoken to both schools and schools are happy to attend. Invitations list to be confirmed but the Mayor and Consort, Ward Councillors and Will Cook can be contacted straight away. A discussion was held around what charity should be chosen and it was agreed that Foodbank in Widnes would be this year's chosen charity.</p>
Action	<p>Clerk to send out invites</p>



AGENDA ITEM 10	EMAIL ADDRESS & LAPTOP FOR PARISH COUNCIL
	Clerk reported that the prices from Knowsley MBC are £1500 for laptop and email address. Netwise is £24 a year and it was agreed to purchase a new laptop.
Action	Clerk to organise email and laptop

AGENDA ITEM 11	FINANCE												
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budgetary Control Report To consider and approve the Budgetary Control Report as at 31/09/2024.• Receipts and Payments/Bank Reconciliation To note receipts and to authorise payments as listed and to approve Bank Reconciliation as at 31/09/2024												
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AGENDA ITEM 12	GRANTS
	<p>Cllr R Heyes reported that the only grant application was from the pensioners club, and they have announced that the party is no longer going ahead. Cllr Heyes would like to see if the Parish Council could organise a Christmas Party.</p> <p>The gala committee would be happy to contribute to the party.</p> <p>The unicorn may be able to help with the costs as well.</p>
Action	Cllr Heyes to make enquiries regarding this. Clerk to put this on the next agenda.

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AGENDA ITEM 13	CRONTON PARISH OFFICE
	Cllr R Heyes to discuss/agree to locate a vinyl copy of the artwork done at Cronton gala to be temporarily placed in the parish council window. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

AGENDA ITEM 14	WEBSITE UPDATE
	Clerk reports that all councillors' details can be removed if required due to the incident in Southport and Liverpool.
Action	Cllr D Thomas to liaise with councillors regarding what details appear on website.

AGENDA ITEM 15	T WINDLE JUNIOR CHARITY
	Cllr Heyes reported that there is an account holding a charities bond fund. Cllr Cook was the sole trustee and has now retired. Cllr Heyes asked if any councillors would like to be the new trustees and it was agreed that Cllr Feilding, Cllr Tierny and Cllr Heyes would be the trustees.

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AGENDA ITEM 16	ACTIONS
	Please refer to the attached sheet.

AGENDA ITEM 17	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 4th November 7pm

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