

Cronton Neighbourhood Network Meeting
Tuesday 12 January 2016, 7.00 pm
at Cronton Parish Council Offices, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton

MINUTES

Attendance

Will Cook	(Chairman & Councillor)
Denis Bray	(Vice-Chairman, Councillor and Cronton Gala)
Dave Rostance	(Councillor)
Tony Newman	(Ward Councillor – Whiston & Cronton)
Gillian Flatley	(Ward Councillor – Prescott East)
Ben Webb	(Merseyside Police –Dedicated Neighbourhood Constable)
Jane Panter	(Merseyside Police – PCSTO)
Vitti Osborne	(Secretary & Parish Clerk)
Neil Burdekin	(Pex Hill JFC)
Chris Birtwistle	(Secretary, Cronton Community Association)
Ian Clare	(Resident)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from T Byron (Ward Councillor, Whiston South) and D Williams (Ward Councillor, Whiston South)

2. Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2015 were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

Matters arising were on the agenda.

5. The Pasture

Drainage of the field - The scheme will cost £50,000. The Green Field Development Officer of Knowsley Council helps to apply for a grant which requires 10% matching fund. Neil Burdekin of Pex Hill JFC will speak to its Treasurer regarding fund raising for the matching fund. The Chairman will also make a proposal to the Parish Council for financial support. The scheme will be completed for the next football season.

Ground maintenance – The Parish Council is satisfied with the quality of work carried out by Knowsley Council.

6. Police and Community Together

The following matters were discussed:

- **Crime figures for Cronton 2015** - The total number of crimes for Cronton in 2015 is 64. A break-down of the crimes was provided by Matt Lawrance (PSCTO of Cronton).

- **Criminal damages to the farms by scrambler and quad bikes** - The Police is appealing for information.
- **Child quad bike in the village and neighbouring areas** – remains an issue.
- **Plant and garden furniture thefts** – Has a suspect.
- **Cronton Park Avenue between Nos. 1 and 8** – Nails on the ground causing damages to tyres. The problem has not been resolved over the years.
- **Youth issue** - A large number of youths move from Widnes and congregate on the Pasture mainly in the summer – Knowsley Police is working with Cheshire Police to deal with the issue.
- **Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for Iver Close** – To be dealt with by Knowsley Council.
- **School parking problem** – An on-going problem.

The Police is carrying out evening patrols and responds to reported incidents. It was reassured that Cronton is a safe area as a whole.

The Chairman thanked the Police for attending the meeting and for the information provided.

7. Environment

- **Fly tipping** – Excellent response from Knowsley Council.
- **Railings refurbishment (opposite the Community Centre)** – For health and safety reasons, the railings need refurbishment.
- **Litter bin emptying schedules** – Two schedules are being operated in the village. With better co-ordination all bins could have been emptied at the same time. Councillor Tony Newman will follow this up on behalf of the Parish.
- **Potholes in Penny Lane and Cronton Park Avenue** – Those in Cronton Park Avenue are most likely caused by school traffic.
- **Litter bin at Black Horse** – The missing bin has to be reinstated.
- **Litter bin at the junction of Hampton Drive and Iver Close** – The litter bin had been removed by Knowsley Council. It needs to be reinstated urgently.

8. Feedback from Cronton Parish Council

- **Prescot, Whiston, Cronton and Knowsley Village Advisory Group** – It was suggested that the Parish Council to write to find out more about the Advisory Group. Councillor Tony Newman will also act on behalf of the Parish.
- **Precept 2016/17** – There will be no increase for 2016/17.
- **Planning** – No green belts in Cronton will be for housing development.

- **New Audit arrangement** – The Parish Council opted-in the new scheme.
- **New village signs** - A substantial donation has been received. The project is to be completed by spring time.
- **New polling place** – The Community Centre will be the polling place in the future. Voting by post is an alternative.

10. Network meeting date

Whiston Town Council meetings are held in the third week of each month. The quarterly Network meeting has to be held either the first or second week of the month to enable the Ward Councillors to attend the meeting.

11. Other notified business

It was noted that the Community Centre has been redecorated and a new boiler is to be installed.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5 April 2016, 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Offices, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

The meeting was closed at 8.00 pm.