

Cronton Neighbourhood Network Meeting
Tuesday 13 October 2015, 7.00 pm
at Cronton Parish Council Offices, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton

MINUTES

Attendance

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| Will Cook | (Chairman & Councillor) |
| Denis Bray | (Vice-Chairman, Councillor and Cronton Gala) |
| John Foran | (Councillor) |
| Vitti Osborne | (Secretary & Parish Clerk) |
| Philip Hurst | (Green Space Officer, Knowsley MBC) |
| Chris Birtwistle | (Secretary, Cronton Community Association) |
| Ian Watson | (Cronton Gala) |
| Martin Byrne | (Resident) |
| Ian Clare | (Resident) |

1. Apologies

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

2. Welcome

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

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2015 were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

Matters arising were on the agenda.

5. The Pasture

Drainage of the field (Feasibility Study) – 2020 Knowsley has provided 5 options with estimates for the drainage project. Options 1 and 2 are very basic, option 3 will provide one pitch and option 4 is the preferred option with one big and one small pitches, and option 5 is a proper ground job for sports and very expensive. Philip Hurst highlighted the key facts needed for applying a grant from the Environmental Trust. It is essential to provide information on current usage and to demonstrate the value of the project in terms of benefits resulting from the improvements and to provide supporting evidence to substantiate the case. In addition, the applicant has to provide 10% match funding.

The Chairman will call a special meeting to discuss the project and collect information for the grant application. Philip Hurst and representatives from the Gala Committee, Pex Hill JFC and the two local schools are to be invited. Feedback will be provided by the Chairman.

It was emphasised that while the project is for improving the ground conditions for general ball games, the enjoyment of the general public has to be taken into consideration. Future booking control of the Pasture was also raised.

6. Designation of Site for World War 1 Centenary Fields

To commemorate the centenary of WW1 and to protect the Pasture, it is well worth making the Pasture a Centenary Playing Field. Philip Hurst has been invited to explain the initiative to the Parish Council on Monday 19 October 2015. He will submit an application when approval is given by the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked Philip Hurst for attending the meeting.

7. Police and Community Together

Cronton has benefited from the service of dedicated PSCOs and it was extremely disappointing that Merseyside Police has proposed to cut their jobs. Plant theft has been active again the village. Police patrol at night would be useful.

8. Environment

- **Traffic count on Hall Lane** – The Parish Council has asked nearby residents to gather evidence to build a case. It was suggested that the Parish Council to raise the issue with the Ward Councillors. It may have to involve St Helens MBC.
- **Road and pavement conditions** – Most of the roads and pavements have been resurfaced and Chapel Lane will be done in 2016.
- **Overgrown branches** – The 20mph sign by Coronation Gardens on Smithy Lane is obstructed by overgrown branches.
- **Railings refurbishment (opposite the Community Centre)** – It is in Knowsley Council's 2017 maintenance schedule.
- **Litter bin** – The litter bin by the chippy has not been reinstated.

9. Feedback from Cronton Parish Council

- **Crabtree Homes** – The planning application for residential houses in the village has been withdrawn. However, they might re-submit the application. Whether observations made on the previous application will still be valid was raised.
- **Policing** – No further anti-social behaviour issues on the Pasture.
- **Prescot, Whiston, Cronton and Knowsley Village Adivsory Group** – It is not working directly with the community. The next meeting will be on the 26/10/15.
- **Village welcome signs** – Councillor John Foran has obtained a much cheaper quote.

10. Other notified business

There was no other notified business.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12 January 2016, 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Offices, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

The meeting was closed at 7.55 pm.