

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING 13TH MAY 2019

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

The Parish Council continues to support and promote the interests of the residents of Cronton with Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC), the Ward Councillors and other public bodies. Since I have been Chair, despite the cost cutting of KMBC, I have noticed no deterioration in services that the community has received; this is particularly relevant to the waste collection, cleanliness of the village, hedgerows and lighting. However, care of local spaces has deteriorated. For example pot holes are in regular need of repair and the surface of Hall Lane at the Smithy Lane end of the road had to be resurfaced. This duty has now been taken over by Tarmac who will repair the holes with prompting, Tarmac have been very good in quickly doing these repairs. We continue to get an excellent waste collection service and fly-tipping is promptly cleared up. A group of Ward and Parish Councillors regularly inspect the Village and residents are encouraged to report any defects.

The poor drainage of the Pasture has been attended to and to this end we used a Grant from the Corrie Trust, this is supported by matched funding from the Parish Council, Junior Football team and Gala Committee, the action has been successful and there has been so far been no further drainage problems. The Green Flag status of the Pasture has been maintained with many thanks to the Knowsley Parks Department. They have been hired to maintain the Pasture for the 2019 season.

There are still parking issues around the Schools at pickup times. There is still some speeding in the village – the Police appear to be powerless to interact with this nuisance but have recently been active on Smithy Lane, with a campaign to highlight speeding to road users. We continue to encourage the Police to maintain a watch on speeding. The other major problem has been youth nuisance in the Pasture; similarly we encourage the Police to take action on this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parish Councillors and Clerk for the continued support.

Will Cook
Chairman
Cronton Parish Council