



**CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL**

# NEWSLETTER



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**SUMMER 2022**

## Councillor Dave Rostance — New Chairman



I have lived in Cronton for 41 years and have been a Parish councillor for approaching 30 years.

The principal motivation for me becoming a Parish Councillor was the protection of our environment and in particular the preservation of the greenbelt that surrounds our village that adds most certainly to Cronton's appeal and increases quality of life.

Back in 1989 I founded the Cronton Clean up Campaign that became the Cronton Pathways Project. Regular village clean up days have been held over that period and have continued over the years removing considerable amounts of

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rubbish from the village and surrounding lanes. My environmental focus remains both as a Councillor and a Chairman and we have forged an excellent relationship with Knowsley Borough Council who support our ideals in this area.

Currently we are working on a project that will provide significant enhancement to the Pasture, and latterly via the Pathways Project we have refurbished St Anne's Well, made improvements to Coronation Gardens and refurbished the historic finger post on the corner of Chapel Lane that is a key feature of the village.

Cronton is my home and I continue to have a passion for its total well being.

*Councillor Dave Rostance*



### Past Chairman Shaun Cooper

Since our last newsletter our Chairman Shaun Cooper after decades of invaluable service has stepped down to pursue his many personal pursuits and travel plans.



Shaun was a tremendous contributor and will be greatly missed but we wish him well in all that he plans to do.

*Councillor D Rostance*

### PARISH CLERK retirement

After 25 years of impeccable service our clerk Vitti Osborne is retiring at the end of August and she will be greatly missed as her faultless management both financial and organisational has considerably relieved pressure from the councillors who had total confidence in Vitti's command of the periphery demands that accompany Parish Council business.

As councillors it is a huge gap to fill as Vitti set the bar extremely high but she well earns her retirement and we wish her health and happiness as she embarks upon this next stage of life.

*Councillor D Rostance*



## Parking issues

**C**ronton as you are no doubt aware suffers from significant parking issues particularly at school arrival and departure times that can make local navigation very difficult.

The new exit at the Holy Family car park is now functional, this will hopefully increase usage and so lessen on road parking. For safety reasons double yellow lines have been installed in Hall Lane to hopefully deter on road parking if they are effective.

Knowsley Council parking officers have made two recent visits with a particular focus on pavement parking and issued advice tickets on the offending vehicles to highlight the issue.

Parking of course is a national problem and will continue to be kept in focus but we can all help by being as considerate as possible.



*Councillor D Rostance*

## LOCAL POLICING



**On Monday 25th The Parish Council had a meeting with Emily Spurrell, the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner, and two senior police officers to discuss our local issues.**

**Emily gave a presentation on the role of the Commissioner and we then went on to discuss some of our local issues particularly in the way of our location on the extremity of both Knowsley Borough Council and Merseyside Police jurisdiction that can create confusion when contacting the emergency services. Whilst we are appreciative of Merseyside police we asked if they could have collaboration with Cheshire Police to maximise coverage as and when required.**

**The team are looking into these issues and we continue communications with a view to a positive resolution.**

*Councillor D Rostance*

*By Cronton Parish Council*



**Cronton**  
PARISH COUNCIL

**Welcome to the Cronton Parish Council and Cronton Village Website**

Using this website you are able to access, via the various tabs, information about the Parish Council, its policies, documents, the councillors and their contact details, planning applications and much more.

## Pasture Master Plan

**Y**ou may recall from a previous newsletter that we alongside Knowsley Council were jointly applying for funding via a third party charity to implement significant improvements to the Pasture including the installation of an all weather perimeter pathway that will allow walking access throughout the year and the replacement of the wood sculptures plus other ground-work improvements.

*Councillor J Foran*

Well the good news is that we have been awarded a £50,000 grant the Parish Council will have to provide £5,000 match funding and this will provide welcome enhancement to our local park and we are optimistic that work will commence in the autumn. The match funding was made possible by the generous contribution of £1,500 from the Cronton Parochial Charity Trust.

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**C**ronton Parish Council now has its' own Facebook page - Cronton Parish Council - along with the website, where you can find information on issues affecting our village along with details of our Parish Council meetings.

**The public are welcome to attend meetings to raise any issues of concern or interest. The meeting schedule is available on our website and Facebook page.**

*Councillor R Hayes*





# JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA



**O**n Saturday 4 June, **Cronton Gala Committee** hosted a **Jubilee Afternoon Tea** in the Community Centre to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Over 60 of our local Senior Citizens got together and were treated to a selection of sandwiches and cakes and were served tea and coffee by our team of volunteers. They were entertained by Ned and his Organ, along with playing of popular tunes from years gone by. The event concluded with everyone raising a cup and singing the National Anthem. There were also some Afternoon Tea boxes delivered to nominated members of the community who could not make the event. Thanks goes to all the volunteers who worked hard to deliver this event, and to the Community Centre for allowing us to use the hall.

Our other Jubilee event - **Picnic on the Pasture** - saw locals gathering to celebrate by bringing their own picnics to the Pasture, where there was an ice cream van in attendance, musical entertainment from Edward Jones and free jubilee crafts and games for the children to get involved with. We hope everyone who came along enjoyed our events.

*Cronton Gala Committee and Volunteers*



## Cronton Gala and Music Fest '22

*Cronton Gala Committee*

**S**aturday 10th September will annual village gala, combined music from local bands and along to throughout the day. We will lection of stalls, fairground rides and bar and much more. The event



see the return of Cronton's with a full programme of artists to sing and dance also be bringing you a se-Donkeys, food stands, a runs from 11am until 6pm on Cronton Pasture. Please see our [Facebook page](#) The Cronton Gala and posters/banners for more info and updates.



**The Scarecrow Festival and competition** is once again on over the August bank holiday weekend. The Scarecrows are to be ready on display from 22nd August, judging will be on Saturday 27th and winners announced on Monday 29th. Look out for them!

We are always looking for volunteers to help plan events and for help on Gala day - please get in touch via Facebook or email - [crontongala@aol.com](mailto:crontongala@aol.com)

As you may know Knowsley has been awarded the Borough of Culture for Liverpool City region for this year. A full array of events have been happening throughout the borough, coinciding with the opening of the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot in July.



The overall theme for the planned events is Storytelling. Cronton also now has it's own Owl and the Pussycat statues in situ and there is a trail of painted figures you can find all around Knowsley. If you visit the Pasture, on the noticeboard you will find the full list of sculptures and where to find them.

Cllr R Hayes

**Cronton's own event - Moon and Stars** - is due to be held later in the year and details will be confirmed. Keep a look out on Facebook 'Culture Knowsley' for further details.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY

Whilst we are generally not too badly affected by crime, we have some instances of Anti-Social Behaviour affecting areas such as the Pasture and Pex Hill, particularly over the lighter months. Please do report any non emergency issues to the Police - this can be done via **101**,



online at <http://www.merseyside.police.uk>

You can also now contact the Police Service on **Facebook** - Merseyside Police Contact Centre, or by direct message on **twitter** - @MerPolCC - which are often the simplest ways to make a report about something currently happening. **Emergencies should still be reported on 999.**

Cllr R Hayes



## CRONTON GARDEN CENTRE

You may have noticed that the planters by the shops and on the railings opposite the Community Centre have been replanted with fresh blooms and look splendid. This has been generously donated by Cronton Garden Centre to whom we are extremely grateful.

Cllr J Foran

## BOOK CLUB

Cllr R Hayes

This is being run at present each **Monday in the Parish Council office, by members of the Gala Committee - between 11am and 1pm.** There are a huge range of books of all genres, new and old, fiction and non-fiction, even some children's books. There are even a few jigsaws that can be borrowed. Everyone is welcome to call in and take/borrow a book and have a cup of tea or coffee. Any changes to these times will be put on **Facebook - The Cronton Gala.**

Meeting notices will be posted on the notice board and on [www.cronton.org](http://www.cronton.org)

The press and public are welcome to attend all Council meetings and will be invited to speak at the public participation session.

### CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL Coming Meetings

Parish Council Office,  
7 Hampton Drive, Cronton  
at 7.00pm

#### Monday - 5 Sep 2022

Council Meeting

#### Monday - 17 Oct 2022

Council Meeting

#### Monday 31 - Oct 2022

General Purposes &  
Environment Committee

#### Monday - 28 Nov 2022

Council Meeting

#### Monday - 12 Dec 2022

General Purposes &  
Environment Committee

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**Councillor Vacancy (1)**

**Parish Clerk — New Clerk Oct 22**

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