

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held on **12 February 2024** at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton.

**Present:** Councilors (Chair), R Hayes, L Terry, D Thomas, G McGann, W. Cook, and V Dooley (Disability Advisor)

**In attendance:**

Y Prescott (Clerk)  
1 Residents  
1 Police Officer -

### **137. APOLOGIES**

Ward Cllr. Ron Gaffney (Whiston and Cronton)  
Ward Cllr Terry Byron (Whiston and Cronton)  
Cllr R Feilding

### **138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **139. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 08/01/2023 as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr. D Thomas, **SECONDED** by Cllr. G McGann and all **AGREED**

### **140. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One Member of the public attended the meeting on 12/02/24.

### **141. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

No reports from Ward Councilors.

## **142. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

### **(a) Policing in Cronton – Cllr. R Hayes**

This item was covered by Sgt Martland.

### **(b) Transportation in Cronton – Cllr. V Dooley/G McGann**

Cllr Dooley reported that Knowsley MBC had confirmed that the Speed Indicator Device will be installed in Cronton Parish in the new financial year.

No update on the bus stops yet.

Residents permit parking, because there are yellow lines on Smithy Lane, it wouldn't meet the criteria for Knowsley MBC. It was agreed that Cllr Dooley would ask Knowsley MBC to attend Smithy Lane. Cllr Allen will also follow this up in her Ward Councilor role.

A discussion was held around parking in the Parish.

Cllr Dooley will follow up on the Disability Walk Around and drop kerbs.

### **Q. Cllr Dooley can you get past the lamppost on Cronton Road?**

A. No, safer on the road.

**ACTION: Cllr Dooley and Cllr Allen will follow up with Knowsley MBC regarding the parking on Smithy Lane.**

**It was agreed that the Traffic Enforcement Officer will be contacted to attend a meeting. Cllr Dooley will follow up on the Disability Walk Around and drop kerbs.**

### **(c) Environment – Cllr. D Thomas**

Cllr Thomas reported that gas cylinders had been fly tipped in the parish last week.

Knowsley MBC cleared this away quickly and Councilors would like to thank Knowsley MBC for their speedy response.

A bin near Holy Family School is due to be replaced as it's disintegrating due to rust.

The clerk read out an email complaint from a resident regarding Dog Fouling on Smithy Lane, the email has been forwarded to Knowsley MBC.

The bin at the top of Hall Lane has been replaced by Knowsley MBC.

Cllr McGann reported that the money on the Multi User Path was time limited and that the time has expired. This was not made clear at the start of the project. The bridge must be of a certain height to allow for horses to travel underneath.

Whilst there are still some issues with phases 6,7 and 8, it was confirmed that the plan for the country path multi user path is still going ahead.

Cllr Hayes reported on issues related to the drainage on The Pasture, a pipe will be installed to ease the drainage issue, also, the sculptures will not be able to be used as the time has passed and Knowsley MBC has not met the funding requirements. Knowsley MBC have provided vague figures so Cllr Hayes will be asking for a more in-depth explanation.

**ACTION – Ask Knowsley MBC to stencil the pavement.**

**Cllr McGann to contact Richard Thorpe regarding the Multi Use Path.**

**It was agreed to apply for funding through the Police Funding for Sculptures.**

### **143. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was agreed to forward the full planning list each month to all councilors.

### **144. POLICE REPRESENTATION**

Sgt Martland discussed Anti-social Behavior, Burglary and Theft statics with the councilors. Sgt Martland confirmed that the police are happy to provide monthly statics to Cronton Parish for discussion. Councilors confirmed that ASB tends to be worse in summer and would appreciate support from the police managing this. Pex Hill and The Pasture are the areas most affected by ASB. There are ongoing communication issues between Cheshire and Merseyside Police, Councilors would encourage the police to continue communication where Cronton Parish issues arise. Sgt Martland brought lots of security items for the neighbour watch committee. Councilors reported concerns surrounding Drug Dealing in Cronton, this is being witnessed in daylight not just in the evenings. Sgt Martland asked if councilors could record the registration plate of any cars and report them to the Police. Sgt Martland confirmed that Cronton Parish can be added to the walkabout Rota to deter this problem. Sgt Martland left a poster about a grant for community groups to apply for £3000.

### **145. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- Bins on Pex Hill

Request that Knowsley MBC install more bins and dog fouling bins at Pex Hill.

- Gala & Fair

The new Gala date is the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2024.

Last year we asked by the fair provider the night before and the day after, this request has been presented again to the Parish Council, a discussion was held around the Safety and Anti-Social Behavior regarding this request, and it was agreed not to grant this request.

- Flower Show

A bus from Cronton parish to Knowsley flower show would cost approximately £600 and it was agreed that if no funding could be sourced, could the Parish Council fund this. A discussion was held around this event, and it was agreed that this would be funded by the Parish Council.

- Website

CLlr Thomas asked for information regarding local business for the website. CLlr Dooley will source the information.

**RESOLVED:** It was **AGREED** not to accept the request from the fair. The cost of the flower show bus will be funded by the Parish Council.

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Cllr Allen left the meeting 20.49pm

**146. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budgetary Control Report as at 12/02/2023 be received and approved.

It was **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2024/2025 be approved at £63.23.

**147. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

It was **RESOLVED** that payments as listed be noted, approved and put up onto the website.

**148. BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was **RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation be noted and approved.

**149. COUNCILOR VACANCY**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask the interested party to complete an application form and add the decision making to the next agenda.

**ACTION:** Add to next agenda

**150. REVIEW ACTION LIST**

Item	Action	Status
1	Add Social Supermarket to next agenda when more information available	
2	Contact PC and ask to attend meeting	Complete
3	Project Manager for Path at Cronton Colliery	

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed *Dee Jones* Date 12/02/2024  
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