



MINUTES OF THE CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	
Date	2nd September 2024 at 7pm
Venue	Cronton Parish Office
Attendees Present	Cllr David Thomas Cllr Lianne Terry Cllr Rachel Fielding Cllr Gordon Thomas Cllr Ged McGann Cllr Vinny Dooley Cllr David Thomas
Apologies	Yvonne Prescott Clerk & RFO Cllr Rosanne Hayes Cllr R Gaffney Cllr T Byron Cllr D Allen Sgt Paul Fletcher
Expected attendance	Cllr R Gaffney PC M Vincent Cllr T Byron Cllr D Allen Chris Birtles Sgt Paul Fletcher

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For all sets of minutes and backing papers it is taken that all will have been pre read and coverage will therefore be limited to: • accuracy • action points • challenge

AGENDA ITEM 1	WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
	Councillors are welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were accepted. The meeting met its quorum.
AGENDA ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
	There were no new Declarations of pecuniary or personal interests.



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AGENDA ITEM 3	PART ONE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (2 nd July 2024)
	The minutes from the meeting held on 2 nd July 2024 were deemed a true and correct record.
AGENDA ITEM 4	MATTERS ARISING
	No new matters arising.
AGENDA ITEM 5	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	<p>The public participation points raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of communication from the Parish Council – Cllrs agreed to work on this.• Pedestrian crossing near the unicorn does not give people enough time to cross the road – Cllr Dooley to report to Local Authority.
AGENDA ITEM 6	WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS
	No Ward Councillor present.
AGENDA ITEM 7	COUNCILLOR REPORTS
	<p>To receive for information only the undermentioned verbal reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Policing in Croton<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PC Millicent reported that anti social behaviour reports have slightly increased. More patrols in the area since January and have seized some scrambler bikes. Reporting to the police has increased which is a great sign as it shows residents are using the system.• Vigilant group had been reported to the police regarding the incident on the Pasture.• Police will be present at the Croton Gala.• No update on any speeding issues.



2. Transportation in Croton – including
 - Speed Checks – Presentation from Paul Fletcher – this was adjourned to next meeting as Paul Fletcher had sent his apologies.

3. Environment
 - Chris Birtles (Programme Manager for Green Spaces Projects) spoke to the Councillors regarding the Grounds Maintenance contract and the Pasture.
 - Site will be ready for the Gala; all grounds work will be completed before Friday. Hard standing can't be completed until the following week.
 - Painting the fences (around the children's play area) has been delayed so Chris has approached external contractors to complete this work.
 - Soil testing to help the drainage is being sourced. Chris recommended leasing the Pasture to a long term football club, they could access some Grass Roots funding to help with the drainage. Equipment Fund is also available but storage would be required
 - Tom (Sports Development Officer) will contact the Clerk to discuss.
 - Wild Flower area has failed and this has happened on 3 sites, this will be repeated again next year and hopefully will be successful.
 - Annual safety certificate for children's play area was questioned and the remedial repairs to the equipment. Chris Birtle confirmed that some items have been repaired.

Q. The wild flower has not worked for a few years now, do we have to keep paying for this?

A. This is for the Parish Council to decide, Plugging may be an option.

Q. Are there any grants for wild flowering areas?

A. No, but there are some Biodiversity net gain projects, this is just starting to come forward within the Local Authority. This is extremely new to the Local Authority but the Pasture could hopefully qualify.

Q. Toxic Sewage works dumped in Croton; do you know anything about that?

A. No, sorry that would be our Environmental Department.

AGENDA ITEM 8	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
	<p>To discuss one planning application</p> <p><i>APP. NO. 24/00330/LOCATION PROPOSAL ERECTION OF A BOUNDARY FENCE 2 METERS IN HEIGHT TO THE FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE OF PROPERTY</i></p> <p>Cllr Thomas confirmed that this was just a like for like replacement. It was agreed no action</p>



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to be taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9	CHRISTMAS TREE
Action	<p>Cllr McGann suggested that before a date could be set, we should contact each school as in previous years to confirm what date suits them. It was agreed to add this to the next agenda. Add to next agenda.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 10	EMAIL ADDRESS & LAPTOP FOR PARISH COUNCIL
Action	<p>Cllr Dooley has asked Mark Perry from the Local Authority to liaise with the clerk. Add to next agenda.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 11	COMMUNITY CENTRE
	<p>Cllr G Thomas reported that the Clerk had written to the community centre and confirmed that Cllr G Thomas could stand on the committee. The response was slow and no details received as yet for rescheduled meeting.</p> <p>Q. Does the Constitution for the community centre say that the Parish Council has to have a seat? A. No, it says that any council body could have a seat, so could the Gala and other groups.</p> <p>Q. What happened with the bowling green situation? A. Nothing has been resolved.</p> <p>Q. Are people bowling there still? A. No, the access has been restricted.</p> <p>There are now two social media groups.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 12	FINANCE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budgetary Control Report To consider and approve the Budgetary Control Report as at 31/08/2024.• Receipts and Payments/Bank Reconciliation



To note receipts and to authorise payments as listed and
To approve Bank Reconciliation as at 31/08/2024

PAYEE	REASON	AMOUNT	CHQ NUMBER
Yvonne Prescott	Salary	£677.95	001833
HMRC		£169.40	001834
LALC	Renewal	£278.33	001835
V Dooley	Paper	£49.99	001836

Cllr McGann requested that the budget papers be sent with the all the agenda.

- This item was adjourned as Clerk had sent apologies.
- Clerk to change the process

**AGENDA
ITEM 13**

CLLR D TWIGG RESPONSE

Cllr D Thomas has spoken to Knowsley MBC several times and no progress has been made with the Chapel Lane development.
Cllr McGann commented on the road surface on Lunts Heath Road, explaining that this road is wider and still causes issues.
Cllr G Thomas has been involved in discussions with residents regarding the land opposite Rose Farm, and it is questionable as whether the plans can be executed as per application. Two road accidents have occurred in this area (one was a fatal accident), PC Milicent will find out some information regarding this.
Cllr D Thomas confirmed that there are 265 comments against this planning application, he also feels that this needs to go to a re-consultation.
Cllr D Thomas reported that a letter had been sent to Derick Twigg (Derick Twigg originally opposed the planning application) and a response had been received and circulated to the Councillors vis email.
It was agreed to write to Cllr Derick Twigg again.

Action

Write to D Twigg

**AGENDA
ITEM 14**

T WINDLE JUNIOR CHARITY

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Clerk to add to next agenda

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Action

**If the application meets the policy criteria, then councillors agree to this donation.
Clerk to add to the next agenda.**



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AGENDA ITEM 16	WEBSITE CONTACT DETAILS
Action	Clerk to add to next agenda

AGENDA ITEM 17	REVIEW ACTION ITEMS			
	Item	Action	Who	Status
	2	Follow up with Knowsley MBC regarding the parking on Smithy Lane	Cllr Allen	Ongoing
	4	Follow up on Disability Walk Around	Cllr Dooley	Ongoing
	14	Invite Keith Moyles and Laura Brown from Highways to attend a Parish Council Meeting	Cllr Hayes & Cllr Allen	Ongoing
	24	Ask schools to add a note to newsletter regarding parking	Cllr Feilding	Ongoing
	27	Cllr Allen to contact Knowsley MBC About Fly Tipping cameras	Cllr Allen	Ongoing
	28	Cllr G Thomas & Cllr G Thomas to contact Knowsley MBC regarding the cameras.	Cllr G Thomas	Ongoing
	29	Clerk to confirm Cllr G Thomas was elected as community centre committee member.	Clerk	Ongoing
	31	Monitor Taylor Wimpey Plan	Cllr D Thomas	Ongoing



AGENDA ITEM 17	DATE OF NEXT MEETING/S
	<p>Please refer to the meeting schedule circulated at the beginning of the year for all dates for 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 14th October 7pm

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