

CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING
Monday 16th December 2024

PRESENT Councillor I Taylor – Chairman
Councillors D Argent, K Best, G O'Connor and S Worthington

APOLOGIES: Councillors G Smith & S Gregory
Councillor J Glen – Hampshire County Council
Councillors C Dorn, J Hale & S Highley – Hart DC

IN ATTENDANCE A Angove - Parish Clerk

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm with no members of the public in attendance.

122/25 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

123/25 Minutes of the Meeting on 25th November 2024

The Minutes of the Council meeting were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED (unanimously).

124/25 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

No announcements were made and the Clerk confirmed that no Members' questions had been received.

125/25 Representations by the public

Councillors heard three separate representations from Mr Simon Crowther as read out by the Clerk:

- An email had been received requesting details of the proposed donation to Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley. The Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent outlining the details of the request as covered under section 127/25.
- In the same email, Mr Crowther requested details on whether the parish council had agreed an amount to donate to the Village Pump as originally raised in the September meeting. The Clerk confirmed that an allocation of £1,000 had been made as part of the forward planning and that further applications by the charity would be considered on an individual basis.
- Finally, Mr Crowther raised concerns about the leaves on Croft Lane between the school and Farm Lane, including the Village Hall car park, which are proving slippery and a potential risk for pedestrians. Mr Crowther enquired whether the parish council Groundsman would be available to clear the leaves. It was pointed out that the clearing and maintenance of the roads are the responsibility of Hampshire County Council and that regrettably the Groundsman does not have the bandwidth to incorporate this responsibility over and above his day-to-day responsibilities, particularly as the work involved would take the best part of a week.

(Cllr Best joined the meeting)

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

126/25 Parish Council Budget and Precept for 2025/26

A background report and figures having been distributed prior to the meeting, it was noted that no comments or further projects for consideration had been received from councillors. Projects and

priorities for the future agreed at the previous month's meeting, ie November, had been included in these figures with councillors requested to review the report which proposed no increase to the 2024/25 Precept. In approving the budget, councillors were mindful of not only the planned projects and responsibilities and resultant expenditure but the increased pressure on parishioners in the current economic climate. Cllr Taylor, therefore, proposed as listed, namely no increase. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED (unanimously).

127/25 Financial Donation to Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley

A request for a donation to work they are providing at Crondall Primary School, specifically providing help with the PSHE requirements of the curriculum, namely health, well-being, and drug prevention education. The school has contributed approximately 70% of the cost, leaving them with a shortfall of £95.00 which they are looking to cover by means of a donation from the parish council. Councillors agreed that it was important to support the school as much as possible. Cllr Taylor proposed that the sum of £95.00 be contributed to Life Education (Wessex & Thames Valley). Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

128/25 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 12 items including Payroll, valued at £17,383.17, was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and **AGREED** unanimously.

129/25 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet to 30th November 2024

No questions were raised and the Council NOTED the report.

130/25 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for November 2024

The Clerk confirmed that her independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for November 2024 has been undertaken. No questions were raised. Council NOTED THE Clerk's report.

131/25 Planning Applications

24/02244/HOU 24/02245/LBC	Yew Tree Cottage Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5NX	Erection of a single storey extension, open wraparound porch and removal and raising of roof to create a first floor with dormer windows and rooflights to existing garage and retention of a garden wall.
A duplicate of a planning application submitted in 2021 to which the parish council had lodged no objection at the time, it was agreed that the parish council would not comment this time around.		
24/02417/LDC	Goddards House Bowling Alley Crondall GU10 5RJ	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use to confirm that a change of use has occurred for a continuous period in excess of 10 years as residential garden.
Councillors noted the application, agreeing with Cllr O'Connor's explanation that the parish council are not in a position to comment on the legality or otherwise of a lawful development application and that correspondingly no comment would be lodged.		

REPORTS

132/25 Clerk's Report

No questions were raised, and the report was NOTED.

133/25 Trail Cameras

Cllr Worthington provided a brief verbal update on progress to date, confirming that a more concrete solution and corresponding quote was being sought. Recent reports of fly tipping on Well Road were noted, underlying the requirement for mobile cameras.

134/25 Roads, Traffic & Footpaths

Cllr Taylor provided an overview of the proposed presentation for the public meeting on Wednesday, 15th January, confirming that he would send it to the Clerk prior to the meeting for final checking. It was noted that there had been a recent accident on the A287 by the new junction end of Bowling Alley and that details of incidents to date were being sought in order, if possible, to influence a review of the junction.

135/25 Correspondence

It was confirmed that all email correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

136/25 Another Other Business

No matters were raised. The Chairman called the meeting to an end at 8.27 pm.

Signed as a true record dated 20th January 2025

Payment Ratifications

	Supplier/Payee	Payee	Inv/Account. Ref.	Inv/DD. Date	Description	£ Gross	NB
	Lister Wilder	Supplier	926864	05/11/24	Hire of Grounds equipment	1,248.00	
	SSE	Cllr Argent	8700304796	21/11/24	Absolutely final payment due!	15.58	
	PWLB	Supplier	PW503427	21/11/24	Repayment of loan: final payment!	2,022.60	/
	Chambers	Supplier	P745305	30/11/24	Dumpy Bin hire: November 2024	72.62	
	Andy Loos	Supplier	912518	30/11/24	Portaloo: 2 days Nov '24 hire + collection	39.36	
	Castle Water	Supplier	10004443878	02/12/24	Pavilion water: November 2024	438.94	2
	Larkstel	Supplier	1466	02/12/24	Bin Collection: November 2024	251.40	
	Octopus Business Energy	Supplier	A874B2B9A	02/12/24	Electricity: Tractor Shed: Nov '24	26.75	/
	Octopus Business Energy	Supplier	A447... + A471...	02/12/24	Electricity: Pavilion: Nov '24	46.12	/
	Sage	Supplier	00049368	04/12/24	Payroll: 04/12/24 – 03/01/25	12.00	/
	Fresh Air Fitness	Supplier	24859	01/11/24	Outdoor gym (50% deposit)	8,880.00	
	Payroll: December 2024	Staff salaries, PAYE, NICs, E'ee Pension Contributions				4,329.80	
	TOTAL					17,383.17	

NB1: D/D

NB2: This reflects a long history of the supplier submitting under-estimated bills. It does not equate to one month's usage!