

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, CRONDALL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2025
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Glen – Hampshire County Council (HCC), Cllrs C Dorn (HDC) ,
S Highley (HDC), and A Angove (Parish Clerk). No members of the public
were in attendance.

151/25 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr Taylor and Cllr Hale (HDC).

152/25 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda.

None

153/25 Approval of Minutes

- The Minutes of the Council meeting on 20th January 2025 were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED (unanimously).
- The Minutes of the Council 28th October 2024 in-committee meeting were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED (unanimously).
- The Minutes of the Council 25th November 2024 in-committee meeting were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED (unanimously).

154/25 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. A change to the running order was agreed. To consider and agree action proposed by Cllr Dorn regarding flooding on Pankridge Street/Handcroft Close to be covered following the County and District Councillor reports.

155/25 County Councillor Report

Cllr Glen had provided a written report prior to the meeting and further reported:

- Devolution in Hampshire and local government reorganisation – since the previous meeting, a deferment of the 2025 county elections has been confirmed, with elections for a new Mayor expected in 2026.

Cllr Glen explained there were no clear plans on the reorganisation of local government in Hampshire yet or devolution of powers with considerable amounts of work required by a task and finish group to shape a future vision. Cllr Glen estimated the new authority would reduce councillor numbers from the current 800 to 100-150.

Cllr Glen encouraged everyone to respond to the Government's consultation on devolution in Hampshire.

- Cllr Glen confirmed there had been no further developments on the proposed Jnc 5 warehouse proposal, but he had been in contact with VOW who continue to monitor and are ready to deal with any future activity.
- The next meeting of the Bowling Alley Liaison panel is scheduled for 4th March.

Councillors questioned whether there was a benefit to HCC choosing to be in the first tranche for devolution with Cllr Glen confirming it gives the county a chance to set some of the direction rather than being at the back of the queue and having the process “applied” with little input.

Cllr Argent questioned whether the recent press coverage implying that HCC would be applying for a 15% increase to the budget was accurate. Cllr Glen confirmed that it had been debated as it would solve a lot of problems but didn’t go ahead. Cllr Dorn provided further clarification, explaining that one of the issues was that costs have gone up more than 5% and county councils have very little control over a vast percentage of their costs as 85% are statutory obligations with successive governments having ignored the needs of local government.

156/25 District Councillor’s Reports

Cllr Dorn reported:

- Devolution consultation – at this stage is only refers to Hants and IOW. The element covering local government reorganisation is yet to be officially launched, although it currently looks like Basingstoke & Deane, Hart and Rushmoor will combine. In the meantime, the HDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be considering their response to the Government’s consultation on devolution in Hampshire at their meeting on 18th March. The meeting is expected to consider a complex set of questions and the decision referred to HDC’s full Council for final agreement.
- Jnc 5 - commented that it is worth noting the the current application is not in accordance with the Hart Local Plan. Following merger, as outlined in the previous point, the local plan will continue to hold weight for five years.
- Pankridge Street drain – investigations took place at the end of January and whilst there has been a definite improvement, issues still remain with the water filling up and flooding the road and then draining away. The Environment Agency continue to investigate with a hope to solving the issue.
- Farnborough Airport – has gone to a second consultation with a decision mooted by Rushmoor in March, although this is subject to change.

Cllr Highley:

- Following the publication of the report into the multi-agency flood forum, please contact him with any questions. Separately, a recent HDC meeting had confirmed the need for a multi-agency flood forum but explained there were outstanding questions about who would chair the meetings and questions on the proposed actions in the report.
- Thanked Cllr Taylor for hosting the recent Traffic and Road Calming public meeting, adding that it would be good if Cllr Taylor could attend a meeting on 27th March in South Warnborough on the same topic.

157/25 Proposed Flooding Initiative

Councillors considered a request to fund the modification and remounting of the trash screen on Handcroft Close to alleviate some of the issues with flooding in the area. The initiative was proposed by Cllr Worthington, seconded by Cllr Best and AGREED unanimously.

(Cllrs Dorn, Glen & Highley left the meeting)

158/25 Representations by the public

None

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

159/25 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 11 items including Payroll, valued at £5,968.84, was proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and **AGREED** unanimously (Appendix 1).

160/25 Authorisation of Expenditure

Two items for spending, namely the purchase of surveillance cameras with supporting service plan to aid in the prevention of fly tipping and the purchase of a defibrillator for Mill Lane were discussed and approved under items 171/25 and 169/25 respectively.

Councillors considered quotes for improvements and repairs to the Football Pavilion, but no decision was reached, and it was agreed that the Clerk would look into the requirements again and if necessary, seek further quotes.

161/25 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet to 31st January 2025

No questions were raised, and the Council NOTED the report.

162/25 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for January 2024

The Clerk confirmed that her independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for January 2025 has been undertaken. No questions were raised. Council NOTED THE Clerk's report.

163/25 Planning Applications

25/00116/HOU	School House Wimble Hill Crondall GU10 5HL	Proposed new vehicular access from the public highway.
Recommendation: No Objection subject to Highways comments Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED unanimously.		
25/01986/HOU	4 Pankridge Street Crondall GU10 5RQ	Replacement of four single glazed sash windows with double glazed windows and replacement of front door.
Recommendation: No Objection Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.		

164/25 Annual Parish Meeting

The outline running order including the guest speaker was discussed and agreed. Cllr Worthington offered, as in previous years, to purchase drinks for the event. The Clerk confirmed that she would provide an outline proposal for a Community Recognition Award policy for the March meeting. Councillors were requested to consider possible recipients.

165/25 Policy Updates

The updated policy for Recording at Parish Council meetings was reviewed, as presented with the agenda. The policy was proposed for acceptance and publication by Cllr Argent. Seconded by Cllr Best and AGREED unanimously.

166/25 Appointment of Parish Council FACC representative

It was agreed that for the time being, due to councillor availability during the time of the meetings, the Clerk would represent the parish council where possible.

REPORTS

167/25 Clerk's Report

The report having been circulated to all prior to the meeting, no questions were raised, and the report was NOTED.

(Cllr O'Connor left the meeting)

168/25 Environment

Cllr Worthington provided a verbal update on work carried out to date led by Ewshot Parish Council on Net Zero Strategy and specifically what parish councils can do to support it. It was identified that on a local level, other than adopting green policies in our management of the estate, which is already in hand, the major focus is on providing advice to homeowners on heat loss from houses. The report was NOTED.

169/25 Mill Lane Defibrillator

A quote from London Hearts for an automatic defibrillator and external heated locked cabinet for £1,189.20 (incl VAT) was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Gregory, subject to written confirmation from either the BP Garage or The Plough garage that the equipment can be sited on their building. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

170/25 Neighbourhood Plan Review

The Clerk provided a brief verbal update in Cllr O'Connor's absence, confirming that Cllr O'Connor is seeking to liaise with her counterpart at Odiham Parish Council to understand the process and any lessons learned.

171/25 Trail Cameras

The proposal to purchase surveillance equipment for monitoring fly tipping had been extensively discussed at prior meetings and expenditure for the outlay, namely £1,323.61 (excl VAT) plus £497.76 annual service plan was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Worthington. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously.

172/25 Correspondence

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

173/25 Another Other Business

Cllr Worthington provided a verbal update on the ongoing Fast Fibre project being let by Ewshot Parish Council. The project having been passed to another provider, City Fibre, the timelines have been pushed back with any rollout now anticipated to take place in 2029.

No further items were raised, and the Chairman called the meeting to an end at 9.35 pm.

Signed as a true record dated 17th March 2025

Cllr approval

Payment Ratifications

Supplier/Payee	Payee	Inv/Account. Ref.	Inv/DD. Date	Description	£ Gross	NB
JRB Enterprise	Supplier	27957	16/01/25	Standard Dog Gloves: 12 x 800 (= 9,600!)	388.56	
Mid Hants Mowers Ltd	Supplier	22047	24/01/25	Service: Husqvarna and Stihl x 2	497.21	
Alex Slater	Supplier	Final	25/01/25	Completion of Churchyard gate: 2 nd 50%	660.00	
Chambers	Supplier	P756241	31/01/25	Dumpy Bin hire: January 2025	72.62	
Larkstel	Supplier	1530	31/01/25	Bin Collection: January 2025	251.40	
Castle Water	Supplier	10005288142	03/02/25	Pavilion Water: January 2025	118.20	/
Sage	Supplier	00268209	04/02/25	Payroll: 04/02/25 – 03/03/25	12.00	/
Octopus Business Energy	Supplier	KI-4...B8/D7-0004	03/02/25	Electricity: Pavilion: Jan '25	43.17	/
Octopus Business Energy	Supplier	KI-874B2B9A-0004	03/02/25	Electricity: Tractor Shed: Jan '25	49.00	/
Dropbox	Clerk	XZSYF2HSHM7S	21/01/25	Annual Subscription	95.88	
Payroll: February 2025	Staff salaries, PAYE, NICs, E'ee Pension Contributions				3,780.80	
TOTAL					5,968.84	

NB1: D/D

Purchase/Expenditure Authorisation Requests

Item	Proposed maximum ££ (excl. VAT)	NB
Flytipping cameras (Wild View Cameras)	1,323.61	
Service Plan for cameras (£10.3 per month x 4 = £41.48)	497.76*	
Improvements/necessary repairs to Sports Pavilion (included in budget)	7,249.98	
Repairs following burst pipe (Sports Pavilion)	1,084.62	
Lockable doors to showers, including building two doorways	2,461.38	
Mill Lane Difibrillator (London Hearts)	1,189.20	
TOTAL		

*Annual charge