

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
CRONDALL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT Councillor G Smith – Chairman

Councillors D Argent, S Gregory and G O'Connor

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

195/25 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllrs Best, Taylor, Worthington and Cllrs Dorn, Hale and Highley (HDC).

196/25 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda.

None

197/25 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Council meeting on 17th March 2025 were proposed for acceptance as an accurate record by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED (in favour 3 : abstained 1).

198/25 Matters Arising

- Water Testing – further to the March meeting Mrs Shaw had provided a document outlining both the process and funding required for ongoing testing of the River Hart water quality. Cllr Dorn confirmed that he was liaising with Mrs Shaw to agree suitable locations to site the free kits that had already been procured. Based on this, it was agreed that whilst remaining in favour of supporting the initiative, the parish council wait for the results of the initial testing before considering whether to commit to further financial support.
- Pickleball – as agreed, the Clerk had liaised with both the tennis coach and the relevant contractors to understand whether there would be an issue with adding additional lines and the costs involved. Whilst the coach had confirmed a growing market for pickleball and that from her perspective the additional lines would not be an issue, councillors raised concerns that the addition of another set of lines (the court having potential for up to four pickleball courts) over and above the regular tennis lines and junior tennis lines, would cause confusion. The costs were considered, and it was agreed that a maximum of two pickleball courts could be added, subject to the booking system allowing for multiple bookings. But councillors also agreed that any new lines would not be added to the court until the end of the main outdoor playing season, that they monitor uptake at the village hall and vote on whether to add additional pickleball lines in autumn. Proposed by Cllr Smith. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously. Cllr Gregory confirmed that she would update the Village Hall trustees at their next meeting.

199/25 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

None.

200/25 Reports from other councils

Cllr Glen (HCC) confirmed that a copy of his regular written report would be provided by the end of the week but in the meantime provided a verbal update:

- Villages Oppose Warehouses (VOW) have contacted Cllr Glen regarding activity at Lodge Farm. Notices have appeared regarding equipment that is collecting scientific data, and it is not known as yet if this is relating to efforts to change the use of land, but the situation is being monitored.
- The deadline on the Mayoral Combined Authority has passed and has gone to the minister for next steps.
- Following last month's meeting Cllr Glen has co-ordinated with Whitewater Valley Conservation Group Chairman and put them in touch with Mrs Shaw to encourage cross parish cooperation and knowledge sharing.
- A HCC committee is looking into ways of bringing back the HCC councillors' devolved budgets.

- The HCC Chief Executive, Carolyn Williamson, has tendered her notice, and it is hoped the position would be appointed by September.
- A new company had taken over Calf Lane quarry and a liaison panel, previously set up to respond to local concerns, would be resurrected if needed.

Cllr Dorn:

- Daryl Philips would be retiring as Chief Executive to HDC and continuing to work part-time for the time being. Graeme Clark and Kirsty Jenkins would both be stepping up as joint-Chief Executive.
- Communications for the food waste service which will commence in October are being finalised. Residents will have the choice of either 7 or 23 litre containers with liners for the caddies available at extra cost.
- The Long Sutton solar farm application was approved after a long and difficult debate. Cllr Dorn requested that a bond for the end of the 20 year contract be included at the outset but was voted down. Moving forward, however, HDC Planning are looking at this in detail as it is common practice in other councils.
- Cllr Worthington having raised a request on behalf of the litter pickers for HDC to provide bin liners and collect them from the roadside, Cllr Dorn confirmed that this should be possible, although a full Risk Assessment would in all likelihood be required. The Clerk confirmed that a risk checklist had been provided to the litter pickers, which is applied each time. It was noted that, if necessary, the parish council may be able to arrange a collection of the filled bags.
- No further developments on the Handcroft Lane drain.

Councillors thanked Cllrs Glen and Dorn for their input and with no further questions raised, they left the meeting.

201/25 Representations by the public

None.

202/25 Planning Applications

A presentation having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, Cllr O'Connor provided a verbal overview on the following planning applications.

25/00434/HOU	Plough Lodge Mill Lane Crondall GU10 5RP	Erection of a first floor extension.
Recommendation: No Objection Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED unanimously.		
25/00513/HOU	Blue Bell Lodge Rye Common Lane Crondall GU10 5DE	Erection of timber summerhouse and above ground demountable paddling pool.
Recommendation: No Objection Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Smith and AGREED unanimously.		
25/00520/HOU	16 Glebe Road Crondall GU10 5PJ	Erection of a two-storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch canopy.
Recommendation: Objection on the basis of the proposed development is contrary to: • Para. 124 of the NPPF, which states that planning decisions should support development that makes efficient use of land whilst taking into account the desirability of maintaining an area's prevailing character and setting (including residential gardens); • Policy 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan requires development to demonstrate good design, including complementing and integrating with neighbouring properties, complementing the existing street scene, and retaining existing or enhancing front boundaries. Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously.		

25/00398/HOU	The Cedars Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5NY	Installation of a swimming pool and associated plant room built adjacent to an existing garage.
Recommendation: <u>No Objection</u> Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED unanimously.		
25/00583/HOU	The Orchard Well Road Crondall GU10 5PW	Erection of a two-storey front extension, removal of open porch and replacement of door to ground floor front with a window.
Recommendation: <u>No Objection</u> Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Smith and AGREED unanimously.		
25/00481/HOU	Rambler Cottage Dippenhall Street Crondall GU10 5NX	Re-build wall.
Recommendation: <u>No Objection</u> subject to approval of materials Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED (in favour 3 : abstained 1).		

203/25 HDC Community Governance Review [Community Governance Review | Hart District Council](#)

Councillors did not express any major views of the topics raised, noting that it would be dependent on the outcome of the reorganisation of councils as a result of devolution. The Clerk to respond on behalf of the parish council as in **bold** below:

Existing Parishes

The Community Governance Review must make recommendations for each of the existing parishes under review including:

- 1. Whether those parishes should or should not be abolished*
- 2. Whether the area of the existing parishes should be altered, such as being grouped together, possibly due to recent developments*

Do you think that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?

Potentially, depending on the nature of the devolution and whether more responsibility is passed down the line to the parishes. This being the case, there may be some mileage in amalgamating the smallest of the parish councils.

If yes:

The name of the parish or parishes:

Smaller village parishes with fewer than 250 residents.

Please provide further details of your proposal. You should consider how your proposal will:

- Reflect the identities and interest of the communicated*
- Be effective and convenient to the local community.*

The separation of Crondall and Ewshot Parish Council into two separate councils in 2010 involved a great deal of effort, time and resources. Any changes to parish councils should bear this in mind.

Council Size

Council size describes the number of councillors to be elected to the whole council. The Local Government Act 1972 confirms that each parish council must have at least five councillors, while there is no maximum number. There are no rules relating to the allocation of those councillors between parish wards but each parish ward, and each parish grouped under a common parish council, must have at least one parish councillor.

The National Association of Local Councils published guidelines (Circular 1126) suggests that the minimum number of councillors for any parish council should be seven with a maximum of 25.

The council size should be considered on its own merits, taking into account its population, geography and the pattern of communities.

Consideration should be given to the difficulty of attracting sufficient candidates to stand for election. In some parishes, this has led to repeated uncontested elections and/or a need to co opt members in order to fill vacancies. A parish council's budget and planned, or actual, level of service provision may also be important factors in reaching conclusions on council size.

Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?

Yes

No*

Not sure/ don't know

(*Councillors agreed that any response to this question can only be on behalf of the represented parish council)

IF YES: What is the name of the council?

n/a

How many councillors should there be?

n/a

Why are you proposing this number of councillors?

n/a

Do you have any further comments on stage 1 of the Community Governance Review?

No

204/25 HCC Future Services Consultation

It was noted that it would be difficult to respond to the consultation and that members should be encouraged to respond as individual residents. Additionally, the Clerk would continue to promote the consultation to parishioners.

205/25 Policy Update

The new policy for the Use of CPC Recreational Grounds and corresponding review of charges/fees for 2025/26 was considered, as presented with the agenda. Under "General Restrictions" and "Casual Use" the numbers agreed for "gatherings" to be reduced from 40 to 25, the policy and fees were proposed for acceptance and publication by Cllr Argent. Seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED unanimously.

REPORTS

206/25 Meeting Reports from Councillors

In Cllr Best's absence, who attended the recent HDAPTC, the Clerk confirmed that a new Chairman and Deputy Chairman had been appointed to the HDAPTC and that once published, a copy of the minutes would be forwarded to all councillors.

207/25 Clerk's Report

The report having been circulated to all prior to the meeting, it was agreed that a demonstration day, hosted by FreshAir Fitness would be a positive initiative. The Clerk to circulate possible dates to all councillors and agree a date.

No further questions were raised, and the report was NOTED.

208/25 Fly Tipping Cameras

In Cllr Worthington's absence, the Clerk confirmed that the mobile cameras are now operational and that extra signage had been ordered.

209/25 Mill Lane Defibrillator

Cllr Gregory provided details of possible sites on the Plough Garage on which to house the proposed defibrillator. Subject to final agreement from the owner of the garage, the defibrillator can be ordered, preferably by the end of

the month. The quote for the defibrillator having been raised as an invoice, Cllr Gregory confirmed that she would liaise with the charity to have it cancelled and re-invoiced only if/when a site is confirmed.

210/25 Neighbourhood Plan Review

Cllr O'Connor confirmed the situation remained unchanged since the previous meeting. She is liaising with her counterpart at Odiham & North Warnborough parish council, who have recently finished their review. Additionally, a meeting with HDC is being arranged to establish requirements. Concern was raised that what was originally thought to be an interim review would now be a much more extensive and time-consuming exercise. This being the case, a review of resources and reallocation of projects, may be required.

211/25 Roads, Traffic & Footpaths

In Cllr Taylor's absence, the Clerk confirmed that Cllr Taylor continues to liaise with HCC Highways re road and parking markings by the village shop.

212/25 New Burial Ground

A written synopsis of the situation to date having been distributed prior to the meeting, Cllr O'Connor gave a brief overview. It was agreed that the subject would be raised at the APM on 20th May to gain an initial idea of parishioner opinion on the matter, particularly bearing in mind the potential costs involved. Additionally, a request for ideas and potential land opportunities would be made.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

213/25 Appoint CPC representative on the Elizabeth Oliver Trust

The nomination of Cllr Gregory as the CPC representative on the Trust was proposed by Cllr Smith. Seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED (in favour 3 : abstained 1).

214/25 Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 12 items including Payroll, valued at £6,221.98, was proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Smith and AGREED unanimously (Appendix 1).

215/25 To NOTE the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet to 31st March 2025

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

216/25 To NOTE the independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for March 2024

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

217/25 Correspondence

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

218/25 Any other Business

No items were raised.

219/25 In-Committee

Cllr Smith proposed that the main meeting be concluded, prior to continuing in-Committee to discuss confidential matters. Cllr Smith, therefore, moved that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Argent and AGREED unanimously. The Chairman called the open section of the meeting to an end at 9.30 pm.

Signed as a true record dated 27th May 2025

Appendix I

Payment Ratifications

	Supplier/Payee	Payee	Inv/Account. Ref.	Inv/DD. Date	Description	£ Gross	NB
	Chambers	Supplier	P769216	31/03/25	Dumpy Bin hire: March 2025	90.78	
	Octopus Business Energy	Supplier	A874B2B9A	02/04/25	Electricity: Tractor Shed: Mar '25	31.14	/
	Octopus Business Energy	Supplier	A447... + A471...	02/04/25	Electricity: Pavilion: Mar '25	34.79	/
	Sage	Supplier	00494837	04/04/25	Payroll: 04/04/25 – 03/05/25	12.00	/
	Larkstel	Supplier	1590	26/03/25	Bin Collection: March 2025	251.40	
	Lloyds Bank	Supplier	452353116	10/03/25	Bank Charges: 10/02/25 – 09/03/25	4.25	/
	Castle Water	Supplier	10005955252	02/04/25	Pavilion Water: 01/03/25 – 31/03/25	75.32	
	Hampshire Mowers	Supplier	22822	18/03/25	Hedgecutter service and misc parts	202.90	
	Zeiss	Cllr Worthington	A664472	18/02/25	Annual camera hosting package x 4	302.14	
	London Hearts	Supplier	30521	19/02/25	Difbrillator package (Mill Lane)	1,189.20	2
	Speedwatch	S Shepherd	-	14/04/25	Reimbursement of electricity costs (2024/25 fiscal year)	120.00	
	Payroll: April 2025	Staff salaries, PAYE, NICs, E'ee Pension Contributions				3,908.06	
	TOTAL					6,221.98	

NB1: D/D

NB2: Subject to confirmation from Plough Garage