

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

PRESENT Councillor G Smith – Chairman
Councillors D Argent, K Best, S Gregory, C Howlett-Molloy, G O'Connor and I Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE Cllr C Dorn – Hart District Council (HDC) and A Angove (Parish Clerk). No members of the public were in attendance.

110/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Worthington (CPC) plus Cllr Glen (HCC) and Cllrs Hale and Highley (HDC).

111/26 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda.

None

112/26 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th October 2025 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the meeting Chair. (Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED unanimously.

113/26 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

None

114/26 Public Session

The Clerk confirmed that no representations or requests to address the meeting, not covered elsewhere in the meeting, had been received.

115/26 Reports from other councils

HCC Cllr Glen written report (Appendix A) was NOTED.

HDC Cllr Dorn reported that:

- No formal communications have been received from the Government with regard to the Local Government Reorganisation but it likely that all three proposed options will be opened for public consultation soon;
- The HDC call for sites has been extended to January 2026. Cllr Dorn expressed concern about the lack of progress in the Local Plan, citing potential risk of development by appeal because of the delays;
- Confirmed that developers have put forward the Jnc5 site for warehouses;
- Resulting Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) is likely to be published in April 2026.

(Cllr Dorn left the meeting)

116/26 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:

25/01335/FUL	Furney Copse Farm Crondall Road Crookham Village Fleet GU51 5SZ	Use of land for the permanent siting of a mobile home further to temporary permission granted by 21/02645/FUL.
Recommendation: Objection , on the grounds that it is development on the open countryside Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Taylor and AGREED (in favour 6 : against 1)		

25/01186/FUL	Bowenhurst Farm Mill Lane Crondall GU10 5RP	Installation of a battery storage facility with ancillary infrastructure, including security fencing, access, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements to provide balancing services to the local electricity grid (Amended).
Recommendation: Objection on the basis that: • The proposal is located in the countryside, contrary to HLP NBE1 & SS1; • Proposal is contrary to CNP Policy 1; • There would be a cumulative noise impact on local residents; • There is a lack of detailed fire assessment and proposals. Reference letter sent by the clerk on 30 July Cllr O'Connor proposed as listed. Seconded by Cllr Gregory and AGREED unanimously.		

117/26 Budget 2026/27

117/26a Review of First Draft

The distributed report was NOTED.

117/26b Proposed Projects for inclusion in the budget

A report outlining projects proposed for consideration was reviewed, with a number being confirmed to be included in the next stage of the budgeting process for 2026/27, with a view to considering the financial ramifications of including all or some before agreeing the final figures. Projects to be included at this stage include the ongoing traffic calming measures, build of a wooden surround to house the portaloo and parish council municipal bin, improvements to the bus shelters (utilising the HCC bus shelter fund), repairs to the Sports Pavilion and the creation of a pétanque pitch. The Clerk and Financial Lead (Cllr Argent) to prepare draft costings and precept impact prior to formal consideration by the parish council at the December meeting.

117/26c Proposed projects for future budget years

Projects to investigate the provision of a padel ball court and allotments were assigned to Cllrs Smith and Gregory respectively, for consideration for future budgets.

118/26 REPORTS

118/26a Meeting Reports – None

118/26b Clerk's Report - the previously distributed report was NOTED with no questions raised.

118/26c Councillor Verbal Updates – no verbal updates were received

119/26 FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

119/26a Ratification of payments

The circulated list of 12 items including Payroll, valued at £7,868.54, was proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr Smith and **AGREED** unanimously (Appendix B).

119/26b Items for Spending

None

119/26c Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet to 31st October 2025

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

119/26d Independent Examination of the Bank Reconciliation for October 2025

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

120/26 Correspondence

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

121/26 Any other Business and Items for next month's meeting

No items were raised. There being no further public business the meeting closed at 9.29pm.

Signed as a true record dated 15th December 2025

APPENDIX A: Hampshire County Council Report (December 2025) – Councillor Jonathan K Glen

Can you believe it...we have arrived at the end of another action-packed year. A chance to review what went right, what went wrong and how we can move forward into 2026 with a sense of being given another chance!

County Councillor Grants

The County Councillor Grant scheme is operating once more, with a lesser amount of £5,000 and new criteria as follows:

Hampshire County Councillor Grants – Updated Criteria (September 2025)

Following a comprehensive review, Hampshire County Council has revised its County Councillor Grants Scheme to reflect budget constraints and improve effectiveness. Key changes include:

- **Reduced Allocation:** Each County Councillor now has an annual grant budget of **£5,000**, down from £8,000.
- **Eligibility Restrictions:**
 - Grants are only available to **organisations**, not individuals.
 - Organisations **cannot apply for the same project** in consecutive years.
 - Applications must demonstrate **community benefit**, especially if from religious or statutory bodies.
- **Funding Limits:**
 - A **maximum of £1,000 per project** is now in place.
 - Grants for **seasonal or time-specific events** must be awarded **before the event date**.
- **Transparency and Branding:**
 - All funded projects must **acknowledge County Council support** in promotional materials.
- **Application Assessment:**
 - Previous grant awards (from the last two years) will be considered during evaluation.
 - Preference may be given to organisations without access to other funding sources.

These changes aim to ensure the scheme remains fair, transparent, and aligned with the Council's strategic priorities while managing financial pressures.

Parish Council Bus Shelter Grant Scheme

Hampshire County Council has launched a new grant scheme to help Parish Councils replace or refurbish bus shelters – making them more attractive, visible, and welcoming for passengers.

Funded through the Department for Transport's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) 2025/26 Bus Grant, this scheme is all about improving local infrastructure and encouraging more people to use public transport.

- Who can apply? Parish Councils that own and maintain existing bus shelters.
- How much is available? Up to £15,000 per shelter site – for either refurbishment or installation of a new shelter at an existing site.
- When to apply? Applications are open now and must be submitted by 28 February 2026. Awards will be made on a rolling basis from early 2026.

Parish Councils will need to provide quotes from commercial suppliers as part of their application.

For more details, including the application form and guidance, visit Hampshire County Council's website or contact the Passenger Transport Team at: passenger.transport.enquiries@hants.gov.uk

This is a great opportunity to improve local facilities and make bus travel more appealing for residents.

Southern Water hosepipe ban lifted

Southern Water has confirmed that the hosepipe ban has been lifted. I Thank you to everyone who played their part in conserving water over the summer months—it really made a difference in protecting our precious chalk streams and keeping supplies flowing.

While restrictions are no longer in place, I'd encourage us all to keep up good water-saving habits where we can. Every drop saved helps build resilience for the future.

2026 County Council Elections

The Times has reported that leaders of the Devolution Priority Programme areas are calling for a further postponement of County Council elections, currently scheduled for May next year.

You can read the article here: <https://www.thetimes.com/.../0a601557-49fe-4c0a-b9de...>

To be absolutely clear: we have not requested any delay to elections, nor have we had conversations with Government about one.

Ultimately, this is a decision for the Government. Last year's delay was to enable devolution, which is now substantially complete. It was Westminster that subsequently imposed Local Government Reorganisation.

This is the Government's project; its timeline and its decision whether it can deliver what is needed with or without elections

Hampshire County Council honours new Aldermen

Two former Hampshire County Councillors have been recognised with the award of the title of Honorary Alderman, for their distinguished service to the people of Hampshire.

[Hampshire County Council honours new Aldermen | Hampshire County Council](#)

New Year Resolution: Hampshire County Council backs residents to quit smoking – free support available

Quitting smoking isn't easy, but you don't have to do it alone. Hampshire County Council is encouraging residents to take part in Stoptober, the national campaign that helps thousands of people each year start living smokefree in 2026.

[Hampshire County Council backs residents to quit smoking – free support available | Hampshire County Council](#)

Hampshire County Council's Children's Services recognised in national awards

One of Hampshire County Council's Children's Services teams has been recognised as 'Team of the Year' at the national Social Worker of the Year Awards

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A warm welcome for all – upgrades to Basingstoke Discovery Centre to support residents this winter

Basingstoke residents will soon enjoy an even warmer welcome at their local library thanks to refurbishment works taking place at Basingstoke Discovery Centre next month

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Major M27 Closure – Plan ahead this Christmas and New Year

If you're travelling down to the south coast over the festive period, please take note of the dates for the closure of the motorway between Southampton and Portsmouth:

The **M27** will be fully closed in both directions between Junctions 9 (Whiteley) and 11 (Fareham) from **8pm** on **24 December 2025** until **4am** on **Sunday 4 January 2026**.

This closure is essential to install a brand-new four-lane underpass using an innovative engineering technique that avoids months of disruption later. But it does mean **serious delays are expected** if you don't plan ahead.

What you need to know:

- Full closure J9–J11 in both directions.
- Diversion via the A27 (expect heavy traffic, especially 10am–4pm daily).
- Exit available: westbound at J11 (Fareham/Gosport) and eastbound at J9 (Whiteley/Park Gate).
- No westbound entry at J11 (towards Southampton/A32) and no eastbound entry at J9 (towards Portsmouth).

If arranging Christmas and New Year travel please plan your journeys in advance:

- Travel outside peak hours
- Use alternative routes
- Ask yourself if the journey is essential

We know this will cause significant inconvenience, and we thank local communities and road users for their patience while this vital work is carried out. This short closure for the innovative work will save months of additional disruption, lane closures and congestion.



For updates and full details, visit the official Christmas closure webpage:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/M27-junction-10/christmas-closure?utm_source=SAPHybris&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5342&utm_term=M27%20J10%20-%20Motorway%20Closure%20Update_Link&utm_content=EN

Hampshire County Council continues to grow SEND provision with more specialist places and inclusive support

Hampshire County Council is continuing its long-term investment in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision, with plans well underway to deliver 1,000 additional specialist school places between 2025 and 2030. This includes a mix of new places in both dedicated special schools and Resourced Provisions (RPs), which are specialist environments based within mainstream schools

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County Council to consult on School and Post-16 Transport Policies

Parents will be asked for their views on Hampshire County Council's School Transport and Post-16 Transport Policies in two consultations, which opened last month. Comments should be submitted by 7th December.

[County Council to consult on School and Post-16 Transport Policies | Hampshire County Council](#)

Foster Care – a stepping stone on the journey back home

Could you be part of a child's journey back home to their family?

[Foster care – a stepping-stone on the journey back home | Hampshire County Council](#)

All the best for a happy & healthy holiday season—see you next year.

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APPENDIX B: Payment Ratifications

	Supplier/Payee	Payee	Inv/Account. Ref.	Inv/DD. Date	Description	£ Gross	NB
	Lloyds Bank	Supplier	469344064	10/10/25	Bank Charges: 10/09/25 – 09/10/25	4.25	/
	Chambers	Supplier	P811263	31/10/25	Dumpy Bin hire: October 2025	38.14	
	Andy Loos	Supplier	STH/951303	31/10/25	Mobile loo hire October 2025	154.56	
	DGCS.io	Supplier	DS24313	01/11/25	Security patrols: October 2025	576.00	
	Larkstel	Supplier	1901	03/11/25	Bin Collection: October 2025	314.20	
	Castle Water	Supplier	10008067963	03/11/25	Pavilion Water: 01/10/25 – 31/10/25	2,297.01	/
	Sage	Supplier	01276916	04/11/25	Payroll: 04/11/25 – 03/12/25	13.20	/
	Octopus Business Energy	Supplier	2B9A-0013	07/11/25	Electricity: Tractor Shed: October '25	1.24	/
	Octopus Business Energy	Supplier	K1..ED7&3B8-0013	07/11/25	Electricity: Pavilion: October '25	27.66	/
	RBL Fleet & Crookham	Clerk	n/a	28/10/25	Additional 12 streetlight poppies (£3.00 pp)	36.00	
	Amazon	Clerk	GB5004LAN7Q55I	12.11.25	Replacement printer	329.50	
	Payroll: November 2025	Staff salaries, PAYE, NICs				4,076.78	
	TOTAL					7,868.54	