MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF CRONDALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CRONDALL CHURCH ROOMS ON MONDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT	Councillor G Smith – Chairman Councillors D Argent, J Baldry, S Gregory, C Howlett-Molloy, G O'Connor, I Taylor and S Worthington
IN ATTENDANCE	Cllr C Dorn – Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Hart District Council (HDC) A Angove (Parish Clerk) plus two members of the public.

60/27 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received Cllrs Hale and Highley (HDC).

61/27 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda.
No declarations of interest were received.

62/27 Approval of Minutes
RESOLVED: The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 24th August 2026 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the meeting Chair. Proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED (in favour 7 : abstained 1).

63/27 Meeting Action Points
Noted, as presented with the agenda.

64/27 Public Session
Councillors heard a presentation from Oak Rise Placemakers outlining their initial proposals for the future of Oak Park Golf Course. Following consent for a previous application to develop the golf course into a broader leisure facility, the owners have concluded that the business is not viable and are now exploring alternative uses for the land they have purchased.

Oak Rise Placemakers outlined new proposals for 40 large houses, together with 24 affordable homes, on the existing village golf course. The 18-hole course would be developed as an area of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

Councillors did not express an overall view on the proposals but raised a number of questions and observations. These included concerns about the limited space proposed for the affordable housing and associated parking, the ratio of market to affordable housing, potential flooding, the lack of public transport, and existing traffic concerns on Heath Lane and surrounding roads.

It was stressed that the proposals are very much at an early stage, with the Parish Council being the first to receive an overview of the emerging plans. While acknowledging that the proposed timescales are ambitious and may be subject to change, Oak Rise Placemakers confirmed that they intend to engage with the public before Christmas, with a view to submitting a planning application in 2027.

65/27 Representations by the Public
The Clerk updated the meeting on recent correspondence from a member of the public raising concerns regarding parking and traffic on Croft Lane during school drop-off times. The Clerk and Cllr Dorn had responded, with Cllr Dorn also directing the resident to the HCC Highways Report a Problem service to enable the issue to be formally reported and referenced. The Clerk confirmed that the

unofficial one-way system during school drop-off times had again been highlighted in the Crondall Chronicles.

66/27 Announcements from the Chairman, Clerk and Members questions received in advance

The Clerk thanked councillors for their responses regarding the proposed change to the October meeting date and confirmed that the meeting would take place one week later than originally published, on Monday 26th October. It was noted that Cllr Baldry would be unable to attend.

67/27 Reports from other councils

A written update having been distributed prior to the meeting (Appendix A) Cllr Dorn further reported on behalf of HCC and HDC:

- Further to the LGR decision, Cllr Dorn explained that it would not be possible to reinstate the previously withdrawn proposals. Any Government review would need to start from scratch, and it was considered unlikely that such a review would take place in the run-up to an election.
- The devolution work would continue as planned.
- HDC elections would now take place in May 2027.
- Cllr Dorn commented on HDC's Local Plan timetable and reported that district councillors had pushed for early proposals to be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for review before publication on 19th October, but this had not been agreed.
- There were several recent and ongoing roadworks in the area. Cllr Dorn particularly highlighted the planned overnight closure of the Lord Derby (Newlyns) roundabout in early October. As the closure was scheduled to take place overnight, it was not expected to cause significant inconvenience.
- Cllr Dorn also highlighted the availability of HCC councillors' grants and asked members to make local groups aware of this funding opportunity.

Cllr Taylor noted that, despite the length of the road closure, resurfacing works on Doras Green Lane had only covered part of the road, rather than taking the opportunity to address the wider and significant issues with its overall condition.

Separately, Cllr Taylor asked what could be done to mitigate the increase in through traffic, particularly large lorries resulting from the ongoing roadworks in Farnham. Cllr Dorn confirmed that he would liaise with the highways team and continue to press Surrey County Council to provide adequate signage to discourage lorries from using the village as a cut-through to the A287.

With no further questions raised, the Chairman thanked Cllr Dorn for his update and Cllr Dorn and the two members of the public left the meeting.

68/27 Planning

a. **Planning Applications** were considered in line with the previously circulated Planning Report and presented by the Cllr O'Connor.

26/01483/HOU	20 Chaundlers Croft Crondall GU10 5PH	Erection of a single storey rear/side extension, replacement garage and open porch to side entrance door.
Recommendation: No Objection		
26/01523/FUL	Land at Blue Bell Lodge Rye Common Lane Crondall GU10 5DE	Siting of 4 storage containers and erection of canopy (part retrospective).

Recommendation: No Objection subject to full compliance with Hart policies

Cllr O'Connor proposed that both applications were approved as listed. Seconded by Cllr Worthington and AGREED (unanimous).

It was noted that the Clerk had received notification of a separate planning application (26/01224/FUL) for the demolition of the car showroom and workshop and the erection of two dwellings, shed and detached garage at Phantom Motor Cars, Pankridge Street, Crondall, GU10 5QT. Due to the timescales involved, it had not been possible to include the application on the September agenda.

In order to meet the HDC consultation deadline, it was agreed that the Committee would consider the application by email vote, with the outcome to be formally recorded in the minutes of the October meeting.

b. Farnborough Airport Planning Appeal

Councillors NOTED the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, having previously submitted two written representations setting out their concerns regarding the proposed changes

69/27 Burial Ground Regulations

Councillors considered the proposed clarification to the Maintenance and Appearance regulations. Cllr Howlett-Molloy proposed the wording as listed, with references to artificial flowers removed. There being no seconder, Cllr Argent proposed the wording as listed, seconded by Cllr Taylor. AGREED (6 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention).

70/27 2027 Meeting Dates

The previously circulated proposed dates (Appendix B) were AGREED, with the December meeting brought forward by one week to 13th December.

71/27 REPORTS

71/27a Meeting Reports – None

71/27b Project Updates:

i. **Neighbourhood Plan** – NOTED. Cllr O'Connor to continue updating the current plans where possible, pending the HDC Local Plan Call for Sites update expected in mid-October. The Clerk to liaise with neighbouring parish councils to seek recommendations for suitable consultants to support the project moving forward.

ii. **Traffic Calming Measures** – Cllr Taylor provided an update on progress to date, confirming that a request for an initial assessment had been submitted to HCC. The assessment results would inform the viability of progressing the proposed traffic-calming measures. Subject to the response being received in time, Cllr Taylor requested a 20-minute slot at the October meeting to discuss the project in detail.

Noting the focus on the Dippenhall Street entrance to the village, the Clerk asked whether there may be financial benefit in including Well Road within

the project, particularly given anecdotal concerns regarding vehicle speeds and children accessing the road via a concealed entrance from Hook Meadow. The suggestion was NOTED for consideration.

iii. **Youth Facilities** – Cllr Howlett-Molloy provided a brief verbal update, confirming that previous material was being reviewed to inform the drafting of the questionnaire and poster, for consideration and agreement at the October meeting.

iv. **Football Field Partnership** – Councillors **NOTED** the written update from Farnham Vets and the significant progress made in improving the facilities. Councillors indicated their support in principle for waiving match fees by way of a Section 137 contribution for future charity matches, subject to prior agreement.

v. **Dimanche Tour of Hampshire** – Cllr Worthington updated the meeting to a correspondence received from Long Sutton Parish Council detailing their issues with the proposed time trial rally, specifically the proposed road closures. The CPC response having been agreed at the September meeting and subsequently submitted, the correspondence was NOTED and no further action agreed.

72/27 FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

72/27a Ratification of payments (Appendix C)

Following a review of insurable assets by the parish council's insurance brokers (Gallaghers), it was recommended that the quote offered by Hiscox Underwriting represented best value (£4,445.68 including tax and broker's charges).

The circulated list of 16 items including annual insurance and Payroll, valued at £11,181.69, was proposed by Cllr Argent, seconded by Cllr O'Connor and AGREED (unanimous).

72/27b Items for Spending (Appendix C)

None

72/27c Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet to 31st August 2026

The Council NOTED the report.

72/27d Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk confirmed that an independent examination of the Bank Reconciliation for the month of August 2026 had been undertaken, with no discrepancies identified. No questions were raised. Council NOTED the Clerk's report.

73/27 Correspondence

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

74/27 Any other Business

Two matters were raised:

- **Fly-Tipping Cameras:** Cllr Worthington confirmed that, although their effectiveness as an additional preventative measure cannot be measured, there continue to be concerns regarding

their ability to capture incidents of fly-tipping. The project will be reviewed prior to the annual renewal of the licences.

- **Wilson Grab Hire:** Cllr Baldry raised concerns regarding perceived ongoing breaches of conditions and has liaised with Cllr O'Connor in her capacity as the CPC representative at regulatory meetings. It was understood that a planning application is expected to be submitted shortly.

There being no further public business the meeting closed at 10.03 pm

Signed as a true record …… dated 26th October 2026

Appendix A

Local Government Reorganisation - Stopped

A brief summary of Hampshire County Council and related issues
Cllr Chris Dorn, Hampshire County Cllr



Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The important point is that the Government's previous decision for Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton has been withdrawn, not paused.

That matters.

The decision taken earlier this year to replace the existing councils with the proposed new unitary authorities no longer stands. The Government has instead announced a review of the wider LGR programme and will need to decide afresh what, if anything, it wishes to propose for Hampshire.

That does not mean LGR can never return. It may well do. But any future proposal will need to be considered again on its merits. My personal view is that any new proposal is unlikely until after the next General Election.

It's important that the breathing space created by this decision is used to bring councils, communities and Government together and properly consider the future of local government across Hampshire and the Solent. There is no reason to rush this.

Reorganising councils serving more than two million people is a once-in-a-generation decision. Whatever eventually replaces the present system needs to be financially sustainable, protect the services residents depend upon and properly reflect the communities it serves.

There is also a separate question which the Government now needs to address: who pays for all the work undertaken on the previous proposals? And the lost opportunity costs of the hiatus?

Over recent months councils across Hampshire have spent considerable amounts of money preparing for LGR. Just as importantly, large amounts of officer time have been diverted from normal council business to meet Government deadlines and prepare for implementation.

That work was not undertaken on a whim. Councils were responding to a process and timetable set by Government. The abortive costs of LGR should therefore be borne by Government, not by Hampshire council taxpayers.

We will now establish the full cost to Hampshire County Council of the process to date and will be asking Government to reimburse those costs. At a time when local government finances remain extremely challenging, money spent preparing for a reorganisation which has subsequently been withdrawn is money which could otherwise have been used to support the services our residents rely upon.

I don't believe our present structures must remain unchanged forever. But change of this scale has to be based on evidence rather than deadlines, and it has to leave local government stronger and more sustainable than it was before.

For now, I think the withdrawal of the previous decision is a very positive outcome for Hampshire and gives us the opportunity to approach the question again in a much more considered way.

The Government has also confirmed that the local elections due in May 2027 will proceed on the existing council boundaries (that means Hart District Cllrs for Hook).

It's also worth noting that the Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA) (aka "devolution" - to draw powers and money from Westminster) continues and we await clarity on when we'll get the chance to elect a Mayor for the wider area.

I will, as always, keep you updated as things develop.

Highways – Preparing for Winter

As we head into autumn, our highways teams are already thinking of winter. You will have noticed plenty of work locally, making best use of the good weather and longer days to repair and resurface our roads. As you may recall, we'd need x10 funding to do them all, so the strategy is repair and preserve where we can and temporarily fill dangerous features.

It's really important to report via the Hampshire Highways portal, the links are:
• Potholes: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes
• Tree/hedge problems: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-aproblem/treehedge
• Flooding/drainage issues: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-aproblem/flooding
• All other options are under: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-aproblem

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you need me to follow this up, please forward that message. Facebook is not a reporting tool and while I can pick some up, the famous algorithm doesn't always highlight them to me, so its quicker if you can report directly - please!

FixMyStreet does pass reports to Hampshire, but the process often loses some key data, hence we prefer you report to us directly. But FixMyStreet is the reporting tool for many Hart issues, including fly tipping.

Hampshire Cllr Grants

Hampshire County Cllrs receive a modest £5,000 grant to be distributed through the year (£100 - £1,000 per grant). The details are here:-
https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor

The rules give us quite some latitude, but I would like to ensure that these grants are focussed on:-
• Things that are happening within the Division
• Have clear outcomes
• Delivered or completed this year
• Deliver on the 4 priority commitments in Hampshire County Council's Strategic Plan (see link above)

I will have a preference for those that highlight these points, but the scope is broad, so good cases are always welcome!

I would like to consider as many as possible in parallel to make the best possible choice that fits within the funding limits and avoids any "left over" at the end of the financial year.

Clearly, you can't all be successful, but I hope to help as many worthy causes as I can. So please do provide outlines, either catch me when you see me or via email to chris.dorn@hants.gov.uk so we can complete an initial view on suitability.

Contact

I'm always happy to talk to people, but the best way to contact me is to email: chris.dorn@nehc.org.uk or follow my Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Cllr.Dorn

Cllr Chris Dorn
Hampshire County Council for Odiham & Hook Division and District Cllr for Odiham Ward and Western Parishes on behalf of the Conservative Party

Just to caveat: Cllrs can't provide definitive planning or legal advice, but I'm happy to share my personal thoughts on matters while asserting my open mindedness to any related future planning applications or formal council decisions.

APPENDIX B

MEETING DATES 2027

Monday 25th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Monday 22nd March 2027

Monday 26th April 2027

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 10th May 2027

Monday 24th May 2027 (AGM)

Monday 21st June 2027

Monday 26th July 2027

Monday 23rd August 2027

Monday 20th September 2027

Monday 25th October 2027

Monday 22nd November 2027

Monday 13th December 2027

Meetings start at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Croft Lane, Crondall

Meetings are open to the public. If you would like to make representations in respect of any item of business included on the Agenda, please notify the Clerk by no later than 9:00 am on the morning of the meeting, via:-

E-mail: clerk@crondall-pc.gov.uk Tel: 08510 918232

Please include your name, address and the item of business to which the matter refers. Representations are usually limited to 3 minutes. Alternatively, you can contact your Councillors directly, see website for details: www.crondall-pc.gov.uk

Occasionally the Parish Council may schedule extra-ordinary meetings to deal with urgent business, notice of these will be displayed on the Parish Notice Boards.

Crondall Parish Council

21st September 2026

Appendix C

Payment Ratifications

	Supplier/Payee		Payee	Inv/Account. Ref.	Inv/DD. Date	Description	£ Gross	NB
	Lloyds Bank		Supplier	494387057	10/08/26	Bank Charges: 10/07/26 – 09/08/26	4.25	1
	Chambers		Supplier	P864649	31/08/26	Dumpy Bin Hire: August 2026	102.50	
	DGCS		Supplier	DS25673	31/08/26	Security services: August 2026	594.00	
	Crondall Village Hall		Supplier	CVH2649	01/09/26	Room Hire: June, July, August	99.00	
	Octopus Business Energy		Supplier	2B9A-0023	01/09/26	Electricity: Tractor Shed: August '26	22.63	1
	Octopus Business Energy		Supplier	KI..ED7&3B8-0023	01/09/26	Electricity: Pavilion: August '26	41.57	1
	Larkstel		Supplier	2355	02/09/26	Bin Collection: August 2026	314.20	
	Sage		Supplier	02470362	04/09/26	Payroll: 04/09/26 – 03/10/26	16.80	1
	Castle Water		Supplier	10011284656	08/09/26	Churchyard Water: August 2026	7.30	1
	Castle Water		Supplier	10011372116	18/09/26	Football Field Water: August 2026	285.99	
	Farnham Town Vets FC		Supplier	0052	20/09/26	Replacement internal locks to changing rooms	190.00	2
	Gallagher		Supplier	547751536	26/08/25	General Insurance: 01/10/26 – 30/09/27	4,445.68	3
	RBVE		*Clerk*	187458	21/09/26	Wooden Tommy Memorial Bench	755.00	
	V Piotrowicz		*Clerk*	10887	07/07/26	Nitrate testing kits	25.99	4
	Hampshire County Council		*I Taylor*	*tbc*	*tbc*	Initial assessment for traffic calming measures	200.00	
	Payroll: September 2026		Staff salaries, PAYE, NICs				**4,076.78**	
	TOTAL						**11,181.69**	

NB1: D/D

NB2: Agreed with supplier

NB3: Increase of £537.62

NB4: Repeat from August Payments Schedule

Purchase/Expenditure Authorisation Requests

	Item	Proposed **maximum** ££ (excl. VAT)	NB
	TOTAL		