

CROWLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on: Thursday 12th March 2026, 7.00pm at Crowle Millennium Hall, Committee Room

Present: Councillors Ruth Dawson-Jones (Chair), Steve Bott, Lawrence Wall and Clerk Joe Tinson

In attendance: County Cllr Linda Robinson, District Cllr Margaret Rowley and 2 members of the public

03.26.1 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received and approved from councillors Stephen Denne, Donna Kennedy and Rod Smith

03.26.2 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

None

PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was now adjourned for Public Question Time

- It was asked if something could be done about hardcore and mud on the road at the junction with the track to the sewage works at Lower Crowle
 - **Action** – County Cllr Linda Robinson asked for details to be forwarded to her so she could investigate it
 - **Action** – Clerk asked to contact Lengthsman to see if he can do anything about it

- It was asked if the Parish Council would be interested in funding a soldier silhouette statue
 - Life size would cost about £175
 - It was questioned where it could go, the parish garden was proposed and the team of volunteers who look after the garden will be consulted
 - County Cllr Linda Robinson was happy to fund it, up to the cost of £300, she will liaise with the member of the public

- Does the new project proposal include any dog spaces
 - The project proposal does not include a space solely for dogs but there are plenty of spaces in the parish that dogs can be walked as well as dedicated dog spaces in the local area

- The council were informed that nitrous oxide canisters have been found down Bredicot Lane
 - **Action** – Cllr Linda Robinson will report this back

- **Action** – Clerk will inform Crowle Litter Heroes so they are aware when doing litter picks and know how to safely dispose of these

03.26.3 Chair's Welcome and Remarks

- a) The Chair welcomed all attendees, including the new clerk, Joe Tinson.
 - The council was also informed that the new clerk still does not have access to the bank account. This is due to additional information needed that has been sent across to the bank
- b) **Action List**
 - The review of the ongoing Action List was postponed until the next meeting. The new clerk will review and request updates to ensure this is up to date as well as adding on new actions as needed

03.26.4 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes

03.26.5 District and County Councillor Reports

- a) **County Council** – Cllr Linda Robinson's report highlights were:
 - Highway weather issues:
 - With flooding and debris on the roads and pot holes popping up parishioners are reminded they can report issues here:
<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/report-road-or-path-issue>
 - Issues can also be reported directly to Cllr Linda Robinson
 - Having What3Word for the issue is very useful as well as photos of the issue
 - Cllr Linda Robinson recently visited Crowle Primary School for the first time and was very impressed with the school and students
 - Crowle Primary School has been shortlisted for a cycle to school scheme, which at this time is still in consultation
 - Cllr Lawrence Wall asked Cllr Linda Robinson what is being done about litter
 - It was stated that litter is not a county responsibility so District Cllr Margaret Rowley said she would contact her department
 - It was added that anyone can start a litter pick and get supplies from the District Council
 - It was also noted that the Crowle Litter Heroes will be doing their next litter pick on 25th April 2026. To volunteer with them they can be contacted:
crowlelitterheroes@gmail.com
 - Cllr Linda Robinson noted talking with a member of the Recreation Facilities Project working group and has pledged to donate £5000 to the project, subject to approval and planning
- b) **District Council** - Cllr Margaret Rowley report highlights were:
 - The Wychavon portion of the Council Tax has been frozen for 7th time in 9 years, which puts Wychavon as the 4th lowest council tax in the country
 - A fund of £5 million for community projects and schemes has been announced, with more details to follow
 - Worcestershire Consultation:
 - There is still one week to enter comments about the two proposals for unification of local government

- A final decision will be made in July 2026
- The District Council is supported the two district proposal
- **Action** – Cllr Ruth Dawson-Jones will make a comment within the week

03.26.6 Land & Highways Management Matters

- a) **Parking issues in Crowle and ongoing management**
 - No new issues were reported
- b) **Review of community recreational facilities and parish consultation**
 - A presentation of the proposal has been given to councillors and approved
 - An information leaflet will be delivered to all parishioners
 - Open drop-in events are happening in April to share proposals with parishioners
 - Following those events, a planning application will be made
 - Some of the proposal has funding and some still to source
 - Thank you to Cllr Linda Robinson for her £5000 donation to the project
 - Thank you to the working group for their time and effort
 - **Action** – Councillors to look at the proposed leaflet and give any feedback asap
- c) **Flooding on OTR and Lower Crowle**
 - No updates, not been great in the recent storms
- d) **Parish Paths Warden**
 - No news from Cllr Linda Robinson about training, she has five parishes waiting
 - It was noted the Crowle volunteer will need to be approached again once training is available as they may no longer be willing or able to take this on
- e) **To discuss any other highways related matters and agree any actions necessary**
 - Cllr Linda Robinson was asked for an update on getting upgraded VAS equipment that is solar powered to reduce the requirement to charge batteries
 - No update, will be chased
- f) **To discuss any other land management matters and agree any actions necessary**
 - None

03.26.7 Correspondence

- a) **Correspondence since last meeting**
 - i. Parking issue on Church Road 17/01/26 due to overflow at Parish Hall car parks – Cllrs Ruth Dawson-Jones & Donna Kennedy responded via email
 - There have not been any issues since, last weekend was a particularly busy weekend but the football club were able to use the field for parking
 - ii. Issue with dog mess in bags left outside parishioner's lane and churchyard – Clerk Joe Tinson responded via email
 - It was noted that there has also been a lot of dog mess on the field lately
 - More bins were put around a few months ago
 - Cllr Linda Robinson suggested getting students at Crowle Primary School to do a poster campaign, which she reported had worked for Whittington

- **Action** – School liaison councillors will talk to the school about a poster campaign

03.26.8 Planning

a) **New applications / decisions for information**

- i. W/25/02098/HP – Manor House, Froxmere Road - New Padel Court in the rear garden
- ii. W/26/00032/S106 – Land on Church Road - Application under Section 106ba of The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to modify the s106 agreement associated with planning permission W/24/02223/FUL
- iii. W/2626/00072/HP – Brierley, Church Road - The demolition of an existing side extension and rear conservatory with construction of part single and part two-storey rear extension and single storey front extension
- iv. W/26/00009/HP & W/26/00010/LB – The Thatch, Crowle Green - Replacement of conservatory with single storey dining/sun room
- v. W/26/00007/HP – Little Orchard, Church Road - Demolition of part of outbuilding; conversion and alterations to form therapy pool room; and flat roof garden room link to main bungalow. Installation of rear dormer and first floor side window
- vi. W/26/00186/HP – 1 Conference Grove - Single storey rear extension
- vii. W/25/02758/HP – 1 The Old Thatch, Foredraught Lane - Side and front two-storey extension

The above new applications (i-vii) received since the January meeting were reviewed and the decision to make no comment ratified

b) **Major applications**

- i. W/26/00314/RM - Reserved Matters application for scale, layout, appearance and landscaping following a grant of permission W/23/00647/OUT for the erection of 65 dwellings
 - **Action** – Cllr Ruth Dawson-Jones to draft a response
 - This will be circulated to councillors, agreed and then submitted 13/03/26 by the Clerk

c) **SWDPR update**

- Cllr Margaret Rowley reported the consultation has progressed with the Inspector's Report and Main Modifications almost completed. The results will be published next week from the officer
- There is a Wychavon District Council meeting planned for 25/03/26, with the aim to get the new plan adopted by the end of March, although this is likely to be delayed
- Due to the government changing to a new system (that can take 30 months for a new plan) a new phase for a new plan will go into consultation in June

d) **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

- No update given, following advice not to progress further until SWDPR has completed

e) **Sewerage Action Group**

- No update
- Cllr Margaret Rowley was asked if Piper Homes had had their sewage conditions removed
 - Cllr Margaret Rowley will investigate this

03.26.9 Parish Hall Matters

a) Parish Hall Trust Updates

- The jumble sale was last Saturday (07/03/26) and raised £1280.50 (same as last year) for the Parish Hall
 - Left over items went to various charities with clothing going to Rags 2 Riches raising money for Crowle Primary School
- Recently the Main Hall, Millennium Hall got new chairs which are like the ones in the Platinum Hall but grey
- The underfloor heating that was installed over the summer has meant the Main Hall, Millennium Hall has stayed warm throughout the winter

b) Neapori Pizza trading agreement

- No update – waiting for them to send over insurance and licence

03.26.10 Finance & Risk Management

a) It was **RESOLVED to approve payments, receipts and reconciliation against bank statements for January and February (appended to these Minutes at Appendix 1)**

b) Grant Award applications and recommendations

- The grant applications received were
 - Crowle Players – £250 – contribution towards storage container
 - Crowle Litter Heroes – £100 – refreshment purchase for volunteers
 - Fizz Bewley – £100 – to start a touch rugby club on the Jubilee playing field
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments to all three applicants
- **Action** – Clerk to contact the three applicants to let them know they have been successful and get bank details to transfer the grants over to them

c) Bank account fee increase

- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the increase in bank service charge of £7 from £6 from 01/04/26

d) Notification of lost wayleave cheque

- The council was informed that a wayleave cheque, for an amount under £5, has been lost in the handover of clerks

03.26.11 Police and Crime

a) Police and crime related issues

- Arrests have been made in relation to burglaries, but it was unsure if these were related to the issues in Crowle
- After a spate of break-ins, there have been no issues reported in the last few weeks

b) Speed enforcement and SmartWater schemes

- At the last police public meeting on 29/01/26 parishioners were reminded to register their SmartWater
- **Action** – Clerk to add post to Facebook to remind parishioners to register their SmartWater

03.26.12 Field Management Group Updates

a) General updates

- The Field Caretaker advised that the ROSPA report, following the annual inspection, will be provided soon

03.26.13 Community Events

a) Crowle 10K update – Cllr Steve Bott

- Sign up still quite low at 111 of at least 300 needed to break even. However, most people have historically signed up in March/April, therefore the main social media and banner promotions have not started yet
- Concerns remain over the availability of the field historically used for car parking due to it being in the process of being sold. Enquiries are ongoing and alternatives will be considered
- **Action** – Cllr Steve Bott to contact field owners for an update
- **Action** – Cllr Lawrence Wall to sort barriers

b) Wychavon Games – Cllr Lawrence Wall

- No update
- Cllr Lawrence Wall reminded to send over information to be added to the Facebook page
- **Action** – Cllr Lawrence Wall to start gaining interest for organising the Crowle teams for the Wychavon Games

03.26.14 Communication and Information Provision

a) To discuss any other issues relating to the Crowle Cryer, website or social media page

- Crowle Cryer
 - Most advertisement revenue has now been received, a mix of old and new advertisers. There is expected to be a few spaces, which may be filled during the year with adverts or repurposed as needed
- Website – Assertion 10
 - For the AGAR audit for the financial year 25/26 a new assertion has been added which asks questions around online accessibility and does require additional policies
 - **Action** – Clerk to review accessibility requirements with website provider and write up needed policies needed for full compliance

03.26.15 Councillor Updates and Items for Future Agendas

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be on 9th April 2026

The meeting ended at 20:25.

Signed _____ Chair Date _____

Appendix 1**Bank Reconciliation:****Payments****Jan & Feb 2026**

2/1/26	PAYE Cloud Ltd (payroll)	27.36
9/1/26	Wychavon District Council (road closure)	120.00
22/1/26	Paypal - Lebara phone contract	4.50
28/1/26	Jeremy Moore Lengthsman	264.00
28/1/26	Pace Print Design (Crowle Cryer)	276.00
30/1/26	Business Mid Space (Tiem)	66.00
30/1/26	Crowle Parish Hall & Recreation Trust	52.50
30/1/26	HMRC (PAYE)	48.40
30/1/26	David Steade - Salary	230.02
30/1/26	Topcut Mowing	1,320.00
30/1/26	Topcut Mowing	595.50
31/1/26	Unity Bank Service Charge	6.00
2/2/26	PAYE Cloud Ltd (payroll)	27.36
9/2/26	Kidderminster Memorials	700.00
9/2/26	Sharon Brett (volunteer expenses)	8.89
9/2/26	Lisa Andrews	39.00
20/2/26	Plaswood (British Polythene Ltd)	1,814.62
23/2/26	Paypal - Lebara phone contract	4.50
26/2/26	HMRC	278.94
26/2/26	Robert Moore - Expenses	221.44
26/2/26	Pace Print and Design	275.50
26/2/26	Business Mid Space (Tiem)	24.00
27/2/26	David Steade - Salary	229.82
27/2/26	Joe Tinson - Salary	891.90
27/2/26	Topcut Mowing	595.50
27/2/26	Unity Bank Service Charge	6.00

Receipts**Jan & Feb 2026**

02/01/26	Worcestershire CC Lengthsman	264.00
19/1/26	Crowle Searchers Donation	1,400.00
19/1/26	Credit	214.50
19/1/26	Nigel Ballard	82.50
19/1/26	Vince Brereton	32.00
19/1/26	Crowle Charities	100.00
20/1/26	Nicolson N - Cryer ad (occasional)	14.00
21/1/26	Paul Cooper - cryer ad	70.00
22/1/26	Glenco Scaffold - cryer ad	70.00
22/1/26	Select Physio - cryer ad	70.00
22/1/26	C Lock - cryer ad	70.00

23/1/26	JR Management Accountancy - cryer ad	70.00
26/1/26	Baker GJ (Bowbrook Gardens) - cryer ad	70.00
26/1/26	Plumb Performance - cryer ad	70.00
26/1/26	S Mugliett (SJM Lock) - cryer ad	70.00
26/1/26	R Baker (All in Cars) - cryer ad	70.00
26/1/26	L Harris (Green Farm) - cryer ad	70.00
28/1/26	Stripe Payments	429.01
29/1/26	C Wood - cryer ad	70.00
29/1/26	Exclusive Gym - cryer ad	70.00
30/1/26	Jenkins C&S - cryer ad	70.00
30/1/26	Crowle Garage - cryer ad	70.00
2/2/26	Deborah Leanne Harding (Happy Steps) - cryer ad	70.00
3/2/26	Benjamin Partnership - cryer ad	70.00
4/2/26	Crowle Pre School	70.00
5/2/26	Molly Felicity Dyble (Beauty Shed) - cryer ad	70.00
6/2/26	Kevin Dowson - cryer ad	70.00
12/2/26	DDC Dezzdotcom ltd - cryer ad	70.00
12/2/26	K Baker - cryer ad	70.00
12/2/26	Climb Worces ltd (Red Point) - cryer ad	140.00
16/2/26	E Bidwell	12.00
16/2/26	CW H + G MA T/AS - cryer ad	70.00
16/2/26	L Knowles - cryer ad	70.00
16/2/26	G Williams - cryer ad	70.00
16/2/26	Worc Renewbl - cryer ad	70.00
17/2/26	Inkberrow PH Ltd - cryer ad	70.00
18/2/26	Battle P J - cryer ad	70.00
23/2/26	Paws In The Country Worcester	14.00
24/2/26	Worcestershire CC Lengthsman	231.00
25/2/26	PERSONALISED SOCIAL CARE SOLUTIONS	70.00