

**CROWTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Crowton Parish Council meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 11 March 2025 at Crowton Village Hall**

2024

Meeting started 7pm

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Ralph Outtram (Chair) RO, Cllr Jenny Currie (JC) Cllr Sue Dolley (SD) Cllr Roger Hammond (RH), Cllr Joel Rutter, (JR), Cllr Bob Stubbs (BS), Cllr Kathryn Brennan (KB) following co-option. Ward Councillor & Lynn Stocks (LS) PCSO Neil Flannagan. 1 members of the public (MOP) Clerk - T Whitlow (TW)	
<b>24/158</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence were received &amp; accepted from:</b> Cllr Richard Thorne (Vice Chair) Ward Cllr 's Phil Rimmer & Gillian Edwards	
<b>24/159</b>	<b>Declarations of Members' Interests:</b> None	
<b>24/160</b>	<b>Approve Minutes</b> The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 11 February 2025 were approved & signed by the Chair.	
<b>24/161</b>	<b>Public Participation:</b> <b>PCSO Update:</b> No significant incidents reported in Crowton for February PCSO has conducted speed surveillance in the village last week, with a small number being over the speed limit. Majority within the speed limit. He will repeat on a regular basis.	
<b>24/162</b>	<b>Ward Councillor reports:</b> <b>GE written report:</b> Cheshire West Crowdfunding running again next year. Culvert – GE has emailed highways again. Grass verge by the bus stop reported again- awaiting a response. Easter appeal is now live – Requesting donations of non-perishables to prepare food hampers for families during the Easter holidays Gullies reported Liaising with Crowton school, the church & WI in organising a VE Day celebration.  <b>LS reported:</b> CWAC budget has been finalised with a 4.99% increase, of which social care makes up 2%	
<b>24/163</b>	<b>Co-option:</b> Applicant for co-option attended the meeting. Following discussions. <b>Resolved</b> unanimously to co-opt Kathryn Brennan to Crowton Parish Council. Acceptance of Office signed. Cllr Kathryn Brennan joined the meeting. TW to send register of interest paperwork TW to set up parish council email.	<b>TW</b> <b>TW</b>
<b>24/164</b>	<b>Matters Arising –</b> from previous minutes (if not an agenda item) None.	
<b>24/165</b>	<b>Correspondence: (unless covered as an agenda item)</b> None not already actioned or sent to members.	

24/166	<p><b>Accounts/Financial: to 26.02.25</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Payments ratified/for approval February payroll Linux – Domain hosting £71.86 Clerks expenses Jan-Feb £76.00 Marthall Tree Products £313.09 Refund TW for land registry search £14.00</li> </ol> <p><b>Receipts</b></p> <p>Field rent £335.00</p>	
24/167	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b></p> <p>Volunteer Scheme from highways, appears more challenging than thought. GE to take this up with Highways.</p> <p>TW has completed ILCA training course, prior to doing CILCA, hours and cost to be split between all her PC's. To be paid on receipt of invoice. £24.00 contribution.</p> <p>It had come to light that the PC were missing the land registry documents for the MG, TW has acquired these via the Land Registry at a cost of £14.00</p>	
24/168	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>New Applications:</b></p> <p>No new applications received</p> <p><b>LPA Decisions &amp; appeals.</b></p> <p>No new decisions or appeals received</p>	
24/169	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Footpath by the bus stop:</b> has been actioned again (2<sup>nd</sup> time) by CWAC, still unsatisfactory. TW to re-report.</li> <li>• PR is organising a ward meeting with highways, for Crowton, Acton Bridge, Cuddington &amp; Sandiway, Norley &amp; Weaverham PC's. Date to be confirmed.</li> </ul>	TW
24/170	<p><b>Millenium Green:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Bridge:</b> Wood has arrived for the bridge, this will be worked on at the next volunteer session.</li> <li>2. <b>Volunteers:</b> Cut back the banking on the stream. Wood has arrived for the bridge, this will be worked on at the next volunteer session.</li> </ol> <p><b>Bird boxes:</b> Kindly painted by the After School Club have been installed, thanks given to the pupils of Crowton School for painting them.</p>	JC TW
24/171	<p><b>Asset Maintenance &amp; Register:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Phone Box – Onston Lane:</b> Work in progress.</li> <li>2. <b>War Memorial Fence:</b> Work in progress</li> <li>3. <b>Bus Shelter:</b> see 24/173</li> <li>4. <b>Village Signage:</b> Work in progress.</li> </ol>	
24/172	<p><b>Verge Maintenance:</b></p> <p>Volunteer is happy to continue with this. To be periodically reimbursed for expenses. The PC thanked the MOP for his work.</p>	
24/173	<p><b>Volunteer Memorial:</b></p> <p>Discussed the use of the disused bus stop as an ongoing memorial to members of the village who have made significant contributions to the village. Engraved plaques could be placed on the wall of the bus stop. Add to next agenda for further discussion/decisions.</p>	

	RH stated there was an appetite from the Hare & Hounds customers to contribute to costs.	
<b>24/174</b>	<b>Community Resilience Group:</b> Resilience core group meeting tomorrow, to finalise the resilience plan. JC, SD, TW, GE.	
<b>24/175</b>	<b>Training &amp; Development Policy:</b> Reviewed. <b>Resolved</b> to adopt the policy. TW to add to website and policy schedule.	<b>TW</b>
<b>24/176</b>	<b>Items for next agenda:</b> Resilience Plan, memorial for passed volunteers, CPC logo, Use of Onston phone box,	
<b>24/177</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Crowton Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:

Dated: