

CROWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Crowton Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 14th April 2026 at Crowton Village Hall

2025-6

Meeting started 7.pm

	Present: Cllr Ralph Oultram, (Chairman) Cllr Richard Thorne (Vice Chair), (RT) Cllr Sue Dolley (SD), Cllr Bob Stubbs (BS), Cllr Joel Rutter (JR), In Attendance: Clerk - T Whitlow (TW), Ward Councillor Gillian Edwards 2 Members of the Public (MOP's)	
25/168	Apologies for Absence were received & accepted from: Cllr Mark Dickinson (MH), Cllr Richard Thorne (Vice Chair), (RT), Cllr Kathryn Brennan (KB) Ward Councillor Lynn Stocks	
25/169	Declarations of Members' Interests: None.	
25/170	Public Participation: 2 MOP's present to speak to the PC regarding planning application	
25/171	Approval of the last Minutes: The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th March 2026 were approved & signed by the Chair, with one amendment.	
25/172	PCSO Update: PCSO not present.	
25/173	Ward Councillor reports: Written Report from LS covering: National Planning Framework, Members Budgets are now open again, Extraordinary CWAC council meetings to discuss Peak Cluster and housing supply figures for CWAC. Cllr Gillian Edwards reported on: Current enforcement orders. Footpath 9 is to be hard cored. OPAL – (Older Persons Active Living) New meeting to be held at Acton Bridge Parish rooms – Activities and lunch £15 per person.	
25/174	Matters Arising – from previous minutes (if not an agenda item) New email addresses are still to be implemented by some councillors. TW offered assistance.	
25/175	Accounts/Financial: 1. Receipt & Payments to meeting date: Reviewed and approved. See appendix 1 2. Bank Reconciliation Bank reconciliation as at 31.03.26 reviewed and approved. 3. All year end audit documents have been uploaded to the website. TW to send Audit file to the auditor.	
25/176	Clerks Report: (unless an agenda item) None not covered by an agenda item.	

25/177	Planning: New Applications since the last meeting: 26/00665/FUL Cobwebs 3 Church Walk Crowton Northwich Cheshire CW8 2SA Proposal: Construction of link extension and conversion of garages to ancillary accommodation. Reviewed via email as out of scope for meeting dates. Ratified No comments 26/00685/FUL The Renaissance 1 Church Walk Crowton Northwich CW8 2SA Proposal: Proposed garage, summerhouse and outdoor pool, with associated landscape works. Reviewed – Resolved to comment to LPA that the garage is out of character and prominent at the curtilage of the village. No comments to the summerhouse and swimming pool to the rear of the property. TW to submit by 16.03.26 LPA Decisions & appeals notified since the last meeting: None	
25/178	Highways: The new 20 mph through the centre of the village has been implemented. TW to reset the SID's to display 20mph.	TW
25/179	Millenium Green: Volunteers: Volunteers have been back today and will be back on May 19th. Brook – to be shuttered by the volunteers with posts purchased at a cost of £53.95 Plaque: TW to liaise with RT in order to order the plaque. Commemorative Bench Request received to place a bench on the MG. TW to produce a Memorial Bench Policy and contact the resident requesting the bench. - Thanks were given to BS for removing the large branch that came down over the path during the weekend.	TW
25/180	Asset Maintenance & Register: Village Signage, Phone Box – Onston Lane & War Memorial Fence: Work in progress, weather permitting. Memorial Bench – TW has requested a full drawing of the proposed new bench.	
25/181	Co-Option: No enquiries received.	
25/182	Community Resilience Group: More information received from JCEP to be actioned. Almost ready to sign off by the council, not been completed this month due to year end and audit prep.	TW
25/183	Defibrillators: TW has not managed to have a full discussion with MOP. Will continue to follow this up. To order defib if discussions are positive.	TW
25/184	Notice board: Notice board is used to capacity by the village groups. Agreed for TW to obtain costing of a new smaller notice board to be used for PC information, leaving current noticeboard free for village groups. To gather costings of replacing the current backboard with a magnetic board.	TW
25/185	Items for next agenda: Defibs. Memorial Bench, plaque. Notice board. Internal Audit. AGAR.	

25/186	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 th May 2026 following the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7pm at Crowton Village Hall.	
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The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix 1

Crowton Parish Council Receipts & Payments			
Presented at meeting:		14.04.26	
<u>Income Received</u>			
CWAC	CIL		£450.00
CWAC	Precept		£11,630.00
			£12,080.00
<u>Payments ratified/for approval</u>			
A T Whitlow	Reimburse defib		£275.60
A Cllr RT	Reimburse fencing		£53.95
			£329.55

Appendix 2

<u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u>		<u>31.03.26</u>
Barclays Current Account		£635.33
Barclays Premium Account		£17,651.82
Total		<u>£18,287.15</u>
<u>CASH BOOK RECONCILIATION</u>		
B/F Barclays Current		£910.66
B/F Barclays Premium		£13,104.37
Total B/F 01.04.25		<u>£14,015.03</u>
Receipts to date		£16,500.90
Expenditure to date		£12,228.78
Balance		<u>£18,287.15</u>