

CROWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Crowton Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 15th July 2026 at Crowton Village Hall

2026-27

Meeting started 7.pm

	Present: Cllr Ralph Oultram, (Chairman), (RT) Cllr Sue Dolley (SD), Cllr Bob Stubbs (BS), Cllr Joel Rutter (JR), Cllr Kathryn Brennan (KB) (Vice Chair) In Attendance: Clerk - T Whitlow (TW), Ward Councillors Gillian Edwards & Gabrielle Goad 0 Members of the Public (MOP's)	
25/32	Apologies for Absence were received & accepted from: Cllr Mark Dickinson (MH), Cllr Richard Thorne, (RT), Cllr Kathryn Brennan (KB Ward Councillor Lynn Stocks (LS)	
26/33	Declarations of Members' Interests: None.	
26/34	Public Participation: No members of the public present.	
26/35	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.	
26/36	PCSO Update: PCSO not present, but is now back working.	
26/37	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. • Local Plan, now not going ahead until 2027/28 – leaving rural area's vulnerable. GE will be doing a road show to highlight the implications. • Library lunches running again through the school holidays with thanks to the volunteers. LS sent a written report including: • Cheshire and Warrington Mayoralty -A formal board is now in place and has been allocated an element of funding for spending during the current financial year. An officer team has been recruited on an interim basis. • Highways -The council has carried out this year's surface dressing programme which will help to prolong the operational life of roads. • Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan - The council has missed out on producing the Local Plan under the current guidelines and now has sought to produce it's plan under the revised timetable which may not see the plan completed until mid 2028. • Weed Treatment -I am regularly reporting weeds on footways and highways - they should be treated twice yearly between April and October. • Members Budget 2026/27- Funds still available if there are any local projects we can help with. Ward councillor Gabrielle Goad introduced herself as the newly elected Independent Councillor.	

26/38	Matters Arising – from previous minutes (if not an agenda item) None that is not an agenda item.	
26/39	Accounts/Financial: 1. Receipt & Payments to meeting date: Reviewed and approved. See appendix 1 2. Bank Reconciliation Bank reconciliation as at 30.06.26 reviewed and approved. 3. Internal auditor 2026-27 – following using the same Internal Auditor for 5 years it is good practice to change. Quote received for a remote Internal audit from Sue Lily of £60.00. Resolved to accept this.	
26/40	Clerks Report: (unless an agenda item) None not covered by an agenda item.	
26/40	Planning: New Applications since the last meeting: 26/01011/FUL Millennium Barn Mill Lane Kingsley Frodsham WA6 8HU Proposal: Construction of a new access driveway from Mill Lane to Millenium Barn, including a new dropped kerb from Mill Lane (Ratified) Reviewed via email – comments to LPA to support the application. 2601993/FUL Land At Crewood Common Road Crowton Northwich Proposal: Erection of one Rural Worker's Dwelling with associated access, landscaping and servicing. Application received yesterday – council to review via email. LPA Decisions & appeals notified since the last meeting: 21/00596/EOPDEV – Quarry Brook Farm Enforcement order has now gone to appeal. 25/00596/EOPDEV – Sleepy Hollow, Ainsworth Lane. Due to clerical issues this enforcement order has been reissued. 26/01011/FUL Millennium Barn - withdrawn	
26/41	Highways: Sucken United Utilities steelwork on Crewood Common has still not been attended to. TW to report	TW
26/42	Memorial Bench Policy: Reviewed. Resolved to adopt the policy. TW to add to website.	
26/43	Millenium Green: Volunteers: Volunteers have been back and continue to manage the MG. Plaques: RT not present to follow up. Commemorative Bench Request received to place a bench on the MG. Following adoption of the Memorial Bench Policy this was approved. RT to agree placement position with MOP. - Thanks were given to BS for removing the large branch that came down over the path during the weekend.	
26/44	Asset Maintenance & Register: Village Signage, Phone Box – Onston Lane & War Memorial Fence: Work on the phone box is nearing completion. The WM fence will follow. Memorial Bench – TW to chase up full drawings. Resolved once received to circulate and approve via email to speed up the process, as no August meeting.	

26/45	Co-Option: No enquiries received.	
26/46	Community Resilience Group: Awaiting a response from JCEPT	TW
26/47	Defibrillators: TW has not managed to have a full discussion with MOP at Pickering Lock. TW to contact homeowner at the Top of Onston Lane as no electric in the phone box.	TW
26/48	Notice board: TW apologised, quotes not obtained. To follow up.	TW
26/49	Items for next agenda: Defibs. Memorial Bench, plaque. Notice board.	
26/50	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8 th September 2026 following at 7pm at Crowton Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix 1.

Crowton Parish Council Receipts & Payments

Presented at meeting: **14.07.26**

Income Received

Galloway	Field Rent	£335.00
HMRC	VAT refund	£582.90
Barclays	Interest	£68.46
		£986.36

Payments ratified/for approval

A	T Whitlow	Expenses - May -June	£79.10
			£79.10

Appendix 2.

BANK RECONCILIATION **30.06.26**

Barclays Current Account	£629.20
Barclays Premium Account	£29,220.28
Total	£29,849.48

CASH BOOK RECONCILIATION

B/F Barclays Current	£635.33
B/F Barclays Premium	£17,651.82
Total B/F 01.04.25	£18,287.15
Receipts to date	£13,066.36
Expenditure to date	£1,504.03
Balance	£29,849.48