CROWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Crowton Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 8th September 2026 at Crowton Village Hall

2026-27 **Meeting started 7.pm**

	Present: Cllr Ralph Oultram, (Chaiman), Cllr Kathryn Brennan (KB) (Vice Chair) Cllr Sue Dolley (SD), Cllr Joel Rutter (JR), Cllr Mark Hickinson (MH), Cllr Richard Thorne, (RT), **In Attendance**: Clerk - T Whitlow (TW), Ward Councillors Gillian Edwards 0 Members of the Public (MOP's)	
26/51	**Apologies for Absence were received & accepted from:** Cllr Bob Stubbs (BS), Ward Councillors Lynn Stocks (LS) & Gabrielle Goad	
26/52	**Declarations of Members' Interests:** None.	
26/53	**Public Participation:** No members of the public present.	
26/54	**Approval of the last Minutes:** The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 15th July 2026 were approved & signed by the Chair.	
26/55	**PCSO Update:** PCSO not present.	
26/56	**Ward Councillor reports:** Cllr Gillian Edwards reported on: • Local Plan consultation • Planning committee training • Flood Group meeting at the Hazel Pear 6.30pm 22/09/26 Cllr Lynn Stocks reported on: • Reforms to planning- no more 'call-ins' of applications for ward councillors. • Garden Waste extended to December • Northwich Market re-opening • Money left in Members Budget	
26/57	**Matters Arising –** from previous minutes (if not an agenda item) None that is not an agenda item.	
26/58	**Accounts/Financial:** 1. **Receipt & Payments to meeting date:** Reviewed and approved. See appendix 1 2. **Bank Reconciliation** Bank reconciliation as at 26.08.26 reviewed and approved. 3. To note the NALC pay increase has now been confirmed, backdated to 01.04.26	
26/59	**Clerks Report: (unless an agenda item)** None not covered by an agenda item.	

26/60	**Planning:** **New Applications since the last meeting:** **26/02337/AGR**Quarry Brook Farm Estate Mill Lane Kingsley Frodsham WA6 8HU Proposal: Proposed farm office, reception and staff welfare facilities building. **Ratified comments submitted** that there was no proven requirement for an office for a business of this size. **26/02135/FUL** Yew Tree Farm Ainsworth Lane Crowton Northwich CW8 2RS Proposal: Retrospective full planning application for the erection of a single storey administration office associated with an existing agricultural use. **Ratified comments submitted** that there was no proven need for an office of this size for a farm business of this size. **26/02493/FUL** Spring Bank Farm Ainsworth Lane Crowton Northwich CW8 2RS Proposal: Change of use of the land to include equestrian use. Erection of an all-weather arena, installation of hardstanding and field shelters. **Ratified comments submitted** that the arena and field shelter would be better located behind the property, if approved, conditions should be included for non-commercial use and no flood lights. **26/02524/FUL** Hidden Farm Sandhole Lane Crowton Northwich CW8 2FJ Proposal: Combined field shelter and general agricultural storage building **Ratified comments submitted** that the building would be better located nearer to existing building to reduce the impact on the greenbelt. **LPA Decisions & appeals notified since the last meeting:** **26/02337/AGR** Quarry Brook Farm Estate Mill Lane Kingsley Frodsham WA6 8HU Proposal: Proposed farm office, reception and staff welfare facilities building. Refused. Prior approval required.	
26/61	**Highways:** Nothing to report.	
26/62	**Policy Review:** **Resolved to re-adopt:** Freedom of Information, Publication Scheme, Complaints, Data Protection and IT Policies	
26/63	**Millenium Green:** 1. **Volunteers:** Volunteers have been back and continue to manage the MG. 2. **Drugs:** Noted evidence of drug misuse on the MG. TW to report to the PCSO 3. **Plaques: R**T to give TW the paperwork to order. 4. **Hedge:** Consideration given to lowering the height of the hedge to the roadside of the MG.	**TW**
26/64	**Asset Maintenance & Register:** 1. **Village Signage, Phone Box – Onston Lane** &**War Memorial Fence:** Phone box restoration is complete**.** The WM fence WIP 2. **Memorial Bench** – Drawings not received.	
26/65	**Co-Option:** No enquiries received.	
26/66	**Defibrillators:** No update.	**TW**

26/67	**Notice board:** Quote of £840 **approved** for new notice board. TW to order TW to obtain quote for fitting, if under £150 to action new noticeboard fitting Drawing-pin backing to be replaced on the existing noticeboard with magnetic.	 **TW** **TW** **TW**
26/68	**Items for next agenda:** Defibs. Memorial Bench, plaque. Notice board. Hedge	
26/69	**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7pm at Crowton Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 8.05pm Signed: Dated:

Appendix 1.

Crowton Parish Council Receipts & Payments

Presented at meeting:		**08.09.26**	
Income Received			
	Galloway	Field Rent	£335.00
	Barclays	Compensation	£100.00
			£435.00
Payments ratified/for approval			
A	T Whitlow	Expenses - March-April	£79.00
A	T Whitlow	Expenses - July-Aug	£80.00
R	Rock Graphics	phone box painting	£1,038.60
R	WIX	hosting	£129.60
			£1,327.20

Appendix 2.

BANK RECONCILLIATION	**26.08.26**
Barclays Current Account	£218.04
Barclays Premium Account	£27,720.28
Total	**£27,938.32**
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	£13,501.36
Expenditure to date	£3,850.19
Balance	**£27,938.32**