

The George Philippi Memorial Sports Ground

Registered Charity 301793

Minutes of Meeting held 9:00 Monday 19 January 2026 Crawley Village Hall

Present: Tim Anderson, Fred Fratter, Vanessa Chapman, Kirsten Hewson
Paul Whiteley, Martin White, Sally Lawrence

Apologies: none

24.16 To Approve Minutes of 17 November 2025 Meeting

The minutes were approved.

24.17 Recreation ground

- **Condition/Upkeep**

The handrail at the entrance to the pavilion requires replacing (potential job for the next Lengthsman visit?)

There are assorted items that need to be taken to the dump.

The car park area is becoming overgrown and is starting to look untidy, possibly use weed killer to control. Initial action to weed, add this task to the pond clearance day on The 7th February.

F Fratter confirmed that the Scandor contract has one year remaining at the same rate, and that five more cuts are provided for until the 31st March 2026.

Hedges – these are cut back every 3 years; they have just been cut.

- **Playground**

Consultation event to be held in the Cricket Pavilion (February 2026) in order to discuss the spiders web and other ideas for the playground from the village.

From the recent playground inspection (05/01/2026) to follow up re: the removal of the remaining basket swing structure.

- **Cricket**

M White said that the club is continuing to thrive, and that recently 2 life memberships were awarded. There is a full programme of fixtures for 2026.

24.18 Cricket ground – to consider enquiry re: joint birthday event (40th & 4th) 16 May

The request was discussed for the event in May & agreed that it could go ahead subject to a formal agreement & a modest fee (to be confirmed).

24.19 Finance

- Recent transactions – to approve expenditure since last meeting.

Payments

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	£
27/11/2025	PX18	SSE	CC Electricity 07/08 – 06/11	342.04
27/11/2025	PX19	Scandor	Cut 18	180.00

Payments PX18-PX19 were approved.

The sewage charges were discussed. T Anderson to discuss with Cllr Horrill whether the charges can be challenged with WCC.

The high cost of the latest electricity bill was discussed. To review the energy tariff and options available.

The Cricket Club to be invoiced for utilities for 2025/26.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Note: Crawley Recreation Ground comprises two parcels of land; that donated from George Philippi for which Crawley Parish Council holds absolute title & that donated from Douglas Seligman for which Crawley Parish Council holds possessory title. After possessory title has been held unchallenged for 12 years, Crawley Parish Council can & should apply to the Land Registry for absolute title. The earliest date this can be undertaken is 1st April 2036.