

CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL –19 JANUARY 2026

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19 January 2026

Present: Councillors Anderson, Fratter, Chapman, Hewson, Whiteley
In attendance: Sally Lawrence (Clerk and RFO), Councillor Horrill, Cllr Warwick

25/26 –75 Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

None

25/26 – 76 Public Session.

1 attendee

The MOP brought to the attention of councillors the potholes between 8&10 Hack Lane and advised that these have been reported to HCC.

Gritting seems to be a low priority for HCC – Cllr Warwick spoke later on this issue.

There are two blue bins in the village, one by the pond and one in Hacks Lane. This should be Reviewed to assess if two bins are sufficient. Cllr Anderson to review either end of Hacks Lane in the daylight.

25/26 – 77 Minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2025

To approve and sign the minutes

The minutes were approved and signed.

To deal with any matters not on the agenda

No matters arising.

25/26 – 78 Reports from City and County Councillors

Cllr Horrill presented her report (as appended) and Cllr Warwick gave a verbal report.

Cllr Warwick –

- The M27 works over Christmas went well and were completed earlier than expected
- The HCC elections will go ahead this May
- HCC have requested that the re-organisation of local government is delayed and are awaiting the government's decision
- There is a new nature reserve strategy as a result of the local plan update in order to protect areas of natural environmental importance
- Crawley is Priority Two Route for gritting -
Priority Two Community Routes may be treated when there is prolonged and persistent frost, ice or snow which is expected to continue. This occurs only after clearing Priority One routes and when there is enough time to treat them without affecting any of the Priority One routes.

25/26 – 79 Report from Neighbourhood Watch

Membership: New villagers have been given information about joining NHW

Crime: Relatively quiet here in Crawley – although the theft of a vehicle from a villager's driveway recently was very alarming.

There seems to be a lot happening in nearby villages – mainly on the farms. We do have a "heads up" group so I am able to warn our farmers immediately – hopefully this helps!

25/26 – 80 Reports from Wardens and Representatives

a. Trees

The quote for works two trees that require attention in the burial ground were discussed. It is the best price possible, works to proceed as soon as possible, this may be in 2026/27. Nothing to report otherwise.

b. Pond

Nothing to report.

c. Burial and Memorial Ground

Nothing to report.

d. Mowing

Nothing to report.

e. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

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- f. **Highways**
Nothing to report.
- g. **Church Yard**
Nothing to report.

25/26 – 81

Councillor Resignation

Cllr Chapman to defer her resignation until the next meeting. She will continue with her portfolio responsibilities after she leaves the parish council. She was thanked for her service to the village.

25/26 – 82

Arqiva Site update

It was noted that the planning application 25/02203/FUL regarding the siting of 11 storage containers has been approved.

25/26 - 83

Gateways - £750 fee

No action unless the issue is raised again by HCC Highways.

25/26 – 84

Acorn Biodegester - grants.

Cllr Hewitt is working on the grant application for funding of 50% of the cost of the new spider web climbing frame, it was discussed which entity was preferable to make the grant application. Information required is the level of uncommitted reserves.

Cllr Fratter advised that there is £5,224 in the playground fund and there will be future contributions of £2k per year to build up the fund.

Action: Cllr Hewitt

25/26 - 85

Lengthsman – final visit 2025/26 15 January

All works completed.

25/26 - 86

Asset of Community Value – The Fox and Hounds Public House

To support another application more substantial information of community use (current and Future) to be collated.

Action: Cllr Anderson and Cllr Hewson

25/26 – 87

IT Update

Continuing to investigate registering a.gov.uk domain.
Continuing to investigate updating the Microsoft account.

Action: Clerk

25/26 – 88

Planning (see below)

Cllr Hewson is working on the refresh to the Village Design Statement.
The following Planning applications were noted

Current Applications (2025)

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Parish Council response
08/12/2025	25/02498/TPC	Pern Cottage Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PR	T1 Cotoneaster - reduce & reshape canopy to limit overhang to properties T2 Yew - cut back overhang by 2m to clear cottage & overhead cable	Current
14/11/2025	25/02310/TPO	Pern Cottage Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PR	T1-T4 omitted from application as not covered by TPO. 5 polar - Crown lift to approximately 6m, removing low hanging branches & epicormic growth. Shorten over extended limbs over rear garden & neighbours garden by 2-3m to reduce risk of failure due to size of the trees & improve appearance of the trees	Current

Decided Applications

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Status
28/10/2025	25/02203/FUL	Crawley Court Peach Hill Lane Crawley Winchester Hampshire SO21 2QA	(RETROSPECTIVE) The siting of 11 storage containers on land	Application permitted 23/12/2025

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25-26 - 89 Finance

a. Recent transactions – to approve income and expenditure since last meeting.
Payments PV38-PV44 were approved.

Payments

Date	Ref	To	Details	£
26/11/2025	PV38	Winchester District CA	Grant 2025	125.00
25/11/2025	PV39	HCC	Newsletter- November	38.00
28/11/2025	PV40	Clerk	November	459.66
20/11/2025	PV41	HALC	Digital and data Training Course	53.50
05/12/2025	PV42	Green Smile	Grounds maintenance December	461.69
31/12/2025	PV43	Clerk	December	459.66
05/01/2026	PV44	Green Smile	Grounds maintenance January	461.69

b. Budget year to date.

Nothing unexpected to report.

c. Budget for 2026-2027 –2026/27 is an election year for Crawley PC, budget provision to allow for this. The budget was agreed.

d. Precept for 2026-2027 – the precept for 2026/27 is £21,500. All agreed.

e. Burial Ground fees 2026-2027

Current fees to be circulated for review, recommendations to be brought to the March meeting.

25/26 – 90 **Discuss and approve content of the January/February parish newsletter**
To include items as discussed on the Agenda.

25/26 – 91 **Meeting dates for Annual Parish Meeting**
The Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd April.
Two possibilities of speakers were suggested and to be approached. **Action Cllr Chapman**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:55pm. The next meeting is 16 March 2026.

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Report to Wonston & Micheldever Ward Parish Councils January 2026 from Cllrs Cunningham, Godfrey and Horrill

Mayoral election postponement

The government has proposed they postpone the May 2026 mayoral elections in Hampshire and the Solent until May 2028. The upper tier authorities are proposing the election should be in 2027 at the very latest. Caroline and Stephen asked the Council at its meeting last night to call for the elections for the new Hampshire Mayor and for the planned elections for City and County Councillors to all go ahead in May 2026. We believe that the delay in these elections would be undemocratic. The Council agreed our motion and we have communicated accordingly, but the final decision regarding the elections is still to be announced by the Government.

Local Government Reorganisation

The consultation for the four options currently being considered for local government reorganisation has closed.

Five Councils: three options for four new councils in mainland Hampshire, with the Isle of Wight remaining as a separate unitary authority, submitted by us and ten other councils in Hampshire.

Four Councils submitted by Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire District Council, for three new mainland councils in mainland Hampshire alongside the Isle of Wight.

We await the Government verdict.

Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan

A consultation was held last week in Micheldever Station regarding the Reg 18 draft of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan. Have your say about the plan especially about the proposals for 1800 new homes in Popham Garden Village along with employment space and a solar farm. Comments should be submitted by Friday 23rd January to www.basingstoke.gov.uk/DLP-have-your-say

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Road Safety Summit – 3 March 2026

Invitation from Donna Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner

I am pleased to invite members to the first ever Hampshire and Isle of Wight Road Safety Summit which I am hosting next year with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary.

Places are limited to this event, which will showcase the Safer Roads initiative and shine a spotlight on key areas of road safety and partnership working across the two counties.

Summit overview: With issues surrounding speeding, dangerous driving causing death or serious injury, anti-social vehicle use, and the rising concern of e-bikes and e-scooters, you will hear first-hand from the Constabulary's Roads Policing Unit, and about the problem-solving projects funded through the PCC's Road Safety Emerging Needs Fund. The summit will also be an opportunity to put your questions to senior police leaders and discuss the key road safety issues which affect communities.

Event Details

 Date: 03/03/2026

 Time: 9:00am arrivals for registration, ahead of 9:30am start

 Venue: Hilton Southampton, Utilita Bowl, Botley Road, West End, SO30 3XH

 RSVP: <https://luma.com/5n55t1bj>

Key Themes

- Vision for Road Safety across Hampshire & Isle of Wight
- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Safer Roads initiative
- Op Crush: e-scooters & e-bikes
- Op Chromium: young people; ASB driving.

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- Overview of Highways from Hampshire County Council
- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary motorcycle capability
- Vulnerable road users
- Collective responsibility to reduce number of killed and seriously injured on our roads

Tickets must be pre-booked and are limited.

Register now to secure your ticket: <https://luma.com/5n55t1bj>

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is currently consulting on the proposed changes to the NPPF and a number of other changes to the planning system. This Government public consultation closes at 11:45pm on 10 March 2026.

For further details about this public consultation please click on this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-framework-proposed-reforms-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

Sparsholt school

The new Headteacher Mrs Cutler started on 5th January. A Commissioning Service will be held at the church on 22nd January at 2:30. The Parish Council is most welcome to attend.

The school will continue to use the church as part of the school estate following this positive step last term.

The school community is invited to join the Tidy Friday initiative held on alternate Friday afternoons starting on the 16th, from 3:45 to 4:45 to tidy the outside areas of the school (please bring your own tools).

You can contact your City Councillors at any time, or you can catch us at any of the Parish Council meetings.

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