

# The George Philippi Memorial Sports Ground

Registered Charity 301793

Minutes of Meeting held 9:20PM Monday 18 May 2026 Crawley Village Hall

Present: Tim Anderson, Fred Fratter, Kirsten Hewson  
Carmen Leighton, Martin White (MW), Sally Lawrence (Clerk)

Apologies: Paul Whiteley

**26.01 To Approve Minutes of 16 March 2026 Meeting**

The minutes were approved.

**26.02 Charity Commission Submission**

Clerk to submit the annual return as soon as possible.

**26.03 Recreation ground**

• **Condition/Upkeep**

Part of the fenceline needs to be replaced – that is the section along the rear of the Cricket Close properties. It was discussed what type of fencing would be best. Costs to be investigated.

The tarmac area required attention at the entrance of the Recreation Ground (between the road and the gate). MW to investigate.

The car park has been 'de-forested' – an excellent job. Well done.

MW advised that every corner of the recreation ground is overgrown the work to be done when it is the appropriate season to cut back. Cllr Anderston advised he has contacted Peter Yates and C&D Trees with regard to trimming these areas.

• **Playground** – awaiting result of the Acorn grant application.

• **Cricket Club** – MW advised that the advertising boards are now being used. They act as boundary markers and define where the picnic area is located. They also are an income source for the Cricket Club. Cllr Anderson has been building a storage facility for the boards. (cost to be reclaimed).

MW stated that the WCC sewage charge is too high, and asked for more clarification as to the charging methodology. Cllr Anderson is meeting with Cllr Horrill and will raise this issue again.

The notice board also requires attention.

**26.04 Finance**

Recent 2025/26 transactions – there was no expenditure since last meeting.

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	£
		nil	nil	nil

To note the following 2025/26 receipts

Date	Ref	From	Details	£
24/03/2026	RX04	Crawley Cricket Club	2025/26 utilities share	£843.06
30/03/2026	RX05	Crawley Cricket Club	2025/26 income share	£402.50

Recent 2026/27 transaction – to approve expenditure since last meeting

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	£
06/03/2026	PX01	WCC	NNDR sports ground and pavilion	94.31
01/04/2026	PX02	WCC	Waste water 26/27	522.80
31/03/2026	PX03	Scandor	Cuts 19,20 & 21 (25/26)	324.00
24/04/2026	PX04	Business Stream	Pavillion water 24/01 to 23/04/26	66.95
30/04/2026	PX05	Scandor	Cuts 1,2 & 3	324.00

Payments PX01-PX05 were approved.

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The meeting closed at 9:58 pm.

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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2036.