

CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL – 20 JULY 2026

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 July 2026

Present: Councillors Anderson, Fratter, Hewson, Whiteley
In attendance: Sally Lawrence (Clerk and RFO), Councillor Horrill, Cllr Adams, Cllr Batho,
Alison Carney (NHW)

26/27 - 18 Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
Cllr Leighton

26/27 – 19 Public Session.
1 attendee
A resident spoke with regard to headstones in the Churchyard that are falling down, and virtually flat – what can be done about this.
There is also a dead tree – to review and assess what works are required.
The NHW coordinator advised she had reported a pothole outside her house to HCC – to supply the reference number so this can be followed up. There is a raised drainage cover by Tall Trees.

26/27 – 20 Minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2026
To approve and sign the minutes
The minutes were approved and signed.
To deal with any matters not on the agenda
No matters arising.

26/27 – 21 Reports from City and County Councillors
Cllr Horrill presented her report - appended
Cllr Adams gave a verbal report
Cllr Batho represented his report – appended
He also advised that HCC councillor grants were available (£5k overall). The Library could apply for funding for books and the pond project funding for the re-wilding project.

26/27 – 22 Report from Neighbourhood Watch
Report received from Alison -
Hare coursing has been reported, and suspicious vehicles at The Beeches.
Membership covers about 90% of the villagers. NHW leaflets are dropped off to newcomers for them to join the scheme
All remains relatively quiet. Just a few emails to all since the last meeting.
On Friday 5th June The Police Beat Surgery was reasonably well attended
As part of NHW I have nominated PCSO Kerry Croutear for a Police award for looking after Crawley so well. Results due in the Autumn.

26/27 - 23 Reports from Wardens and Representatives
a. Trees
Cllr Anderson reported that some limbs had come down around the cricket pitch.
A tree was also down on Hacks Lane, this was reported to the farm and was cleared Very quickly. (although this is a right of way, the farmer has responsibility for this).
b. Pond
The pond is at its lowest level for 30 years. Algae is forming due to the low oxygen levels.
The fish in the trough have been rehomed.
c. Burial and Memorial Ground
V Chapman has reported some low branches in the burial ground.
She will be applying grass seed around the memorial. It was agreed to reimburse Her for costs incurred.
d. Mowing
Cllr Fratter had nothing to report.
e. Footpaths
Nothing to report.

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f. Highways

Nothing to report from Cllr Whiteley.

There are increased vehicle movements due to local diversions and works etc.

Littleton PC are having a meeting with Acorn to discuss the vehicle movements to the Bio-digester. Sparsholt PC are meeting with the M3 Liaison team to discuss the increased vehicle movements through Sparsholt.

The hedge by the pond needs to cut back.

g. Church Yard

Nothing to report.

26/27 – 24 Acorn Grant – pond project

Cllr Anderson has signed the letter accepting the Acorn Grant for the pond project.

26/27 - 25 Arqiva Site update

Nothing to report

26/27 – 26 Update on Village Design Statement

There are no VDS Statements from June 2026. There is no replacement as the planning Function is being taken out of local democracy.

Updated versions can be used as reference documentation, once the planning changes Have been brought in.

Cllr Hewson will continue to update the Crawley VDS.

26/27 – 27 Asset of Community Value – The Fox & Hounds Public House

The second application to register The Fox as an asset of community value was unsuccessful.

The situation now is that The Fox is on four weekly notice.

26/27 – 28 Planning

All items - no comment.

The current enforcement cases were noted,

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Status
29/06/2026	26/01337/TPO	Orchard End Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PR	Tree 1 - Crown lift to 4m north aspect and reduce north aspect away from building by 2m. Tree 2 - Crown lift to 5.3m over highway. Tree 3 - trim triennially.	Current Crawley PC No comment
24/06/2026	26/01311/TPC	Cob House Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PZ	T1 Yew:- lift to 1 meter clearance of garage roof, on chalk hills side lift canopy to 3 meters and cut back low over hanging limbs by 2 meters. T2 Sycamore Lift over garage and shed roof by 2 meter...	Current Crawley PC No comment
24/06/2026	26/01332/TPC	Chalk Hills Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PZ	1.Sycamore :- lift over road to 5.5 meters clearance. T2 Lime ave x6 trees:- lift to 2 meters. T3.Copper beech Lift:- lift to 3m [small drooping limbs only]. T4 Sycamore x2:- lift canopies to 5 m...	Current Crawley PC No comment
19/06/2026	26/01281/TPO	Tall Trees Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PZ	6 - Yew tree Height 18m to reduce to no less than 15m, radial spread 11m to reduce to no less than 8m. T7 - Sycamore to take back to source the first 4no branches at 35mm stem diameter	Current Crawley PC No comment
05/06/2026	26/01186/TPO	Pond House Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PR	T1- Reduce 1 x Walnut tree to rebalance tree due to poor pruning on neighbouring side (reduce by 3m approx. With pruning cuts no bigger than 45mm) . Finished radius of 4m approx..	Current Crawley PC No comment

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Recent Decisions

Date Rec'd	Number	Address	Description	Status
28/05/2026	26/01114/TPO	Crawley Court Stables Peach Hill Lane Crawley Hampshire	Submitted as 26/00973/TPC) Dismantle (fell) the three dying Douglas fir trees (T1-T2-T3). Process the fallen dead tree (T4). Deadwood removed from (T5-T6) healthier trees and crown raised 3 metres from ground level.	Application permitted – 08/07/2026
11/05/2026	26/0976/TPC	Pond House Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PR	T1- Reduce 1 x Walnut tree to rebalance tree due to poor pruning on neighbouring side (reduce by 3m approx. With pruning cuts no bigger than 45mm) . Finished radius of 4m approx. To bring the tree back into shape T2 to be submitted as a TPO application.	Application decided 19/06/2026 – application withdrawn
08/04/2026	26/00735/TPO	Pear Tree Cottage Peach Hill Lane Crawley SO21 2PU	Tree 1: Yew. Fell.	Permitted – 16 June 2026

Planning Enforcement – to note

Date	Number	Address	Description	Status
08/05//2026	26/00167/BCOND	Folly Farm Caravan Site Stockbridge Road Crawley Hampshire	Alleged unauthorised deviation from approved Planning Permission REF: 23/00143/LDC regarding spacing between pitches	Live case
08/04/2026	26/00122/WKS	The Bothy Peach Hill Lane Crawley	Alleged unauthorised cabin	Live case
28/01/2026	26/00022/BCOND	Kingswell House Peach Hill Lane Crawley	Alleged unauthorised breach of condition from Planning Permission REF: 21/00616/HOU regarding use for living accommodation	Live case

26/27 – 29 **Lengthsman visit – 16 September 2026**
 Suggestions were some of the dragons teeth at the pond need review.

26/27 – 30 **Finance**

a. Recent transactions – to approve income and expenditure since last meeting.

2026/27 transactions

Payments

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	£
12/05/2026	PV11	Clerk	New laptop cable	£35.00
28/01/2026	PV12	HALC	Digital and data training	£64.20
29/05/2026	PV13	Clerk	May	£463.26
04/06/2026	PV14	HMRC	Clerk May EE NI & PAYE	£3.50

Signed.....

Dated

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Date	Ref	Payee	Details	£
26/05/2026	PV15	HCC	Newsletter	£38.00
05/06/2026	PV16	Green Smile	Grounds Maintenance	£475.54
08/06/2026	PV17	Clerk expenses	Website hosting renewal	£129.46
26/06/2026	PV18	JRB	Poo bags	£69.90
30/06/2026	PV19	Clerk	June	£463.26
30/06/2026	PV20	HMRC	Clerk June EE NI & PAYE	£3.50
29/06/2026	PV21	Focal IT	File backup	£80.00
05/07/2026	PV22	Green Smile	Grounds Maintenance	£475.54
18/06/2026	PV23	HALC	Refund – Digital and data training	- £64.20
				£2,236.96

Payments PV11-PV23 2026/27 were approved.

Receipts received – noted

Date	Ref	Payee	Description	£
30/06/2026	RV04	Richard Steele	Burial – Stevens	£230.00

b. Budget to date

Early in Financial year. Additional £1k due to the Acorn grant for the pond project.

c. Resignation of Internal Auditor – John Murray

One other IA quote received to date - Mulberry (used by several other local parish councils) £80 per hour. Other quotes to be obtained.

26/27 – 31

Discuss and approve content of the July/August parish newsletter

To include items as discussed on the Agenda.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:00pm. The next meeting is 21 September 2026.

Report to Wonston and Micheldever Ward Parish Councils July 2026

Local Government reorganisation in Hampshire. The Mid Hants unitary which consists of the Test Valley, New Forest, East Hants, and Winchester districts has met informally and elected Phil North the leader of Test Valley as their Chair. Four representatives from HCC have been nominated but no further representatives from Winchester have been included. The HCC JR challenging the financial assumptions of LGR has yet to be determined and may yet delay reorganisation.

Devolution is progressing with the inaugural meeting of the Hampshire & the Solent Combined County Authority taking place on the 13th July. The authority will be focused on transport, skills and employment, housing and regeneration and the environment and health. The authority will be chaired by Nick Adams King until the Mayor is elected in 2028.

Local Plan 2044. Following the Cabinet decision on 30 June 2026, the Council has now served a Notice of Intention to Commence Plan-Making. The notice and the current project timetable can be viewed here: [Home - Winchester District Local Plan](#). The letters sent by the Leader of the Council and the Strategic Director to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, can be viewed here: [Letters to Government - Winchester District Local Plan](#) which seeks guidance about the scheduling of the next plan and LGR. A call for sites has been completed but the information will not be published until the Government confirm next steps. The District is being asked to accommodate a further +4500 homes in the next plan.

Councils to No Longer Publish an Elected or Co-opted Member's Home Address. From 29 June 2026, section 65 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 removes the requirement for a councillor's home address to be published in council registers of interest under the Land and Property section. An individual councillor can make a request that their address be published. The address will still need to be declared in the Register of Interests form but will only be for internal use and to prevent conflicts of interest arising. This follows concern from councillors across the county about the increased level of harassment being experienced.

River Park - Former Leisure Centre. At a meeting on 28 May 2026, Cabinet approved the publication of a formal notice (for the intention to dispose of the land (the site of the redundant leisure centre building) - for recreational use by way of a long lease) prior to a final decision in August. You can respond by email (regen@winchester.gov.uk) or in writing if you have any views.

Advanced Leakage Detection (ALD) Surveys. Picarro on behalf of SGN, will be conducting Advanced Leakage Detection (ALD) surveys within our local area as part of ongoing efforts to enhance the safety, reliability, and efficiency of the gas network infrastructure. The ALD trials involve the use of a specially equipped survey vehicle that will detect and analyse trace levels of gas emissions from underground mains. The survey work is scheduled to run from the end of July 2026 until April 2027.

Due to these surveys being carried out mostly at night and involving multiple passes, members of the public have previously reported the survey vehicle to the police. To avoid any unnecessary workloads for the Police, they have been advised of the activity. The vehicle carrying out the surveys is a white 2026 Skoda Evoque. The vehicle will also be identifiable through being branded with both SGN and Picarro livery.

Waste services have been disrupted due to the hot weather with some services such as garden waste delayed for one cycle. If you have any concerns, please report issues on email to customerservice@winchester.gov.uk or phone 0300 300 0013.

Community Buildings Forum for Winchester district buildings on Thursday 24 September, 1:30-3:30pm. The Communities Team are holding their next Community Buildings Forum in September. Please could you help encourage buildings in your wards to join them at Colden Common Community Centre to learn, network and share ideas and challenges. This meeting replaces the one originally scheduled for June which unfortunately had to be postponed.

The forum is for anyone involved in running a community building in Winchester district. There will be a range of speakers and plenty of time for practical discussions led by participants. The last forum was well attended with over 40 people from buildings across our district so we hope many will join again. Discussions will include how volunteers can support local community buildings, with advice on how to recruit and retain volunteers. There will also be a talk on the latest funding available. Sign up to attend: [Winchester District Community Buildings Forum Tickets, Thursday 24 September • 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Eventbrite](#). Any questions please contact Jane Chuhan, Community Engagement Officer (jchuhan@winchester.gov.uk).

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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July 2026 Report from Cllr James Batho, Hampshire County Councillor

Welcome to my first monthly report as the Hampshire County Councillor for the Winchester Downlands Division. My aim is to provide a regular update on county-level matters affecting Crawley and the wider division, together with information about local issues that residents have raised and the work I am undertaking on their behalf. As always, if there are any issues that the Parish Council would like me to investigate or pursue with HCC, please let me know.

Meetings

Met with HCC Team Leader – Traffic Management to discuss Community Funded Initiative (CFI) projects in the Division. Met Area Transport Strategy Manager and the team for a presentation on Highways projects in the Division. Requested meeting with HCC Travel Planning team to look at Active Travel options. County Councillor Grant Scheme The County Councillor Grant Scheme reopened on 1 July 2026. It gives me an annual budget of £5,000 to allocate to local projects, initiatives, or organisations across the division. If you have a project in mind, please do get in touch.

My County Council Responsibilities

I have been appointed to the following Hampshire County Council committees and panels

- : • Universal Services
- Corporate Parenting
- Deputy on Children & Young People Select Committee
- Deputy on Health & Adult Social Care
- Deputy on Regulatory Committee (planning, rights of way, common land and environmental licensing)

I look forward to reporting back on matters relevant to local communities.

Local Government Reorganisation

HCC is currently exploring whether there are sufficient legal grounds to pursue a judicial review of the Local Government Reorganisation proposals. Before any decision is made, the council must weigh the likely financial implications and potential costs involved. This is a fast-moving situation. I will continue to monitor developments and share factual updates as more information becomes available.

Highways

One of the most common concerns raised by residents continues to be the condition of our roads and pavements. I have now completed training on the Highways Members' Portal which allows me to monitor enquiries, track progress and request additional information from officers. I also have access to mapping systems showing county-owned land, highway assets and county planning matters. The Highways team reminded me that resident reports remain one of the most important ways of identifying potholes and other highway defects. I would therefore encourage residents to continue reporting issues when they see them.

Local issues raised

I have raised or followed up on local issues on behalf of residents and the Parish Council. These include:

- Pothole and highway maintenance issues across the division

I have submitted supporting evidence and photographs where appropriate and will continue to pursue these matters with the relevant county council officers.

Community Engagement

One of the most valuable aspects of being a councillor is hearing directly from residents about the issues affecting their daily lives. I will be launching a monthly drop-in surgery for the North of the Division. I hope it will generate a wide range of discussions and highlight just how important it is that residents have accessible opportunities to raise concerns and ask questions.

Monthly Drop-In Surgery

When: Fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm Where: Gurkha Cafe, Harestock No appointment is necessary – residents are welcome to drop in for an informal conversation.

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