

Crowland Parish Council

Minutes of Full Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8 April at 7pm in Crowland Community Hub, Hall Street, Crowland

Present: Cllr. Graham Searle (in the Chair)
Cllrs., David Kempton, Bryan Alcock, Rodney Sadd, Reg Boot, Katie Pepper, Jon Boor, Michael Atkinson, Jay Levesley & Annette Williams.

In attendance: T Croxford – Clerk (minute taker) and two members of the public.

Absent: Cllrs. Peter Davis, Darren Warner, Cathi Elphee & David Ringham

In the Chair: Cllr. Graham Searle thanked everyone for attending.

216) Apologies for Absence of the meeting was advised and apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllrs. Peter Davis, Darren Warner, Cathi Elphee & David Ringham
It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved:** those apologies be noted with valid reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs. P Davis, D Warner, C Elphee & D Ringham.

217) Declaration of Interests

Cllr. G Searle 227) Payment sheet item 558

No.		Action
218)	To Agree as a Correct Record the Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	It was proposed, seconded and resolved: That the Chairman sign the official minutes of the Full Council Committee meeting held on 4 March 2024. Proposed by Cllr. DK - Seconded by Cllr. BA - all present agreed.	
219)	To receive an update on the progress and resolutions of the previous meeting	
	199) The Abbey – concerns were raised regarding the lack of a vicar, GS is in discussions with an Abbey trustee offering support if needed. 208) Gym Trustees report – the trustees are holding a meeting in the next two weeks, and then a report will follow. 209) Solar proposal an interesting meeting was held, Cllr. GS made notes of the meeting that were read out. CPC will await the community presentation in the summer and more information. A planning application will be proposed in 2025. 210) police station building – communication between the Hub trustees and owners is taking place – CPC will support if needed. 213) Bus shelters - to go back to planning for further information.	
220)	Chairman's Report	
	A report had been circulated prior to this meeting for review and was briefly discussed. Thanks & congratulations were given to present long-standing councillors BA, (51 years) MA (48 years) & RB (25 years) for their time and commitment given to the Parish Council as councillors. Committees and nomination forms were discussed including responsibilities, it was requested for members to review and advise, which committees they would like to represent for the new elections.	All
221)	Amenities Committee	
	A copy of the minutes had been circulated prior to this meeting for review. Proposed new community Pavilion, a meeting was had with Sir J Hayes (MP) to discuss the possibility of funding for the proposed new pavilion, the meeting was very positive. Design schemes and different possibilities for funding are being looked into. Youth Building – was moved into closed session. Thanks were received from charities Messy Club, the Hub and after-school activities for the donations of games and equipment given from the parish (removed from the youth building). An Electrical Contractor is to be contacted regarding the disconnection of the Youth Building at the end of the month.	DK TC
222)	Finance and Admin Committee	
	A report & minutes had been circulated before this meeting for review. Finance no. 3 – the review of Standing orders and Finance Regulations is just for information and is being reviewed by the Clerk and DK The bank signatory needs actioning asap. The budget is on target.	TK

	<p>TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR MARCH 2024 It was proposed, seconded and Resolved: (a) Orders for payment made in the sums of £25,197.60 in March 2024 be authorised (b) incomes received in the amounts of £16,797.06 in March 2024 be noted.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. AW - Seconded by Cllr. JB – all others agreed.</p> <p>The payment sheet was discussed and payments of £25,197.60 were authorised, subject to the following updates:</p> <p>Income sheet 352 – correction - SHDC should be LCC and the correct amount is to be confirmed. Payment sheet 546 – electricity for the pavilion - very high again – to be confirmed and checked, are readings being sent in? 584 - hanging baskets – description should be listed under plants and will be a donation by Crowland in Bloom. 3 no. amounts for LALC were also questioned and more information/clarification was requested. It was also proposed the sheet would be easier to view and read if the voucher number were in order.</p>	TK
228)	Resilient Communities Training	
	GS had contacted other communities in the parish and representatives will attend the training from each group and progress a way forward. RS and RB were nominated as CPC responsible persons.	RS/RB
229)	Matters to be considered for inclusion on future Council Agenda	
	Annual Parish Meeting Agenda Informal meeting to see how the council are operating and any suggestions for ways to improve. Letter to be sent to the Estate Agent for the help and relocation of the Post Office.	TC

“Closed Session”

The Public & Press were excluded from the meeting in accordance with the provision of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960). The items to be discussed being of a confidential nature.

230)	Hire Charges 2024/2025	
	Rent increases were discussed and agreed - no further action is needed – completed	
231)	Youth Building	
	Information was discussed and an offer for the purchase of the sectional building was accepted – completed	
232)	Parish Room Windows	
	Information was discussed and a quotation for the painting was accepted – completed	TC
233)	Councillor Co-option	
	Two valid applications had been received and passed to the HR Committee – ongoing	
234)	CCTV	
	Information was discussed and further action is needed – ongoing	

The meeting finished at 10.15pm.