

Crowland Parish Council

Minutes of Full Parish Council Meeting

Monday 2 December 2024 at 7pm in Crowland Community Hub, Hall Street, Crowland

Present: Cllrs. Bryan Alcock, David Kempton, Cathi Elphee, Reg Boot, Jon Boor, Peter Davis, Jordon Boom (19.08), Katie Pepper (19.08) & Jack Turner.

Also in attendance: One member of the public and G Hawkes Clerk (minute taker).

In the Chair: Cllr. Bryan Alcock thanked everyone for attending.

A minute's silence was observed by members in respect of the passing of Cllr Michael Atkinson.

147 Apologies for Absence Councillors Jay Levesley & Darren Warner

148 Declaration of Interests – Cathi Elphee (non-pecuniary)

149 To approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 4 November 2024

Agreed subject to the following corrections:

(1) Ref135 Full Council minutes (5) Oakwood Forest should read completed.

(2) Ref135 Planning (1) should read Margaret Beardshaw.

(3) Ref143 Replace planning applications in November to soon.

Proposed by Cllr Davis- Seconded by Cllr Boor - all present agreed.

		Action
150	To receive an update on progress & resolutions for the meeting held on 4 November 2024.	
	<p>Full council minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Clerk is now chairing the monthly staff meeting. 2) The paved area around the Bungalow investment has been authorised the Clerk will chase for an update. 3) A letter of thanks has been sent to the organisers of the fireworks event. <p>Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Clerk to contact Margaret Beardshaw to discuss Abbey clock. <p>F&G</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reform Street hedge – the contractors have revisited and done further work but not up to standard – the Clerk will chase. 2) An initial order of hedge plants has been planted at the new cemetery. <p>Amenities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Compound tree removal – deferred until position clarified with CTFC the Clerk has written. <p>Clerks outstanding issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To arrange an update meeting with Meridian Solar. 2) Site visit to Thorney Road re dropped kerb. 3) Arrange site meeting at the allotments with the National Grid. 	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
151	Chairman's Report.	
	<p>It is with great sadness that we have to note the death of Cllr Michael Atkinson who had served on the Parish Council for 47 years.</p> <p>My thanks to everyone who helped organise and or attend the Remembrance Day events, it was great to see the number of people attending both on Sunday and Monday.</p>	

	<p>The Fireworks event turned out to be a very successful event attended by a very large number of people. Particular thanks to the Clerk who persevered to the eleventh hour to ensure all of the requirements were in place.</p> <p>May I also thank Cllr Boor, our Staff and everyone involved in the Christmas light switch on which again was well attended, letters of thanks will be sent to Mr Green, Mr Strickland for their involvement</p> <p>May I take this opportunity to wish all members and staff a very happy and peaceful Christmas & New Year.</p>	TC						
152 Amenities Committee.								
	<p>To consider the Chairmans report and any recommendations therein. A report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. The bowls clubhouse is now in position Cllr Kempton will draft a memorandum of understanding setting out the arrangement for the transfer of toilet which will remain in ownership of the Council. The Clerk will check the insurance situation.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Boor – Seconded by Cllr Davis and all agreed.</p> <p>An update on the Pavilion development will be provided in Committee.</p> <p>Zip wire – the contractors have advised that some of the cabling needs replacing which will increase the cost from £892.32 by an additional £352.68.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Boor – Seconded by Cllr Boot and all agreed.</p> <p>Tennis court refurbishment – Cllr Davis reported that he had arranged for a contractor to visit the site before preparing a quotation.</p>							
153 Finance and Admin Committee								
	<p>To consider the Chairmans report and any recommendations therein. A report was distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The RFO has prepared the budgets for 2025-2026 which is showing it will be a challenging year. The proposed budget for 2025-2026 shows income of £168,542 and expenditure of £319,131 which will require a precept of £150,589. This represents an increase precept of 7.7% compared to the previous year.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Boor – Seconded by Cllr Davis and all agreed.</p>							
154 Accounts for Payment.								
	<p>A report was distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p>To note bank balances and investments at 26th November 2024</p> <table><tr><td>Account ending 338</td><td>£ 442,910.06</td></tr><tr><td>Account ending 461</td><td>£ 17,491.60</td></tr><tr><td>Petty cash</td><td>£ 29.10</td></tr></table> <p>It was proposed, seconded and resolved,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Orders for payment made in the sums of £ 16,523.79(b) Incomes received in the amounts of £ 12,579.79 in November 2024 be noted. <p>Proposed by Cllr Williams – Seconded by Cllr Davis and all agreed.</p>	Account ending 338	£ 442,910.06	Account ending 461	£ 17,491.60	Petty cash	£ 29.10	
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155 Farms & Gardens Committee								
	<p>To consider the Chairmans report and any recommendations therein, a report was distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p>There is a requirement for our allotment holders, who keep chickens, to register them with DEFRA, the Clerk will write to those effected.</p> <p>Cllr Boor also reported that he will invite a number of representatives to view our machinery So that they can recommend a replacement strategy.</p>	TC						
156 Planning Committee								
	<p>To consider the minutes of the recent meeting and any recommendations therein.</p>							

	<p>A report was distributed prior to the meeting, matters for discussion are included separately on the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that a stanchion in Trinity Court has rotted and needs work to remove the rotten part and replace.</p>	
157	Safety & Security Committee	
	The latest figures had been circulated prior to the meeting.	
158	Assets Working Party.	
	<p>To Chairman gave a verbal update.</p> <p>Option land agreement is still progressing slowly, an overage agreement has been agreed in principle.</p> <p>Development site – a planning agreement will be submitted but the four month deadline has been removed as a planning condition.</p> <p>The planning application for the cemetery will be delayed as the planning officer will visit to advise on the bio diversity improvement required.</p>	
159	Emergency planning	
	The Clerk has spoken to the officer at Lincolnshire County Council and will liaise with Cllr Boot who has done some initial work.	GJH
160	Matters to be considered for inclusion on a future Council Agenda.	
	A member of the public attended and expressed concern at the Highways proposals for parking restrictions in North Street, members agreed for this to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.	

The meeting finished at 8.44 pm.