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**Minutes to the Parish Council Meeting of Crowhurst Parish Council held on Monday**

**10th March 2025 at 7:30pm in Crowhurst Village Hall.**

Cllrs Present: Cllr G King (Chairman), Cllr C Jarrott and Cllr D. Rand.

Absent: District Cllrs. J Duggan and P. Killick.

Apologies received: County Cllr L. Steeds and Cllr L. Ellam.

Public: 2 members of the public were present.

In Attendance: Clerk to the Council Emma Fulham and District Cllr L Lockwood.

**Public Meeting:**

There was an update provided by Anne McCullum on the horse sign options, the equestrian community are now favouring the provision of temporary signage as this is a cheaper option that has been previously supported by SCC. **Cllr King would continue to chase SCC for a meeting to discuss locations.**

The new website address needed to be communicated to parishioners as the change in domain name had dropped it from search engines.

The new CPC website address is www.crowhurst-pc.gov.uk

It was commented on by a member of the public that the previous repairs to Park Road have been undone by further road diversions which the Council noted was unfortunate.

An update on the bridlepath initiative was given by Cllr Lockwood. No further actions required by the Council at the current time.

**Reports were presented as follows:**

Cllr Lockwood reported on an update on the Local Plan it was hoped to finalise before 2027 and that Tandridge DC was now working with Reigate and Banstead as under the new unitary system their shared values and objectives were beneficial going forward.

They were adopting a new traveller and gypsy policy on 2nd April to aid planning decisions to ensure all current needs are met whilst preventing new sites.

She reported on the site allocation consultation process there was nothing to note within Crowhurst Parish.

Cllr King reported on the unitary authority update from Cllr Steeds. Cllr Lockwood confirmed TDC would be confirming their position in March.

***The Parish Council meeting was started at 8:05pm.***

84. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr L. Ellam.

1. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.

The Chair reminded Cllrs to declare when necessary.

1. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2025.

**The Council resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair as a true record.**

1. Matters Arising.

Following further contact from Parishioners Cllr King asked Cllr Lockwood about the Bowerland Lane fence planning decision. There were no updates on this matter. Cllr Lockwood would follow up with TDC.

1. To receive reports from Councillors.
Reports covering SALC and Planning had been circulated and would be published on the website.

The VE day event was noted and the Council resolved not to initiate an event but would consider funding a community event if one was arranged.

1. Correspondence.
List – duly noted.

The Fishing Club correspondence was noted.

1. Finance
2. To approve accounts for year to date 2024/25
**The Council resolved to accept the account summary.**
3. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedule.

**The Council resolved to accept the schedule for £9567.69.**

1. To accept bank reconciliation

**The Council resolved to accept the bank reconciliation.**

1. To review planning applications and ratify application decisions made between meetings.

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| **Application:** | 2025/128 |
| **Proposal:** | Erection of a single storey detached garage store outbuilding to the side of the existing dwelling. (Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use or development) |
| **Location:** | 1 Old House Farm Cottages, Caterfield Lane, Crowhurst, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LT |

**Crowhurst Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.**

**The Council resolved to ratify the decision.**

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| **Application:** | 2025/44 |
| **Proposal:** | Retention of timber relocatable field shelter and stack / feed store shed and associated stock fencing and hardstanding. (Retrospective) |
| **Location:** | 1-2 Altar Cottages, Crowhurst Lane, Crowhurst, Surrey, RH7 6LR |

**The Parish Council will determine this by email and ratify at the next meeting.**

1. To consider update on kissing gate initiative.

Cllr King asked the Council to consider the possibility of funding dog latch stiles in locations where kissing gates were not possible due to livestock.

**The Council resolved to work with the Landowners to extend the scheme to dog latch stiles. The Council would change the initiative to be a footpath accessibility scheme. The Council would consider costs and locations in due course.**

1. To consider update on Local Plan if available.

No actions were required from the Parish Council at the current time.

1. To consider update on Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

Cllr King reported on recent discussions with Lisa Siggery.

**The Council resolved to run a consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan at the Annual Meeting at 7:45pm after the AGM at 7pm on 19th May 2025.**

1. To consider request for a defibrillator for Dwelly Lane.

**The Council resolved to defer the decision until further information was received on funding from the residents of Dwelly Lane,**

1. To consider actions regarding fishing club lease. The Council had now met both interested parties.

Cllr King reported on the recent meetings with both groups interested in taking on a future lease at the Fishing Club. The two proposals were very different in terms of vision and financial return. Further time was needed and both parties had been communicated with. It was noted that Crowhurst Fishing Club had been granted a 1-year extension to the current lease until end of March 2026 allowing additional time for fuller analysis of both options.

**The Council resolved to delay a decision until no later than 30th September 2025 until further consideration was given to the two proposals.**

1. To consider bin installation at Fishing Lake.

**The Council resolved to accept the offer from TDC to install a new rubbish bin, to go alongside the existing dog waste bin at the fishing lake – There was a cost of £256.80 which was duly approved.**

1. To consider update on bridlepath initiative.

There were no further actions required from the Council at the current time.

1. To ratify Annual meeting arrangements.

**The Council resolved to hold the AGM at 7pm and then the Parish Annual Meeting at 7:45pm with no speakers and to consult on the neighbourhood plan.**

1. Items for Reporting or Inclusion in Future Agendas.

None.

**Dates of Next Meetings:** 19th May 2025 – Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM.

**Meeting closed at 8:55pm.**