

Crimplesham Parish Council

Minutes of Crimplesham Parish Assembly, Thursday 19th March 2026, 6.45pm

Those Present: Cllr Satur, Cllr Dodds, Cllr Woods, Clerk M Hilton.

Public: BCllr Lintern

Apologies: BCllr Moriarty, BCllr Devulapalli, CCllr Long

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome and to consider apologies.** Apologies were approved.
- 2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** None received.
- 3. To approve the minutes from Parish Assembly March 20th 2025:** these were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 4. To receive a report from the Chair of the Parish Council:** This is my second year as Chairman of the Crimplesham Parish council, and we have endeavoured to maintain our strategy of improvement within the village.
Parish Councillors
We still only have 3 Parish Councillors and would welcome applications from the community to join the council.
Playing Field
All the new equipment has been installed within the playing field. There is more work to be done, and we will be looking into finance for the replacement of the existing slide.
The clothes bin in the playing field has been a big success and we are currently looking into a second bin being placed in the playing field.
Notice Board
The new noticeboard has been erected.
Village Hall
The sale of the village hall has now been completed and the named charity removed from the central register of charities.
The trustees of the playing field are awaiting the final decision on the transfer of funds to the charity
Speeding in the village
Unfortunately, we still suffer from uncourteous drivers who have little respect for the village speed limits and see warning signs as targets to be beaten. We do engage with the authorities; however, they have repeatedly informed us that we have had no accidents and are defined as low risk.
Any comments on road speed or other issues can be fed into the SNAP Meetings held in Downham where anyone can attend to discuss community policing issues.

As I commented last year, despite our best efforts to undertake our duties as parish Councillors, it has not always been easy to maintain our enthusiasm for the role when a minority of the village seem to have only one aim, which is to deflate this enthusiasm. I am now in my third year as Chairman, and nothing has changed with regard to this issue. We understand that you can't always please everyone, however, engaging with the councillors to deliver the best possible outcomes for the village will be better than a continual negative approach.

I would like to thank all the Parish councillors for their continuing support and that of our Parish clerk for steering us forward.

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5. **To receive a report from our Borough Councillors:** none received.

6. **To receive a report from County Councillor:** from CCllr Long, this will be my last parish meeting for Crimplesham prior to election on 7th May. With boundaries changing I will not be your County Councillor going forward (even if successful in seeking re-election.) It has been an honour to represent the village, and I do hope that schemes I have funded and assisted in delivering continues to work well for residents.

7. **Open Forum – public opportunity for questions to Councillors or issues about matters in the Parish:**
BCllr Lintern explained there are going to be changes within the planning committee at the Borough Council.
Devolutionary Changes: The council is preparing for potential local government restructuring in Norfolk, aimed at changing the structure of planning authorities by 2026.

She also gave the Council some good advice on how to deal with complaints and vexatious complainers.

The meeting closed at 19.03pm.

Signed by the Chair **Date**