Crimplesham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Meeting for Crimplesham, Thursday 19th November 2026, 6.45pm

Committee Members: Cllr Satur (Chair) Cllr Dodds (Vice-Chair), Cllr Woods, Cllr L. Dodds.
Those Present: Cllr Satur, Cllr L. Dodds, Cllr Woods, CCllr Westman, M Hilton Clerk
Public: none
Apologies: Cllr Dodds and BCllr Moriarty
MINUTES

1. **Welcome and opening remarks:** The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. **To consider and approve apologies for absence** : these were approved.

3. **To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's agenda:** none received.

4. **To approve the minutes from the last meeting**: these were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. **Public Forum:** none present

6. **To receive an update of the Action Log:**

- The playground grit bin should be filled in November. Cllr Satur will check at the end of the month.
- Highways have approved felling the dead cherry trees at the junction of Downham Road and Main Road.
- The Air Ambulance clothes bank has still not been delivered; the Clerk will chase.
- Playground equipment inspection: there is no sign of a loose bolt on the slide, and replacement bolt covers will be ordered and fitted. The goal posts have been primed and given one topcoat; a second will be applied in the spring.

7. **To discuss any general correspondence:**
   The Council approved a new quote for village grass cutting, as the current contractor was invited to quote but declined.

8. **To note the meeting dates for 2027:** these were noted.

9. **To review the following policies:**

- Communication & Engagement
- Data Protection (GDPR)
- Equality Policy
- Risk Management

Members discussed and approved all of the policies.

10. **To consider installation of CCTV at the playing field recycling area:** An article was published in the recent newsletter, and no comments have been received. A notice will go on the noticeboard, and the item is also on the website under News. The CCTV paperwork will be completed, after which the CCTV will be installed.

11. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk:

- CCllr Westman gave an overview of the Longmarsh Green Energy project, a proposed development in West Norfolk. On 16 November, over four hundred residents gathered outside King's Lynn Town Hall and filled the Assembly Room and King's Lynn Minster for an extraordinary council meeting. Borough councillors then voted unanimously to oppose schemes that threaten prime farmland and to challenge government decisions if necessary. Asked how likely the project was to proceed, he said approval rates have historically been high: planning data show only a small number of UK data centre applications were refused between 2016 and 2024, and ministers have often approved large solar farms in eastern England despite strong local opposition.
- Borough/District and Parish Council elections will take place in May 2027. Following renewed consent from Norfolk and Suffolk councils in October and November 2026, the first election for the combined Norfolk and Suffolk Mayor is scheduled for May 2028.
- Residents can have their say on Norfolk County Council's budget setting online: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/38760/Setting-next-years-budget
- The Parish Partnership Scheme closes for applications on 1st December.
- A meeting called for Stradsett residents by James Bagge about road safety on the A1122 and the Longmarsh project was held on 9th November

i. **Planning applications:**

- Planning Application Consultation 26/01315/F. Conversion and alteration of former Village Hall to form single dwelling at Village Hall Market Lane Crimplesham. Crimplesham Parish Council supports this application.
- Planning Application Consultation 26/01740/LB. Replacement of four standard windows and one bay window with double glazed units, repair and paint second bay window at Ardmore House Main Road Crimplesham PE33 9DX Crimplesham. Crimplesham Parish Council supports this application.
- Planning Application Consultation 26/01739/F. HOUSEHOLDER - Replacement of four standard windows and one bay window with double glazed units, repair and paint second bay window at Ardmore House Main Road Crimplesham PE33 9DX. Crimplesham. Crimplesham Parish Council supports this application.

12. To consider and receive reports on Health and Safety issues:

A hole in the road at Market Lane has been reported; the Anglian Water signage has been pushed into it.

13. Finance matters

i. To note and approve monthly expenditure. This was noted.

Payments for October 2026 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton expenses	19.35	0.00	**19.35**	EP	working from home allowance, mileage Sept meeting
Melanie Hilton	426.88	0.00	**426.88**	EP	22 Hours
HMRC	124.07	0.00	**124.07**	EP	Month 6
Parish Online	260.00	52.00	**312.00**	EP	Gov.uk email package
SSE	129.96	6.50	**136.46**	DD	Street light energy
Cozens	75.00	15.00	**90.00**	SO	Street Light Maintenance
TOTAL	**1,035.26**	**73.50**	**1,108.76**		

Payments for November 2026 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton expenses	19.90	0.00	**19.90**	EP	working from home allowance, mileage Oct budget meeting
Melanie Hilton	368.92	0.00	**368.92**	EP	22 Hours
HMRC	98.82	0.00	**98.82**	EP	Month 7
Methodist Church	16.00	0.00	**16.00**	EP	Hire of room 17th September (pd 9/10)
Fincham PC	98.40	0.00	**98.40**	EP	new battery for SAM 2 (pd 19/10/26)
B M Willett	500.00	0.00	**500.00**	EP	Fell and log tree at Playing Field (pd 19/10)
SSE	134.75	6.74	**141.49**	DD	Street light energy
Cozens	75.00	15.00	**90.00**	SO	Street Light Maintenance
TOTAL	**1,311.79**	**21.74**	**1,333.53**		

ii. To note the reconciled income and expenditure balances from the previous months: noted.

iii. To note the QPAB: noted.

iv. To ratify the precept and budget: the Council agreed to increase the ground maintenance budget by £100 and approved the budget.

v. To appoint an internal auditor: the Council approved the appointment of Robin Goreham to carry out the internal audit.

14. To propose agenda items for the next meeting. Please send any items to the Clerk at least one week before the meeting.

15. To confirm the date and time for Full Council Meeting – 21st January 2027 18.45pm

- Cllr L. Dodds suggested planting orchard trees at the playing field; this will be discussed fully at a later date.
- Cllr Woods will attend the Crimplesham Poor Lands Charity meeting on 2nd December.

16. Close: the meeting closed at 19.25pm

Signed by the Chair …….. Date ……