

## Dear Councillor,

You are summonsed to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on

# Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.05pm at Crowhurst Village Hall, Forewood Lane, Crowhurst.

## Members of the press and public are welcome.

The meeting will be recorded for minute-taking purposes, and any recording will be deleted after the minutes have been ratified. They are not for public circulation.

9<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Maurien Corrins

Maureen Collins Clerk and RFO to Crowhurst Parish Council

## 1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Council sets aside 10 minutes at the start of each meeting for relevant questions from members of the public.

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and accept any apologies for absence.

## 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

To receive any declaration by members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as personal, pecuniary, or prejudicial under the Code of Members Conduct.

#### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

To approve and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Crowhurst Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

# 5. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA:

To note the actions undertaken on the matters arising from previous meetings which are not covered in this agenda (Appendix 1).

## 6. REPRESENTATIONS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

- i. District Councillor Nicola McLaren
- ii. County Councillor Kathryn Field

**Resolve:** To note the district & county councillor reports.

# 7. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

1)To consider the following planning applications and provide comments to Rother District Council:

## RR/2025/1408/P

## Park Farm, Breadsell Lane, Crowhurst

Demolition of cattle building and construction of equestrian building (Retrospective).

#### RR/2025/1635/P

# Park Farm, Breadsell Lane, Crowhurst

Proposal: Alteration to dwelling including demolition of modern conservatory, replacement windows

and doors, re-roofing, internal alterations and refurbishment, external landscaping including replacement boundary walls and fences and proposed external oil tank. Alterations to outbuildings. (Part retrospective).

## RR/2025/1636/L

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## RR/2025/1667/PIP

# Land adjoining Telephone Exchange, Chapel Hill, Crowhurst

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling house along with access and car parking.

2) To note that Planning Permission has been received for the installation of solar panels, security fencing, CCTV cameras, underground cabling, inverters, environmental enhancements measures and other ancillary development in Swainham Lane – Fields to South and East, Crowhurst.

#### RR/2023/1202/P

Swainham Lane - Fields to South and East, Crowhurst.

## 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- i.The financial reports to 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 are attached (App 2), together with a summary report of receipts & payments for the month of August.
- ii.Payments reports for August 2025 and September 2025 are attached (App 3) for consideration.
- iii.The bank reconciliations to 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 (App 4) are attached for approval together with a copy of the supporting bank statement for August.
- iv.To consider any action necessary following the decrease in interest rates for both the Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver Account and Co-op Business Savings Account.
- v. To approve a payment to Nick Stell for £50.00 for cutting back the hedge running alongside the left-hand side of the Recreation Ground.
- vi. To approve an additional payment to the clerk for back pay of £116.48 following the amendment of local government pay scales and to note the new pay rate for the month of August.
- vii.To approve Assertion 10 training for the clerk at a cost of £15.00 plus VAT (Mulberry training).
- iii.To note receipt of a Precept payment of £17,608.50 on 29th August 2025.

#### Resolve:

- i. To note the financial reports for July and August 2025.
- ii. To approve the payments for September 2025.
- iii. To agree the Bank Reconciliations to 31st July and 31st August 2025.
- iv. To note the decision made.
- v. To agree to the payment to Nick Stell.
- vi. To agree to the additional payment to the clerk for back dated pay and to note the new rate.
- vii. To note the decision regarding Assertion 10 training for the Clerk.
- iii. To note receipt of Precept payment,

# 9. RECREATION GROUND:

- i.To receive an update from councillors on their monthly playground/defibrillator inspection and other matters relating to the playground.
- ii. To consider the inspection reports received from Nicola Stell, and to note her concerns regarding the woodwork on the junior slide.
- iii.To receive a further update regarding the installation of CCTV in the Recreation Ground.
- iv. To consider quotes received for the replacement of the first five bollard lights on the Recreation Ground.
- v. To discuss the annual clearing of the gully running alongside the Recreation Ground.
- vi. To consider approval of a further round of spraying of the weeds on the MUGA.

- vii. To receive a report from the recent Rec User Group meeting.
- iii.To consider the quote for the replacement seat for the swing.
- ix. To consider the quote received for a replacement barrier gate.

#### Resolve:

- i.To note any comments from the Recreation Ground inspection.
- ii. To note any decisions made regarding the woodwork on the junior slide.
- iii.To note the decision made regarding the installation of CCTV in the Recreation Ground.
- iv. To note the decision regarding replacement of the bollard lights.
- v. To note the decision regarding the clearing of the gully.
- vi.To note the decision regarding the spraying of weeds on the MUGA.
- vii.To note the report received from the recent Rec Users Group meeting.
- iii.To note the decision regarding the purchase of a new seat for the swing.
- ix. To note the decision regarding the purchase of a new barrier gate.

#### 10. RIGHTS OF ROTHER TREES AND ROTHER RIVERS

To note Crowhurst Parish Council's support of the motions being proposed by District Cllr McLaren at the RDC full council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September by agreeing the following.

'Crowhurst Parish Council supports 'personhood status' for the 1066 Yew tree and, together with the community of Crowhurst, agrees to take on the guardianship of the 1066 Yew Tree to protect it for future generations in collaboration with the Parochial Church Council of St. George's Church Crowhurst, East Sussex.'

# 11. ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

To note the Parish Council's nomination of The Plough Inn as an Asset of Community Value.

## 12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

To discuss the NPGs response to the Call for Sites; Gypsy, Traveller and Show People Accommodation and to Rother's Housing Survey.

#### 13. PAVILION REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

To receive an update on the proposed refurbishment project

# 14. PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

To receive an update on the proposed refurbishment project

#### 15. ANNUAL FAYRE REPORT

To receive a report from the Annual Fayre Committee following this year's Annual Fayre

## 16. GRANT REQUESTS

To discuss grant requests from the Crowhurst Environment Group and the Youth Club

## MILLENUIM GARDEN REPAIRS

To receive an update on the progress of the repairs

## 17. COUNCILLOR UPDATES ON EXTERNAL BODIES (IF ANY)

#### **Resolve:**

To note the updates and agree any associated actions.

# 18. CLERK'S REPORT & INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS:

To consider any updates from the clerk including correspondence, information for councillors and future agenda items.

# 19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To note any other items of business not discussed elsewhere.

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** To note that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 20th October 2025, at 7.05pm in the Village Hall.