

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 05 MARCH 2026 at 7.00PM**

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr M Scully.

Clerk: Parish Clerk B Bell FSLCC, Senior Admin Clerk L Glazier and Finance and Admin Assistant K. Vass.

There were 33 members of the public at the meeting including Parish Councillors: M Scully (Chairman), R Burbridge, T Cobby, H Nicholson, Y Nicholson, B Steel, E Townsend, R Tyler.

Apologies: Cllrs J Doyle, C Walker.

The Council Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 06 MARCH 2025

The minutes were AGREED as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman gave a presentation detailing the work of the Council since the last Annual Parish Meeting in 2025. His report was following by a short video diary of events in the last year in Cranleigh.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS

The Chairman wished to acknowledge the work of members of our community who have contributed their time to helping others and presented the following persons with a small trophy:

- Adrian Clarke is a founder member of the Cranleigh Pickleball Club.
- Stephen Dawe has been a player and Committee member of Cranleigh Football Club for over 25 years.
- Cathy Gould runs the Chatty Café in the Village Hall and helps with Community Speedwatch.
- Caroline Hayes is a founder member of the Cranleigh Repair Café.
- Julian Money organises the village's annual act of remembrance.
- Gavin Tunnell supports the community through his plant hire business and this year helped to replace the rose beds around the War Memorial.

PRESENTATION BY CRANLEIGH FOOTBALL CLUB ON PROJECT 35

Chairman Stefan Brash and Communications Officer Martin Fullard attended the meeting to discuss the Club's vision to 2035. By 2035, Cranleigh FC aspires to have:

- A permanent home ground with a bar, function room, and enclosed 3G pitch.
- Strong senior teams competing at Step 4/5.
- A thriving youth section with 1,000+ players — ready to serve a growing village.
- Secure finances powered by facilities revenue, sponsorship, and fundraising — on top of membership fees.
- Deep partnerships with schools and the local community.

Project 2035 is Cranleigh FC's plan to build a sustainable, community-owned future — one that is proportionate to the village Cranleigh is becoming, not just the village it has been.

Over ten years they aim to secure a permanent home ground, refurbish the pavilion, expand youth and adult football, and build reliable income of £100k+ a year through facilities, sponsorship, and events.

With smart investment, council collaboration, support from new developments, and community backing, the Football Club wish to give every child and adult in Cranleigh a place to play, belong, and progress — while putting the village firmly on the footballing map.

PRESENTATION BY CRANLEIGH VILLAGES HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROJECT

Rosemary Hurlley said the Cranleigh Villages Health and Wellbeing Project had undertaken a survey a year ago and received 500 responses. However the Gen Z age group of 18 – 30 year olds are difficult to reach. Richard Womack made an introduction to a Brighton University marketing and tourism research project. Senior Lecture Barbara Grabher and masters degree student Jacqueline Wick joined the meeting to explain how their research project in Cranleigh will reach out to the Gen Z age group through focus groups and one to one interviews to explore what community, health and wellbeing means to the Gen Z age group. The project is funded by Brighton University.

QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS

A member of Cranleigh Lions thanked the work of the Parish Council. He said the Lions had worked in collaboration with the Parish Council to replace the roses around the War Memorial, the Lions had funded the roses and the Parish Council had provided the volunteer labour for planting. The Chairman thanked the Lions for their ongoing financial support including the rose beds, Christmas lunch and blu ray player for the Village Hall cinema.

A member of the public said there is a willing band of volunteers with a self appointed leader for the Beryl Harvey Conservation Field. The Chairman said the Parish Council has already agreed to arrange a meeting with the volunteers to discuss their role at the Beryl Harvey Field.

A member of the public said the Lions were no longer able to manage road closures for village events as their insurance no longer provides cover for their volunteers to undertake this task.

A member of the public asked about the progress of the Snoxhall Machine Shed. The Chairman said the Parish Council had failed in its bid for Strategic CIL funding with Waverley Borough Council and had requested a copy of their score sheet as he had been advised that the project scored fairly poorly across the majority of the criteria. The Parish Council is trying to understand why their bid was unsuccessful. Cllr E Townsend said the bids were ranked using the same criteria by the Working Group and the Board makes the final decision. Members do not vote on projects in their own area.

A member of the public asked if the High Street improvements are complete. Cllr E Townend said there has been a change at Surrey County Council as a result of local government reorganisation and the place making team has been disbanded. The project work has slowed down. Plans are still in place for Fountain Square, but she has an update on the other High Street improvements which she had not the opportunity to review yet.

A member of the public asked about the speed limit reductions around Cranleigh, Cllr E Townsend said the consultation has not been finalised yet.

A member of the public asked about the future of the tennis courts. The Chairman explained that the tennis courts have been offered to Waverley Borough Council to use for the duration of the new Leisure Centre build, but there has been no decision about their future beyond that point. The Chairman said he had reached out to the Lawn Tennis Association and David Lloyd Clubs, but Cranleigh is not large enough to secure their funding. He said he is still passionate about delivering tennis in Cranleigh.

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council would lose or gain any powers through local government reorganisation. Cllr E Townsend said the Parish Council is autonomous and has the option to request community asset transfers from Waverley Borough Council.

A member of the public said the Parish Council and Football Club both want to improve the Snoxhall Pavilion so there is the opportunity to create a community centre like Alfold. The Chairman said there is a Working Party looking at options for the building and will include the Football Club in the project.

A member of the public suggested renaming Fountain Square to Fountain Plaza.

A member of the public raised concern about potential parking chaos for two years as a result of the Leisure Centre build. Cllr E Townsend said that 100 parking spaces will be retained throughout the Leisure Centre build at a cost of an extra £358,000 and extension to the build time line.

Chairman Cllr M Scully thanked the guest speakers for their presentation, the residents for their questions and the Councillors for all their hard work.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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