

Minutes of Cranworth Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Jubilee Hall, Cranworth, Norfolk.

Present: Cllrs R Brown, C Brown, C Eglington, J Eglington, G Ireland, L Stiles, and N Reynolds

In attendance: The clerk, and four members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from DC Lynda Turner and Paul Hewitt

2. Declaration(s) of Interests

None

3. Adjournment for Public Participation

Nothing raised

4. To approve the minutes of Parish Council meeting from August 12th, 2025

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on August 12th 2025 had been previously circulated. The minutes were proposed as accepted by Cllr. N Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. R Brown and approved unanimously. They were initialled and signed as a true record by Chairman C Brown.

5. Matters arising from the last minutes (not elsewhere on the agenda)

There was a discussion on what to comment on the High Grove Solar Farm planning application. The clerk had previously circulated a draft comment and after a few edits, Cllr. R Brown proposed to submit the comment, seconded by Cllr. L Stiles and approved unanimously.

6. District Councillor reports

Council was in recess for August so not much new to report. Info regarding various grant/training schemes have been sent to the Clerk, as they occurred. Devolution, LGR and solar farms debates continue.

7. Correspondence/Clerk's report:

The Clerk's report is posted on the website. RNR 28 has still not been repaired. The recently replaced junction warning sign near Southburgh Church has been knocked down yet again and has been removed. A new sign is needed. White lines in the Parish are faded. Clerk to report these various issues.

8. Planning

▪ Applications received:

REFERENCE:	PL/2025/0833/FMIN (re-consultation)
PROPOSAL:	Proposed Warehouse
APPLICANT:	(Allen & Page Limited)
LOCATION:	Allen And Page, Norfolk Mill Shipdham Airfield Industrial Estate, Cranworth, Thetford, Norfolk, IP25 7SD

The Parish Council supported the original application and their decision still stands

9. To receive and agree to Receipts, Invoices, and Budget Monitor

- Payments Received
 - Rent in respect of 'Burtons Farm' for 2024/2025 £250.00
- Payments of Invoices
 - Donation to Woodrising PC £125.00
 - Donation to Cranworth and Southburgh PC £350.00
 - ICO (Data Protection) £47.00
 - TTSR Grass cutting £565.99
 - Bank Service Charge (July/August) £8.50
 - Donation to Group News £30.00
 - Clerk backpay (April/May/June/July) £30.59
 - Clerk's expenses £35.80

Received and noted

10. To receive an update on the phone box in Woodrising

Cllr. N Reynolds has looked into renovation but it seems financially unviable. She will be visiting the box this coming week and seeing if a simple reglazing will suffice.

11. To receive an update on signatories for the bank

Cllr. C Eglington is fully set up for online banking. The paperwork has been finalised to add Chairman C Brown to online banking. This process should be finalised in the next few weeks, then dual signatories for authorisation of payments can be set up.

12. To receive an update on the Playing Field

Breckland are maintaining that any planning application for the pavilion on the playing field would most likely be denied. The area would not be "lost" as Open Space even if the lease with the Playing Field Committee did not renew. Cllr. C Eglington is willing to "give" the land to the Parish Council as long as it does not come with a cost. The main concern is what will happen with the vacant Pavilion. Cllr. C Eglington to look into the cost of transferring the space to the Parish Council.

13. Village Issues

Chairman C Brown expressed thanks to a resident for clearing the ditch down at PACT and the ditches down to the river.

Cllr. R Brown expressed thanks to the residents that put a lot of work into the flower pots on the village green. They look absolutely fantastic.

14. Highways and footpaths issues

The footpath warden has sent the clerk correspondence to report to highways regarding a damaged verge and other highways issues. The drain holes have still not been fixed. Footpaths have been well maintained through out the

summer. Clerk to report new issues.

There was a discussion over HGV traffic increasing through the village and recent drain clearing works.

There are a few overgrown hedges in the village. Clerk to send letters to the owners of the hedges asking them to be cut.

15. Future agenda items

Phone Box

Playing Field

Budget

16. Dates of future meetings: November 3rd 2025 at 7:30 pm

17. To approve a motion to exclude the press and public for the next item as their presence would be prejudicial to public interest due to the confidential nature. In accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) - Chair

Cllr. L Stiles proposed to approve the motion. Seconded by Cllr. G Ireland and approved unanimously.

18. To discuss annual appraisal and consider annual salary review for the Clerk

A decision was taken

Meeting closed at: 20:08