

Crakehall with
Langthorne Parish
Council's
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The latest Parish Council meeting was held on **20 May 2020**. District Councillor Mike Barningham and five parishioners joined all five Parish Councillors and the clerk to meet via video conference. The key points from the meeting are as follows:

The council noted that **Clr Dave Holt** had resigned because he had moved away from Crakehall. Arrangements had been put in motion to seek his replacement. If no **election** has been requested by 30 July 2020 the clerk will seek interest from parishioners in being **co-opted onto the council**.

Representatives from Savills and Glen Kemp attended part of the meeting to provide a presentation on behalf of **Meridian Parks**. They provided an outline of a **planning application** they will be submitting in the near future for the modernisation and expansion of the existing **Burtree Lakes Park**.

The clerk had established that the area of the **Bank Side overlooking The Batts Play Park** which had been used for **composting green waste** is actually owned by the Parish Council. The folk who had been using the area for that purpose had been contacted and have agreed to stop using the area for green waste and to tidy up the area.

A number of concerns about **Public Rights of Way** had been raised with NYCC and PROW Officer had agreed to:

- schedule a **deteriorating signpost** on the Hackforth Road for replacement.
- write to the farmers responsible for two paths that are **over grown by crops**.
- keep the concerns about an **overgrown field edge path** on record.

The Chairman reported on the latest deployments of the **Vehicle Activated Sign** including the first set of data from vehicles coming in to Crakehall on the **Hackforth Road (which showed 85th percentile speeds of under 30 mph)**. Clr Neale suggested that the sign on the Hackforth Road might also be used to track vehicles leaving the village. This was agreed.

An application will be made to the **AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund** established by Julia Mulligan, the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. The application will

seek funds to procure an additional post from NYCC to provide a **fourth location for the VAS** (on the A684 leading down to the bridge in Little Crakehall). A further application may be made if the Area Highways Office (which has been approached) suggests that any engineering and / or additional signage on the A684 would be acceptable. **“Rumble strips” and larger 30 mph signs** have been suggested.

The stones around The Green opposite the church (and at other locations around The Green) will be **replaced with white posts** as and when funds permitted. No work to stones or posts will be undertaken until a proper schedule of work is approved by the council. The Chairman and Clr Beal agreed to lay the surplus **grass reinforcement mesh** in the car parking area beyond the church asap.

Further to its successful application to the **Safer Roads Fund**, NYCC is consulting on proposals for a number of locations across the county including **layby changes on the A684 between Bedale and Crakehall**. The Parish Council is very much opposed to the closure of the laybys near Sinks Lane on the grounds that they are heavily used and the layby just outside Crakehall would not have the capacity to meet the likely demand.

If you have any issues that you would like the Parish Council to discuss please contact Chris McGee, Clerk to the Council:
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Residents near the church have raised concerns about **continuing nuisance caused by rooks** in the trees despite the measures taken on behalf of the council to disrupt nests last year. Various further measures were proposed but the council concluded that that it was difficult to justify further expenditure with such uncertain outcomes. However, they were **sympathetic to residents' concerns** and will support any action (within the law) that they wished to take at their own expense. It was suggested that gathering evidence, including photographs, and then involving Environmental Health might be beneficial.

Are You a Webmaster or simply a Web Wizard? Can you help?

New accessibility regulations came into force last year and www.crakehall.org.uk has until 23 September 2020 to meet certain accessibility standards and publish a statement saying they have been met. It's all pretty technical stuff so, if you know about these things and are prepared to help, please contact the clerk asap.

The Chairman of the council recorded thanks to **Barrie Morris** (for renovating benches on The Green), **Tracey Gill and family** (for the painted stones around the village) and **Helen Exelby** (for making re-usable fabric face

masks available to villagers for free for collection at the bus shelter adjacent to The Green).

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council
will be held on Wednesday
16 September 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

For further details about any of the items in this newsletter and others not included here please see the full minutes of the meeting at the Parish Council section of www.crakehall.org.uk

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**ALL PLAY EQUIPMENT IN CRAKEHALL
HAS BEEN RE-OPENED BUT**

To ensure that it is used safely we ask all parents and guardians to read and abide by the following simple instructions:

All equipment is checked regularly to ensure it is safe for use, but **it is not sanitised or disinfected**. The equipment is shared by many different users so please use it responsibly and **entirely at your own risk**.

Do not allow children to use the equipment if they, or any member of their household, has coronavirus symptoms or are self-isolating.

Children who are **clinically vulnerable** should not use this equipment.

Make sure children use **hand sanitiser** before and after using the equipment.

Encourage children to avoid touching their faces.

Maintain **social distancing** from others unless you are from the same household - current advice is to maintain at least 1m and consider wearing a face mask. Some play equipment can only be used by one child at a time while social distancing. Please ensure your family waits at a **safe distance** if the play equipment is in use or, better still, return later.

No food or drink is to be consumed whilst using the equipment.

If your family is wearing **disposable PPE**, please take it home with you.

Ensure that you and your children **wash your hands** when you get home.

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