

Crakehall with  
Langthorne Parish  
Council's  
Bimonthly Newsletter

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The latest meeting of the council was held on **15 January 2020** and was attended by all 6 Parish Councillors and 5 Parishioners. The key points from the meeting are as follows:

**PC Enborn** attended the meeting and circulated copies of his report which gave Crime and ASB Data, police updates and some details about **Operation Bright**, a campaign to identify properties which are unlit and / or appear to be unoccupied overnight as these are more susceptible to burglary.

The Parish Council has now agreed to take on responsibility for **cutting all areas of grass previously cut in Crakehall and Langthorne by NYCC.**

There had not been any response to the advert in the newsletter seeking a new **Cemetery Groundsperson** so the council's current grass cutting contractor will be asked to give a price for undertaking the work.

Councillors noted that some interest been generated in response to the article in the last newsletter about **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes** and, given police support, agreed to set up a meeting to discuss matters further with any interested parishioners. The event is likely to take place in a few months' time when the nights are lighter.

Councillors noted that only a very small amount of interest had been generated in response to the article in the newsletter about the possibility of developing a **Community Heritage Project / Community Archaeology Group** so the matter will not be pursued any further.

Thanks were given to **Sharon Neale** for donating the **Christmas Tree** and to **Colin Bartram and Liam Jacques** for transporting it to The Green. **Options for the future were considered** and Cllr Holt will try to

establish how much it would cost to purchase a larger tree for 2020. The possibility of illuminating the tree in the corner of the churchyard, subject to the agreement of the PCC, will also be considered. Cllr Beal will find out the cost of hiring a cherry picker for two days to install and then take down the lights.

Councillors discussed some concerns raised by a resident of Langthorne about a **planning application for two barn conversions near East Farm.**

Proposals from Sovereign, Wicksteed and KOMPAN to provide **play park equipment** on The Green up to the value of the £12300 available were considered. It was agreed unanimously that **the proposals put forward by KOMPAN should be pursued** with a view to new equipment being installed before the end of March 2020.

The **Vehicle Activated Sign** had now been deployed twice at each of the designated locations. In Great Crakehall the percentage of vehicles exceeding the limit had gone down whereas in Little Crakehall it had gone up! The situation will continue to be monitored and data shared with

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relevant authorities so that, if appropriate, a case can be made for a permanent speed camera.

Data from Speed Camera patrols showed **782 offences recorded over 28 visits** with the vast majority, 88%, being in Little Crakehall.

In order to create **hard standing on The Green** for the police's speed camera vehicle three different types of reinforcement mesh were considered. It was agreed to purchase a heavy duty 2m x 20m mesh from MatsGrid at a cost of £364.99 together with an appropriate number of fixing pins.

Cllr Neale had examined the **kerbs around The Green** following the recent tarmacking and concluded that any damage had been caused during the installation rather than by vehicles (because of sub-standard kerbs). No further action was proposed.

The decision taken at the last meeting to reject **the request from the PCC of St Gregory's Church for cars to be parked on The Green outside Firby House was reviewed following the site visit and**

**upheld.** However, the possibility of replacing the soil between the church wall and the road with aggregate will be explored. The grassed area beyond the church on the left will also be measured up so that a price for reinforced mesh can be calculated. And, in due course, the council will consider replacing existing white stones with white posts (as stones are no longer recommended for use). Some extension of the areas protected by white posts will also be considered.

Cllr Holt enquired about the **ownership of the grassed pavement areas on Coronation Road.** It was suggested that they were very likely to be the responsibility of Highways but that this could be confirmed by examining the Land Registry plan for any of the semi-detached houses on that side of the road.

The clerk reported that, at the request of a parishioner, he had contacted NYCC about the state of the **public right of way over the fields** just past Mrs Staniland's house caused by a combination of cattle in the field and a lot of rain. Considerable doubt was expressed about whether anything could be done in these circumstances but it

was agreed to leave the query with NYCC and await their response.

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

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](http://www.crakehall.org.uk)

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