

Crakehall with  
Langthorne Parish  
Council's  
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The latest meeting of the council was held on **20 November 2019** and was attended by all 6 Parish Councillors and 11 Parishioners. The key points from the meeting are as follows:

Highways have advised that an order for the **removal of a tree and general maintenance** to the remaining vegetation at the **top of A684 bankside** has been raised and passed to contractors.

The council has agreed, that from next year, it will take on responsibilities for cutting **areas of grass in Crakehall currently cut by NYCC**.

The issue of **visitors' parking near St Edmund's holiday cottages** is again causing difficulties for neighbouring residents. The owners of the cottages have offered to pay

for appropriate signs so they will be asked to provide some marked "**Parking for Residents Only**".

**A Cemetery Groundsperson is required to work approximately 110 hours per year on a flexible basis. A job description and salary details can be obtained from the clerk. Applicants should be familiar with the use of strimmers and small powered machinery for grass cutting and hedge cutting.**

NYCC has accepted that the land outside St Edmunds is effectively part of the highway and therefore **repairs to the railings** are its responsibility. However, the owners of the property have confirmed that the damage was caused by a vehicle owned by their cleaning company and therefore they and NYCC staff liaising to get the work done.

The council has had a quotation of £12297.14 plus VAT for **replacing the play equipment on The Green on a "like for like" basis**. Given the money raised locally and still available, (£6,990.88), the Hambleton District Council Make a Difference grant, (£4000.00), and a very generous pledge of £1300.00 from the owners of the St Edmund's holiday cottages, **this is affordable**. However, the council's Financial Regulations require two further

quotations for the work and so these will now be sought with a view to a **final decision being made at the council meeting in January 2020**. A contract will then be awarded and work completed before 31 March 2020.

**The council would like to help re-energise and re-launch Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across all of Crakehall and Langthorne. So, if you are interested let the clerk or Cllr Stirke know and we'll arrange a meeting for all volunteers to get things moving.**

A **Vehicle Activated Sign** has been bought and was installed initially in Great Crakehall. The additional post in Little Crakehall has also now been installed so the VAS can now be relocated there for a further two-week period. The sign records all vehicle movements so it provides a wealth of statistical information to provide further **hard evidence of the speeding problem on the A684**.

The council has been offered a **very generous contribution** towards the costs of a second VAS but councillors feel it would be more useful for at least one additional post to be erected as a VAS can only be deployed in any

one location for 2 weeks at a time. This possibility will be discussed with the potential donor.

Two contractors have provided estimates for hard standing on The Green to accommodate the Police's Traffic Surveillance Van. However, it was agreed to defer a decision so that the **Police could be asked to make a contribution and other cheaper, perhaps temporary, alternatives** could be considered (including heavy duty aluminium tracks). **The Police Van has already been deployed in Little Crakehall near High Mill Farm.**

**Kay and Malcolm Dennis** have been thanked for **painting the posts on The Green** with paint purchased by the council. Kay and Malcolm were also thanked for helping Cllr Shaw with **daffodil bulb planting**.

**The council wonders if there might be enough interest to set up a local Community Heritage Project or a Community Archaeology group. About half a dozen people would be required to form a core group to take a project forward. If you're interested contact the clerk or Cllr Stirke.**

The council will be asking Hambleton District Council for a **precept of £10000 for 2020/2021** – this is a small increase on the precept for the current year, (£9564), but is felt necessary to address concerns about the decreasing level of contingencies being held.

The PCC of St Gregory's Church, sought **permission to park on The Village Green** across from the church in front of Firby House but the council has **rejected the request for now. It will review the matter at a site meeting on 8 December 2019.**

The council has agreed a request from the relatives of **Paul Kellett** who lived at The Old Post Office for a **memorial bench** to be sited just outside where he used to live.

**Donations of a Christmas Tree** (or cash towards the purchase of a tree) are invited. The tree will be erected on 8 December 2019 at 10.00 am and taken down on 5 January 2020.

The **grass cutting contractor** will be asked to advise the school when strimming is about to take place so that staff can move their cars if they so wish.

**There are serious concerns about an increase in dog fouling** in the parishes and particularly down Green Gate Lane. Owners are reminded of their responsibilities and of the consequences of not picking up after their dogs. **Offenders are known and will be reported to Hambleton District Council.**

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)

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15 January 2019 at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall.

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