

Crakehall with
Langthorne Parish
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The latest Parish Council meeting was held on **16 September 2020**. District Councillor Carl Les and three parishioners joined all Parish Councillors and the clerk to meet via video conference. The key points from the meeting are as follows:

PC Sarah Norman joined the meeting to highlight the latest **key crime and ASB statistics (which were very low)**. She also spoke about the current campaign – **Operation Figaro** - to try to deter poaching. PC Norman was able to confirm that the recent road traffic incident near Crakehall Garage involved two vehicles but was not speed related.

No election having been called by parishioners the council was able to co-opt a new councillor to replace Dave Holt who had

left the area. **The council voted unanimously to co-opt Jess Mallinson.**

NYCC had confirmed that the **fence on Mastil Lane Green** is its responsibility. An order has been raised for its repair / replacement.

NYCC and the cottage owners had accepted liability for the **repairs to the wall and railings outside St Edmund's** but NYCC has had difficulties in sourcing replacement railings. NYCC had been chased on a monthly basis but, because of the length of time since the damage, **Cllr Les was asked and agreed to pursue matters.**

As an alternative to buying a **Christmas Tree** for The Green this year, it was agreed to pursue the possibility of illuminating the tree in the corner of the churchyard, subject to the agreement of the PCC.

The Marquis of Downshire's agents accepted responsibility for the tree that fell across the beck in **Little Crakehall** on 21 August 2020 and damaged the **metal fence and concrete pillar**. The site was tidied within a few days but the metal fence is owned by NYCC and they will need to liaise with the agents to ensure it is repaired or replaced to the appropriate standards. In view of the length

of time it had taken to repair the fence referred to above **Cllr Les agreed to pursue this matter too.**

The council has agreed to **replace all stones and fill some gaps around The Green with concrete posts**: 5 just outside the old chapel; 2 on the small green up from the chapel (to fill gaps); 5 opposite the church and 6 in front of Crakehall House. Residents directly affected by the work will be advised when the timetable is clearer.

Cllr Beal had asked that consideration be given to **applying for listing for a number of areas or structures in the parishes**. Cllr Les suggested finding out more about the process of listing from the District Council and he agreed to discuss matters with the appropriate officers. The matter will then be discussed again at the next meeting and, if moving forward with some listings finds favour with the majority of councillors, a process of **community consultation** will be considered.

Cllr Shaw provided the usual data from the deployment of the **Vehicle Activated Sign** including the following key points:

- Police patrols have been on site in the village on 7 occasions in the last two months

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and have issued notices for 131 Speed Awareness Courses, 4 Conditional Offers and 1 summons.

- The deployment of the Vehicle Activated Sign on the **Hackforth Road** shows 85th percentile speeds of around **29 mph**.
- The deployment of the VAS on the A684 is tending to show that the **percentage of motorists exceeding the speed limit is falling**.

Cllr Neale had received a complaint from a farmer who couldn't get his tractor and trailer through the road along **Station Road** due to a **badly parked car**. Facebook had been used to remind residents of the **need to park responsibly in the interests of road safety and good community relations** but councillors believed specific cases to be matters for the Police and Highways Authority rather than the Parish Council.

Cllr Beal raised concerns about **road markings on the A684 near BASA** just outside Bedale where dips in the road were leading to some very dangerous overtaking manoeuvres by some motorists. **Cllr Les agreed to take this up with officers at NYCC**.

Following the visit by councillors and the clerk to the **old chapel in the cemetery** in

early August, it was **agreed to go ahead with tidying up, repairs and renovation**. **Cllr Beal has agreed to coordinate the work** and the first task is to relocate or, in some cases, dispose of items currently stored in the chapel. Cllr Neal agreed to work with Cllr Beal on this. **Cllr Beal will then liaise with volunteers to arrange for cleaning and general tidying up**. Other work such as replacing missing tiles, repairing stone work and some redecoration (and the maintenance of the bier) would require professional input. The clerk agreed to try to get some estimates for some of the work. Councillors noted that approval had already been given for a professional stained-glass restorer living in Snape to **repair / replace glass work**. **This work has now been completed**. The idea of a **History of Crakehall Exhibition** was of interest and it was agreed it could be discussed further with the folk who expressed an interest and others who may come forward. **Grant funding opportunities** will also be explored including possible contributions towards some improvements to the building to enable an exhibition to be housed (eg the installation of mains electricity or some green alternative).

And finally Cllr Shaw noted **an increase in Covid-19 cases** across North Yorkshire and surrounding areas and urged everyone to **"Stay Safe"**.

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council
will be held on Wednesday
18 November 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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