

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th January 2023 in Crakehall Village Hall

Councillors present: Councillors Mr D Shaw (in the chair), Mr J Wilson, Mr A Beal, Mr J Neale, Mrs J Randall and Mrs S Stirke

Also present: District Councillor Mike Barningham, PCSO Heather Lees (left the meeting after item 4), two members of the public

Clerk: Mr R Bocking

Apologies for Absence: County Councillor Carl Les, District Councillors John Weighell and John Noone

Pre-meeting items

No items were raised

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th November 2022

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as accurate by those members present and signed by the chair.

Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Police Report

The police report was presented by PCSO Heather Lees. The report has a new format but it still refers to the events of the month previous. The new format now includes contact details. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix 1.

To consider the exclusion of the public and press because of the special or confidential nature of the business to be transacted under agenda item 9.

It was agreed that the public and press would be excluded while this item was discussed.

Parish Clerk's Report

- **Work to trees along the beck** – a survey has been instructed for Jan 2023, the clerk will make further contact if nothing has been received by the end of January.
- **Cemetery rubbish removal** – work to remove the accumulated rubbish is now complete.
- **Old Chapel bell tower restoration/ Renovation of the Old Chapel** – the clerk will make arrangements to obtain a quote for restoration of the bell tower in the first instance using one of the Parish Council's preferred contractors.
- **Concrete posts around the Green** – a total of six posts now require replacement, replacement posts will be obtained.
- **Donation to PCC for clock restoration** – the offer of a donation was received with thanks but was declined as the criteria attached to the offer could not be met.
- **Conservation volunteers** – enquiries will be made regarding work to the bankside along the A684 and maintenance work to the Pinfold
- **New layby A684 second post for a litter sign** – the litter sign for the layby requires a fitting kit, the clerk will investigate this

- **Village hall play equipment inspection** – Councillor Neale inspected the play equipment. He reported some wear to the surface beneath the swings. It was agreed to invite a local company (used by a neighbouring parish council) to inspect the play areas with a view to installing safety matting if it is deemed necessary.
- **Grass cutting** – the grass cutting contact will be updated and distributed to local companies imminently
- **Tree survey** – it was agreed that the upcoming tree survey should include the churchyard and the cemetery.
- **Northern Powergrid low voltage cable installation** – this is scheduled to begin around March 2023. The clerk met with representatives of Northern Powergrid and their sub contractor to walk around the village and gain a better appreciation of the work to be done to replace the overhead power cables with a new underground cable. The clerk will communicate with Northern Powergrid to make it absolutely clear that, while the Parish Council has given permission for work to take place on land owned by the council, it is solely the responsibility of Northern Powergrid to communicate with affected householders regarding access restrictions, supply interruption and any works that may need to be done on privately owned land to connect the new supply cable. It is the opinion of the Parish Council that a public meeting should be arranged to enable affected householders to meet with Northern Powergrid who can then explain in more detail the proposed works. The clerk will liaise with Northern Powergrid to arrange such a meeting. A map showing the affected properties is appended to these minutes as Appendix 2 and will also be posted on the All Crakehall Great and Small Facebook page.
- **Self sown saplings in the cemetery** – as well as the saplings there is a lot of scrub and rubble that requires work. It was agreed that work should proceed in two stages; first, remove saplings and trees and second, level or landscape the area and reseed. A second meeting to discuss this, involving one or two councillors and the clerk, will be arranged.
- **Work to trees outside the Police House** – in the interests of safety work has now been carried out on these trees to remove a substantial amount of deadwood and debris and to relieve the weight being supported by a number of lower limbs. Northern Powergrid to be informed of the closeness of one of the trees to an overhead powerline, to see if they wish to take further action with regards to trimming this tree.

Financial matters

A summary of all income and expenditure and a budget monitoring report were presented.

Traffic flow through Crakehall

The chair presented the latest traffic flow data through the village. The Vehicle Activated Sign continued to be deployed at the Crakehall Green and Little Crakehall sites throughout November and December 2022. A summary is presented below

	Little Crakehall	Crakehall Green	Little Crakehall
Date range	8/11/22 to 25/11/22	26/11/22 to 15/12/22	16/12/22 to 4/1/23
Total vehicles	36302	54990	33067
85 th percentile speed/mph	32.6	30.1	32.8

Allotment on Mastil Lane

Councillors were updated by the chair with the latest situation in regard of the council's claim to ownership of the land.

Agenda items 10 and 11 (tree survey and cemetery works)

Please refer to the clerk's report above for details.

Any other business

Thanks were expressed to Rob Exelby for his kind donation of this year's Christmas tree and to Councillors Wilson and Shaw for its installation and Councillor Neale for its removal. Thanks were also expressed to all those who participated in the Advent Trail.

The presence of moles on the Green, the Batts and in the cemetery was noted but it was felt that the situation should just be monitored at present.

Following a request made by a parishioner to Hambleton District Council for the street lights around the Green to be turned off to save energy the councillors briefly discussed the situation. It was felt that the proposed early turn off of street lights would be detrimental to the safety of parishioners, there is the issue of liability should an injury occur and the energy saving would be very little given that the majority of the street lights are now LED.

Cracks between the fence and the pavement alongside the beck in Little Crakehall have been reported. The clerk will investigate who to approach with regard to an inspection.

A resident in West End requested to lay paving stones across the verge. Less obtrusive matting was suggested as a compromise.

Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7.30pm in Crakehall Village Hall (to be chaired by Cllr Stirke)

Richard Bocking

Clerk to the Council

January 2023

These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by the council at its next meeting in November 2022.

Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire



North Yorkshire Police Report

Crakehall Parish Council (inc. Crakehall, Hackforth,

Statistics taken from	01/12/2022-31/12/2022
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	3 Reports
Total	3 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	1 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Report
Theft (inc Theft from Shop)	1 Report
Violence against the person	1 Report
Other crimes	0 Reports
Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports

Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Total	7 Reports

Local News:

Nothing of Note

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Your Local Team –

Inspector Sarah Tait

PS Jerry Perrin

Appendix 2

Please click the link below to view the Northern Powergrid cable installation map

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Mwdl6rcdVvQWUvTgaKLcUCd2xxQNW0Wb/view?usp=share_link