

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crakehall with Langthorne Annual Parish Council meeting on
Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at Crakehall Village Hall at 7:20pm, following the
Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Councillors Buckley, Shaw, Stirke, and Ventham

Also present: Five members of the public, PC Lees

Clerk: Mr R Williams

Apologies: Councillor Randall

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Randall.

2. Councillors' Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The Clerk reported that subject to the Standing Orders, this item was not necessary to complete as all standing councillors had already completed their declarations of acceptance upon election/co-option.

3. Councillors' Registrations of Interest

The Clerk encouraged councillors to ensure they keep their registrations updated.

4. Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Resolved: That Councillor Buckley be elected as Chair of the Parish Council, proposed by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Wilson.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Resolved: That Councillor Shaw be elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, proposed by Councillor Buckley and seconded by Councillor Ventham.

6. Selection of Representatives

It was resolved that the following Councillors would be appointed as the Council's representatives to the following bodies:

- Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA): Buckley
- Crakehall Village Hall Management Committee: Ventham
- Rector Four and Twenty of Bedale: Buckley, Shaw

7. Cemetery Report

The Vice-Chair presented the Cemetery Report for the year 2024/25 and noted that:

- There were 5 interments during the period May 2025 to May 2026.
- Cemetery fees were revised upwards in August 2024 and remained unchanged for 2025 – 2026.
- Total receipts for the period May 2025 – May 2026 were £2250 with an additional £550 outstanding.
- Work to overhanging trees alongside entrance path was carried out at a cost of £600.
- The hedge on the western side of the Cemetery was trimmed and brash pile cleared at a cost of £800.
- The Cemetery generated a surplus of £850 after expenses incurred for tree and hedge work.
- The gutters and downpipes of Chapel were cleared out and the fencing and gate power-washed.
- An Application had been received from Commonwealth War Graves Commission received to put sign on Cemetery fence or gate, which was approved by the Parish Council.

8. To appoint lead members for various responsibilities across the parish

It was resolved that the following Councillors would be appointed as lead members to the following areas:

- Road Safety: Shaw
- Grass Cutting and Trees: All Councillors
- Cemetery (not including Chapel): Shaw
- Village Maintenance: Ventham (Crakehall), Stirke (Langthorne)
- Playgrounds: Ventham
- Footpaths: All (Crakehall), Stirke (Langthorne)
- Social Media: Randall, Shaw, Ventham

9. Confirmation of Local Elections scheduled for Thursday, 6 May 2027

The Clerk reported that the next elections for the Parish Council were scheduled for 6 May 2026, along with North Yorkshire Council.

10. Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 May 2025

Resolved: That the minutes for the previous annual meeting of the Parish Council be approved.

Reece Williams

Clerk to Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council

May 2026

These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council at its next Annual Meeting in May 2027.