

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th March 2024 in Crakehall Village Hall

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

Also present: 4 parishioners, police liaison (for item 16 only)

Clerk: Mr R Bocking

No items were raised by members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr J Neale, Cllr J Weighell

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th January 2024

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

3. Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Police Report

The police report was read by the chair. No concerns were raised.

5. 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 8.

It was agreed that, because of the special or confidential nature of the business to be transacted under item 8, the public and press would be excluded whilst the items were discussed.

6. Parish Clerk's Report

- Old Chapel renovation – it was felt that this issue has been dragging on for too long now and a concerted effort should be made to locate a builder to inspect and measure the stonework for the bell support. Cllr Shaw and the clerk will investigate possible local builders.
- Concrete posts around the Green – the person used by the Parish Council previously to install the posts has indicated that they are no longer able to do so. If anyone is able or knows of someone able and willing to undertake the work please contact the clerk.
- Village Hall play equipment – the Parish Council has received £5000 toward the cost from NYC Locality Budgets Funding, Newett Homes have an obligation to provide £2769.50 in lieu of them not incorporating a play area into the Cringlefields development. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £2230.50 from the CIL monies received previously. This brings the total to £10000. Quotes have been obtained from two play equipment providers thus far. The monies raised would enable a modest replacement of the play tower at the Village Hall but are insufficient to also replace the broken spinner in the Batts play area. Cllr Shaw is exploring other sources of income and the possibility of a Lottery grant. Further information is also being sought from parishioners as to the most appropriate age range for the replacement equipment before a final decision is taken.
- Cemetery landscaping – Cllr Neale's absence precluded any further updates at this time.

- Planning applications – The following communications regarding planning applications were received since the last Parish Council meeting:

	<p>ZB23/01836/FUL received 17/10/23</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Single storey extension to dwelling to Form Annex for Family members to include garden room, bedroom, kitchenette & WC</p> <p>LOCATION: Cobblestones The Green Crakehall Bedale</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr And Mrs Starkey</p>	Application withdrawn
	<p>ZB23/02267/FUL received 10/11/23</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Construction of a new shower block and four camping pods (Family Pod) with associated parking area</p> <p>LOCATION: Certificated Campsite At Greengate Farm Green Gate Lane Little Crakehall</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr Steve Pounder</p>	Granted
	<p>ZB23/02346/LBC received 22/11/23</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Restoration of the listed barn, including recreation of historic openings, interior and exterior works to allow for the barn to be converted to residential use.</p> <p>LOCATION: Barn North West Of Langthorne Hall Langthorne North Yorkshire</p> <p>APPLICANT: J. A. Thompson, C Nicholson</p>	
	<p>ZB23/02395/FUL received 22/11/23</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Full application for the conversion of listed barn to 1 no. dwelling and erection of 4 no. new-build dwellings totalling 5 no. dwellings, demolition of some existing barns and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>LOCATION: Barn North West Of Langthorne Hall Langthorne North Yorkshire</p> <p>APPLICANT: J. A. Thompson, C Nicholson</p>	
	<p>ZB23/02536/FUL received 13/12</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Minor internal alterations, with conversion of existing garages and construction of a rear, two storey extension.</p> <p>LOCATION: 1 Moorfields Little Crakehall Bedale North Yorkshire</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs T Jacques Jacques</p>	
January 2024	<p>ZB24/00057/REM Received 19/1/24</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Reserved Matters application for the construction of 1 dwelling</p> <p>LOCATION: Land North Of Firtrees Ashdowne Little Crakehall North Yorkshire</p>	See also ZB23/02074/OUT received 12/10/23 Granted 14/3/24

	APPLICANT: Mr N. Meynell And Ms L. Elsworth Mr N. Meynell And Ms L. ...	
March 2024	ZB24/00471/FUL Received 19/3/24 PROPOSAL: Full Planning Application for Revised Scheme for Residential Annexe (proposed); Use of Part of Dwellinghouse for Childminding Business (retrospective); Siting of Two Shepherds Huts - One For Use in Connection With Child Minding Business and the Other for Tourism (retrospective) and Retention of Outbuilding (retrospective) LOCATION: Cobblestones The Green Crakehall Bedale APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs T Starkey	Councillors were concerned that visitors have to park on the roadside and there isn't really enough room, particularly if the car drivers don't park their cars close to the verge. Any increased activity would exacerbate this problem. In addition this road is narrow and on a bend. These concerns will be passed to the Planning department.

- Internal audit recommendations – no further progress has been made on this item however steps will be taken to move all the Parish Council records to cloud storage following the purchase of a new laptop (see also AOB below).
- Broadband installation in Langthorne – Quickline (broadband installers) have indicated that NYC require them to obtain the Parish Council's permission to commence works across the Green in Langthorne. The relevant documents were signed by the chair and will be passed along to Quickline.
- Weeds and rushes in the beck – it was noted that the beck has been dredged in the past week.
- Damage to the Green caused by parking at school drop off/pick up times – it was noted that although there remains some damage to the edge of the Green it does not appear to be getting noticeably worse however the state of the area where parking occurs will continue to be monitored.
- Access to Bridge House over the Green – renovation of the trackway has been completed and photographs have been taken for reference purposes should any future damage occur.
- Damaged tree near Guyzance – Clifton estates have attended and made safe the remaining portion of the tree.
- Blocked drain on Hackforth Road opposite the junction with Coronation Road – Highways inspected the drainage and concluded that all the gullies were working correctly and that the reported issue was a capacity issue during recent heavy rainfall.

7. Financial matters

The clerk presented the latest receipts and payments (1 January to 29 February 2024) and a budget monitoring report.

8. Allotment on Mastil Lane

Cllr Shaw updated the Councillors on the latest developments.

9. Proposed development on Station Road

A parishioner has reported that the Planning Officer in charge of this application has stated that the applicant is looking for an alternative access point for this proposed development. The Parish Council notes that the North Yorkshire Planning Portal is now showing an internal target date for a decision on this planning application and an agreed expiry date of 28th March, 2024. The Parish Council also notes that another traffic survey along Station Road was conducted for approximately 10 days in early March 2024.

Proposed development in Langthorne

The Parish Council submitted its response to this planning application on 8th February, 2024 pointing out that amongst other objections part of the application included an area that is registered Village Green. The Parish Clerk subsequently received an irate phone call from the developer objecting to our comments which was followed up by a letter from the developer's solicitor. The solicitor's letter asserts that the applicant has the freehold title to the land registered as Village Green under Title Numbers NYK490907 and NYK406411 although no details were provided other than the Title numbers. The Parish Council is in the process of obtaining official copies of these Titles from the Land Registry, together with another Title Document relevant to the planning application from the Land Registry. The Parish Council will also be contacting the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) and the Commons Registry to ascertain the legal standing of registered Village Greens, particularly with regard to rights of way over registered Village Greens.

10. Langthorne Village Green – concerns over its current state

Cllr Stirke led a discussion over the degradation of part of the village green caused, in the main, by parking on it. Discussion then moved on to possible repairs and the prevention of future parking in the area. Cllr Stirke will investigate the likely cost.

11. Footpath maintenance

The clerk has submitted a number of footpath concerns to NYC. The issues have been reinspected and the current situation is that the tree blocking the footpath access near the layby along the A684 has been cleared but the stile off Coronation Road remains unattended to. The clerk will contact NYC again to request further action.

12. Grass cutting in Crakehall and Langthorne

The clerk will contact the contractor to remind them of our concerns over grass cutting last year and request an outline timetable of likely cuts this coming year.

13. Litter in the layby along the A684

A request was received from a parishioner asking if anything could be done about litter in the layby which is becoming a significant issue. An email was sent to Highways requesting a clean and the possibility of relocating an underused litter bin from Crakehall to the layby. Following this

a meeting was scheduled between the clerk and Darren Taylor (NYC Waste and Street Scene Operations Officer) to discuss – subsequently postponed at his request and we are currently awaiting an update. A recent inspection of the layby revealed that there is less litter but still enough for it to be a problem.

14. Church request to park on the Green

A request was made for parking to be allowed on the Green for a monthly coffee morning event. Permission was granted but concerns were raised that the condition of the Green should be closely monitored for signs of damage and, should damage occur, then the permission may need to be reconsidered.

15. Meat on Blind Lane

Cllr Shaw and a parishioner updated the meeting on a number of incidences of meat being left along Blind Lane and the possibility of the meat being poisoned. The police were in attendance for this item and advised that they are patrolling when possible in an attempt to catch the perpetrator in the act. In the meantime they have advised that warning signs be displayed in the area and both they, and the Parish Council, appeal for anyone with information to please pass it on. The chairman of the Parish Council is in possession of the latest batch of meat left on Blind Lane and is attempting to make arrangements for the meat to be tested.

16. Offer of a contribution to the village from Quickline

The clerk received an approach from Quickline offering a contribution to the village in recognition of the disruption caused by the installation of broadband services. It was felt that any contribution to the play equipment fund would be most welcome along with replacement signs for the Pinfold. The clerk will reply to Quickline to that effect.

17. Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

18. Any other business (for information only)

Concern was raised over vehicles parking on the pavement along the A684 at school drop off times is continuing to cause a hazard. A report will be sent to Highways.

Belated thanks to Rob Exelby for his kind donation of a Christmas tree for the Green.

Thanks to Phil Kelley for his efforts in cleaning local footpaths.

Thanks to Kevin Hails for his work in repairing the bench on the Green and his forthcoming work in repairing the broken bench in the Pinfold.

Congratulations to Cllr Randall and her husband following her announcement that they are expecting a child.

The Parish Council have agreed to the purchase of a new laptop to replace the ageing one currently in use and also to the purchase of a cloud subscription for document storage.

Cllr Wilson reported the dumping of a bag of dead rats along the roadside between Kirkbridge and Langthorne. Any repetition will be reported to the environmental agencies.

Concerns were raised over mole activity in the cemetery.

Rennison Tree Services have been engaged to deal with the broken tree branch in the cemetery.

A report was received of damage/large pothole along the roadway to the side of the church.

19. Date of Next Meeting and Annual General Meeting

The proposed date of Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7:00pm was accepted

**Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire**



Appendix 1



North Yorkshire Police Report

Crakehall Parish Council

Statistics taken from	01/02/2024-292/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	1 Report
Total	1 Report
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	0 Reports
Theft (inc Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	0 Reports
Other crimes	0 Reports
Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Total	0 Reports

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PS Jerry Perrin

PC Paul Mushens

PCSO Heather Lees

PCSO Charlotte Jones



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