

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at Crakehall Village Hall at 7:30pm, following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present: Councillors Shaw (Chair), Randall (Vice-Chair), Buckley, Ventham, and Wilson

Also present: 6 parishioners.

Apologies: Councillor Stirke, North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell, Heather Lees (Police Liaison)

Clerk: Mr R Williams

Items raised by members of the public

One parishioner informed councillors of an issue regarding the cutting of a verge located between his property and the A684 in Little Crakehall, and he was advised by councillors to contact North Yorkshire Council regarding this matter. The Chair would assist him with this.

0525/1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Stirke, North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell, and Heather Lees (police liaison)

0525/2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 March 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 19 March 2025 were approved and signed as a correct record.

0525/3. Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

0525/4. Police Reports

The Clerk presented the police reports for March and April 2025, as seen in the agenda attachments.

0525/5. Parish Clerk's Report

- The Clerk provided updates on the following Planning applications:

Planning Applications January 2025	ZB25/00317/FUL received 27/2/25 PROPOSAL: Conversion of single storey outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation LOCATION: Crakehall Lodge The Green Crakehall Bedale APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Newell	Granted 2/4/25
February	ZB23/00974/FUL received 21/3/25 PROPOSAL: Removal of a UPVC conservatory and construction of rear extension, repairs to the render and stonework, replacement windows to the front elevation and the erection of a garage to the side elevation, the construction of stone steps and balustrade above the proposed garage and the installation of an electric vehicle charger. As amended 04.03.25. LOCATION: Malt Shovel House Little Crakehall Bedale North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs Wooding	Granted 20/3/25
	ZB23/00975/LBC received 21/3/25 PROPOSAL: Listed building consent for the removal of a UPVC conservatory and construction of rear extension, repairs to the render and stonework, replacement windows to the front elevation and the erection of a garage to the side elevation, the construction of stone steps and balustrade above the proposed garage and the installation of an electric vehicle charger. As amended 04.03.25. LOCATION: Malt Shovel House Little Crakehall Bedale North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs Wooding	Granted 20/3/25

0525/6. Financial matters

Councillors were advised that the bank balance as at 30 April 2025 was £13,451.13. This included receipt of half of the annual precept from North Yorkshire Council of £6,250.

It was resolved that the following payments would be approved subject to completion:

- Maintenance of the trees over the Cricket pitch totalling: £2,592.
- The repair of the gate on the Lower Batts.
- The transfer of £4,382 from the Current Account to the Instant Access Deposit Account to maintain the required £10,000 contingency fund, proposed by the Chair.

0525/7. Financial Matters/audit

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments for the period 1 March 2025 – 30 April 2025 and a budget monitoring statement for the total financial year.

The Clerk then reported that the Asset Register had been reviewed and totalled £64,520.22 of valuable assets.

The Clerk presented feedback received from the internal audit and it was resolved that:

- The documents required for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) be authorised and signed as necessary, including: the Certificate of Exemption; and Annual Governance Statement 2024/25.
- The Council's Annual Insurance with Clear Councils would be renewed, proposed by Councillor Ventham and seconded by Councillor Wilson.

It was confirmed that the notice period for the exercise of public rights would commence on 3 June and end on 14 July 2025.

0525/8. Review of Key Documents

Resolved: That the council would review the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Risk Register at the next ordinary meeting.

0525/9. Development on Station Road

The Chair provided an update on the development on Station Road and reported that he was in the process of developing a response to North Yorkshire Council.

0525/10. Grass Cutting

The Chair reported on queries which had been received from members of the public. One query involved the pruning of bushes on the verge adjacent the A684, of which it was reported that part of the verge was due to be cut by the Parish Council's contractor.

Another query concerned grass cuttings which had been seen in the Beck, and it was reported that North Yorkshire Council and the Environment Agency had been informed, and that parishioners had been informed via the 'All Crakehall Great and Small' Facebook page.

0525/11. Clean it up signs for preventing dog fouling – update

The Clerk reported that he had found no evidence of national or regional dog fouling prevention initiatives and councillors were informed that the Dog Warden at North Yorkshire Council had been contacted regarding this but to date had not received a response.

0525/12. Footpath Crakehall Village Green – Update

The Chair provided an update on research into resolution for the footpath between the Village Green and Crakehall School and it was resolved that:

- The Chair would investigate anti-skid paint for use on the footpath.

0525/13. Tree Survey

The Clerk reported that the last tree survey for the whole of the parish was conducted in 2023, and before this in 2018.

0525/14. Matters of Urgency (agreed with the chairman before the meeting)

The Chair reported that following the resignation of former Councillor Neale, there was a need for another councillor to be appointed as a banking signatory. This was urgent as the council needed to abide by its financial regulations. It was resolved that:

- Councillor Randall would be named a signatory and added to the council's banking processes.

0525/15. Any Other Business (for information only)

The Clerk reported that North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell, upon receipt of his locality budget for the year, had asked councillors for the minimum amount required from this budget for the work on the chapel. Councillors noted that any amount of funding possible would be appreciated.

Councillor Ventham raised the need of maintenance in the parish, and suggested the recruitment of volunteers for help in the parish. Councillors discussed this and then agreed in principle to purchase a power washer, subject to the council's financial regulations.

Councillor Randall discussed plans for an event on the village green and warned that subject to approval from the Parish Council, some parking on the green would be required.

A member of the public reported that dead crows had been cleared from around Crakehall Church.

0525/16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 16 July 2025 at 7:30pm.

Reece Williams

Clerk to Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council

These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council at its next meeting in July 2025.