

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council meeting on Tuesday,
24 March 2026 at Crakehall Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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

Also present: Eight members of the public

Clerk: Mr R Williams

0326/1. Items raised by members of the public

No items were raised.

0326/2. Apologies for Absence

No Apologies for Absence were received.

0326/3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 January 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20 January 2026
were approved and signed as a correct record.

0326/4. Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

0326/5. Exclusion of Public

Resolved: That the Press and Public be excluded from deliberation
of item 28 on the agenda, Confidential – Review of Grass Cutting
Tenders Received, by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admissions to
Meetings) Act 1960.

0326/6. Police Reports

The Clerk presented the police reports for January and February 2026, as seen in the agenda attachments.

0326/7. Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided updates on the following:

- A quote of £40 had been received for the repair of the post on the Green that had been damaged, and that LWC Drinks had agreed to reimburse the Parish Council.
- Tree Surveys covering Crakehall had been commissioned and a start date was to be confirmed.

0326/8. Financial matters

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments for the period 1 January – 28 February 2026 and a budget monitoring statement for the total financial year to date.

It was agreed that:

- The Clerk should purchase a large bin for Ruddings Lane, at the cost of £500, if Councillors agreed on the size and if North Yorkshire Council confirmed they would empty it at no extra cost.

It was resolved that:

- The Council would purchase the bin, at a cost of £500, subject to:
 - i. The Clerk liaising with North Yorkshire Council on emptying the bin.
 - ii. Councillors contacting the owner of Bedale Boarding Kennels & Cattery to better understand the correct location needed for the bin.

0326/9. Updates from Councillors and Actions from Previous Meetings

Councillors outlined work that they had conducted since the last meeting, including:

Councillor Shaw (Chair):

- Organised grass cutting tender documents,
- Reported road sign damage and lamppost light issues on A684
- Wrote the Parish Council newsletter,
- Attended the meeting of the Bedale Rector 4&20 charity.
- Laid matting down outside the Church.

Councillor Buckley:

- Wrote the objection for the Station Road, Crakehall Development, on behalf of the Parish Council, and wrote to the footpaths team regarding the blocking of the path; opened an enforcement file with the enforcement team to ensure compliance.
- Attended the meeting of the Bedale Rector 4&20 charity.

Councillor Stirke:

- Worked on preparing the Parish Council's response to the Deregistration of Langthorne Village Green while consulting parishioners.
- Checked the footpath between Crakehall and Langthorne.
- Facilitated LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) images of the cemetery chapel.

Councillor Ventham:

- Investigated options for village maintenance,
- Investigated options for hard-standing materials for Crakehall Village Green,
- Sought a quote for posts for the Village Green (£25 per post),
- Attended the meeting of the Crakehall Village Hall Committee.

0326/10. Update from Councillor Weighell, North Yorkshire Council

No update was received.

0326/11. Tree Maintenance: Policy and Commission of Tree Survey for wider Crakehall area

The Clerk presented a draft tree maintenance policy, and quotes received for a tree survey of the areas required which had not been included in more recent surveys.

It was resolved that:

- The Council would proceed with a Level 2 – basic walk through assessment for the tree survey at a cost of £770 + VAT.
- That the draft tree maintenance policy would be brought back to the Council following feedback received in that the policy should stipulate how the Council would decide to take action, and when.

0326/12. Village Maintenance including Pinfold and Fencing on Beck

The Clerk presented a quote received of £235 to repair and strengthen the fence in-between the beck and shelter on the Batts.

It was resolved that:

- That the Clerk would investigate contracting of maintenance for the Pinfold.
- The Clerk would accept the quote to repair the fencing.
- The Clerk would investigate checking the fencing further up the Beck by the Willow Trees.

0326/13. Car Parking on Crakehall Village Green update -

In order to protect and repair Crakehall Village Green from damage the Parish Council resolved to:

- Lay top soil down on the damaged areas of the Green, and cordon of the damaged area with posts to prevent further damage.

0326/14. Village Green damage by Church including implementation of posts

As a point of clarification, it was reported that this item related to damage located near the Church, instead of damage caused by the Church.

It was resolved that:

- The Clerk would seek quotes for installing posts around the damaged area of the Green to prevent further damage. It was noted that the Council may already have spare white posts in stock.

0326/15. Application to deregister Langthorne Village Green

The Chair presented a response received from the Open Spaces Society stating that they did not support the application to deregister Langthorne Village Green and that they had concerns with the validity of the evidence produced by the Applicant.

It was resolved that:

- The Parish Council did not object to the planning application in respect of the conversion of a barn, but to the deregistration of the Village Green, which would not be in keeping with the Village.
- The Parish Council would reach out to the Applicant and would offer to support deregistration of part of the Green to allow for access, in return of additional land to be granted to the Parish Council, leaving the rest of the Village Green untouched, and registered.

0326/16. Langthorne Planning Application Update

This item was considered as above.

0326/17. Station Road Planning Application and Footpath Update

Councillor Buckley presented an update to the Station Road Planning Application, urging parishioners to be aware of any blocking of public footpaths both related to this application, and within the wider parish area, and to report any blockages to the Parish Council or North Yorkshire Council.

0326/18. Chapel of Rest including repair to Chapel roof

The Chapel was discussed and it was resolved that:

- The Chair would clear the blocked gutters of the Chapel.
- The two damaged stones of the bell tower would be repaired before any further repairs, and that pictures of these stones would be sent to relevant contractors to seek quotes.
- An application to the Bedale Rector 4&20 Charity for funding toward the repairs would be investigated.

0326/19. Purchase of Skip for Allotment Waste

Councillors discussed the Allotment and noted that progress on the formation of the Crakehall Allotment Association had stalled. The Clerk presented quotes for a skip needed to clear the Allotment.

It was resolved that:

- Contrary to Minute No. 10 of 20 November 2024, following the delay of the formation of the Crakehall Allotment Association, the Parish Council would instead seek to grant communal use of the Allotment to a number of parishioners.
- The Clerk would hire an eight yard skip to be used for Mixed Waste for clearing the Allotment.

0326/20. Village Hall Ownership and Parish Council Filing

It was resolved that:

- The Clerk would investigate potential filing cabinets for Parish Council files up to the cost of £200.

0326/21. Website Proposal

The Clerk presented an update to the website and it was resolved that:

- Payments for the current Wix website would move to monthly to allow for savings to be made when switching provider in the upcoming months.
- The Parish Council website would be moved over to be powered by Hugofox, a company specialising in Parish Council websites. This would ensure the Parish Council follow all relevant legislation and guidance. The cost of moving the website over to Hugofox would be as follows: One-off cost of £238.80, monthly subscription cost of £230.40.

0326/22. Works to Water Sewage System

It was reported that sewage issues had been reported following recent repairs and that this would be reported back to Council at a later date.

0326/23. Rector 4 & 20 Update

The Chair and Councillor Buckley provided an update following the recent meeting of the charity, including discussion on accessibility funding for ramps into shops, and financial help provided to Bedale High School.

0326/24. Organisation of Parishioners Event

Councillors discussed the organisation of a parishioners event to be centred around village maintenance and recruitment of volunteers.

0326/25. Matters of Urgency (agreed with the chairman before the meeting)

There were no matters of urgency.

0326/26. Any Other Business (for information only)

The Chair noted that matting had be laid outside the Church we could now be driven onto, but more support for this would be needed.

The Chair reported increasing apathy effecting Parish Councils and urged parishioners to get involved with their local councils.

The Parish Council thanked the planters of daffodils in Crakehall.

0326/27. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: That the next meetings would look to be moved to Tuesday, 19 May 2026, including the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:15pm, followed by the Annual Council Meeting and the Ordinary meeting.

0326/28. Confidential – Review of Grass Cutting Tenders Received

Councillors discussed the quotes received for Grass Cutting for the two years covering April 2026-March 2028, and it was resolved that:

- Lumley Groundcare be awarded the contract for Grass Cutting for both the Cemetery and Crakehall area, based on the capability and price offered.

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 meeting in May 2026.