

## **CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Crakehall Village Hall

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

**Clerk:** Mr R Bocking

**Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor John Weighell, District Councillors Mike Barningham and John Noone, Councillor J Neale, PCSO Paul Enborn

### **Pre-meeting items**

No members of the public were present.

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 July 2022**

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

### **Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 August 2022**

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as accurate by those members present and signed by Councillor Mrs S Stirke as the acting chair for this meeting.

### **Any Matters Arising**

The Parish Council wished to record their sadness at the recent death of ex Parish Councillor Malcolm Gill and to extend their condolences to his family.

### **Police Report**

A copy of the Police 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 11.**

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** – the clerk will send a further email requesting that fallen trees are removed
- **Cemetery rubbish removal** – work to remove the accumulated rubbish is ongoing
- **Old Chapel bell tower restoration** – a discussion took place about how best to move forward with this given the significant costs involved
- **Cemetery hedges** – the hedges appear to have been cut on two occasions
- **Concrete posts around the Green** – three posts require replacement, one has been purchased and two more to be obtained in the near future
- **Rumble sign remarking** – this is now complete
- **Jubilee photo** – the members present agreed to allocate funds not exceeding £100 for the framing of the photo
- **Donation to PCC for clock restoration** – no response to the council's offer, the clerk will send a further message

- **Conservation volunteers** – there has been no response to the council's initial email, the clerk will send a further message
- **Play Park signage** – unfortunately the sign attached to the play park nearest the church has not lasted very long, the clerk will investigate the procurement of a more robust sign
- **New layby A684 second post for a litter sign** – no progress at this time, the clerk will send a further request
- **Village hall play equipment inspection** – Councillor Neale agreed to inspect the equipment but, due to his absence from the meeting, a further update was not possible
- **Work to trees on The Batts** – this work has been carried out

### **Financial matters**

A summary of all income and expenditure and a budget monitoring report were presented. This was followed by a discussion of the increasing pressures on the budget of rising costs and whether asking for an increase in the precept was appropriate. The clerk will investigate whether there is a better alternative to the current savings account for the unallocated contingency reserve which stands at £10000.

### **Old Chapel refurbishment**

One quote has been received to date. The clerk will chase other quotations.

### **Playground equipment inspection**

The broken swing has been repaired and all the other equipment has been inspected and maintained where necessary. It was agreed that there was a need for an annual inspection of the playground equipment.

### **Allotment on Mastil Lane**

Councillors reviewed the current situation and agreed a number of actions to continue to pursue the council's claim to ownership of the land.

### **Reserved burial plots**

The clerk reported that an approach had been made to the council for a refund of monies paid for two burial plots in Crakehall cemetery that were no longer required. The members present agreed that such a refund should be made subject to a small (10%) administration charge.

### **Permission for events on the Green**

Persons interested in holding an event on the Green are kindly requested to read the notice below.

*The Parish Council, as custodians of the Village Green, would like to gently remind all individuals or organisations who wish to use the Village Green for events that as a formality, prior permission is required from the Parish Council for such events.*

### **Any Other Business**

A request was made to approach the Highways department to consider providing a footpath from outside the pedestrian entrance of Old High Mill on the south side of the A684 of sufficient length to allow pedestrians to cross the A684 without having to climb the steep banking on the opposite side of the road.

A further request was also made to approach the Highways department to widen the footpath along the A684 from Crakehall to Bedale as vegetation has begun to significantly encroach on the footway making it very narrow in places. The clerk will send a request to the Highways department.

**Date of the next meeting**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm in Crakehall Village Hall.

Richard Bocking

Clerk to the Council

September 2022

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

## Appendix 1



## Hambleton Command : Town and Parish Council Report

Town or Parish	Crakehall, Hackforth, Snape and Watlass
Report Completed By :	6782 Lees
Data Reporting Period :	August 2022

### Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-social behaviour	1	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 0</i>
Criminal Damage	1	
Theft (including from shops)	1	
Violence Against the Person	0	
Other crimes including Drugs	1	
<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>4</b>	

*We urge residents to be on lookout and report suspicious activity or vehicles at the time any suspect activity occurs using the national 101 non-emergency number.  
Always dial 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.*