CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 15 September 2026 at Crakehall Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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

Apologies: Councillor Stirke

Also present: Eight members of the public

Clerk: Mr R Williams

0726/1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stirke.

0726/2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors were asked to declare any pecuniary and personal interests in relation to items on the agenda. None were declared.

0726/3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 May and 8 June 2026

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2026.

0726/4. Any matters arising from the minutes

No matters were raised.

0726/5. Matters of Urgency (agreed by the Chair before the meeting)

There were no matters of urgency.

0726/6. Items raised by members of the public

No items were raised.

0726/7. Police Reports

The Clerk presented the Police Reports as seen within the agenda.

0726/8. Parish Clerk's Report including updates on Planning Applications

The Clerk presented his report and provided an update on planning applications within the Parish.

Councillors discussed a planning application received by Crakehall C of E Primary School for the erection of two classrooms.

Councillors received an update on Hackforth Primary School from Councillor Dodd of Hackforth with Ainderby Miers and Holtby Parish Council on the current status of the former school, and it was discussed that Hackforth with Ainderby Miers and Holtby Parish Council could also provide a response to the planning application should they wish.

Resolved: That the Parish Council would send a response to North Yorkshire Council highlighting points raised at the meeting and confirming that the Parish Council did not object to or support the application but wished to make comments to ensure the safety of parishioners and pupils.

0726/9. Financial Matters

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's bank balances, at the time of the meeting, stood at:

- Current Account: 675.39
- Savings Account: £8,258.31

The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring and Receipts and Payments as seen within the agenda, and it was resolved that:

- The Clerk would investigate the cost of £105.83 linked to the chargecard which contained multiple payments.
- The Clerk would investigate why the Parish Council was being charged for two chargecards when the previous one had expired.
- The Clerk would review the budgets submitted for the individual cost codes to ensure they match previously agreed budgets.
- The following payments were approved:
  i. £49.99 for two years of virus protection for the Clerk's laptop.
  ii. £250 honorarium for grass cutting in Langthorne.
  iii. £30 expenses to Councillor Stirke for flowers and compost for Langthorne Village Green.
- The Parish Council agreed a budget of £200 for Councillor and Clerk training.
- The cost of grass cutting in Langthorne would be considered when reviewing Crakehall's grass cutting contract.

0726/10. Deregistration of Langthorne Village Green

The Chair reported that the Council submitted a response to the informal consultation to which they were invited. Currently, there is no further information.

0726/11. Policies

Resolved:

- That the Volunteer Policy, subject to the amendment that it will be reviewed every three years, would be approved.
- That the Use of Marquee Policy would be approved subject to the following amendments:
    i. The daily cost and deposit would be increased to: £30 for the first day and £15 per additional day, with a deposit of £100.
    ii. Community and Charity Events would be free of charge, following liaison with the Parish Council.
    iii. Subject to liaison with the Parish Council, the Marquee would only be used by Parishioners.
- The Health and Safety Policy, Risk Assessment, and Risk Register would be deferred, and the Health and Safety Policy would be reviewed following approval of the Risk Assessment and Risk Register.

Resolved: That the Tree Maintenance Policy be approved.

0726/12. Cemetery Fees and Rules and Regulations

The Vice-Chair presented the current fees, rules and regulations and offered an updated version. He reported that the Parish Council's fees were substantially lower than some other cemeteries within North Yorkshire, and Councillors noted that they only wanted costs to cover maintenance and upkeep of the Chapel and Cemetery.

Resolved: That the updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations would be approved subject to contact details being updated and an amendment being made to allow for dogs on leads to be able to access the cemetery.

0726/13. Chapel of Rest Next Steps

Following the repair to the Bellcote, Councillors discussed the potential of grants and further funding for repairing the Chapel, and what repairs would be required.

Resolved: That the Parish Council would look to form a Working Group to investigate funding streams and the Clerk would bring a remit for the group to the next meeting for approval.

0726/14. Land Registration of: Pinfold Allotment, and Langthorne Village Green – Update

The Vice-Chair reported that work on this was ongoing, and the Chair reported that she would raise this at area wide Councillor networking meetings. Councillors discussed the possibility of seeking advice from a conveyancer on this.

0726/15. Website Update

The Clerk reported that the website was still being updated and that this would be brought to the next meeting.

0726/16. Village Maintenance

Councillor Ventham reported that the volunteer project was ongoing, and councillors discussed tasks for the volunteer group to complete.

The Chair reported an update to the Pinfold maintenance.
The Clerk reported an update to the white posts on Crakehall Village Green and it was noted that Councillor Gibson was in the process of sourcing posts to be installed.

It was reported that the Fence on the Batts had been repaired.

The Vice-Chair reported that the repair to the Allotment wall was due to start in the week commencing on 21 September 2026.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was still seeking authorisation to remove dead and ill health trees on the Batts within Crakehall Conservation Area.

Resolved:

- That the quote of £408 to maintain and tidy the Pinfold be accepted, and Councillor Gibson would liaise with the contractor to remove the cuttings.
- That the quote of £1400 to remove the dead trees would be accepted, and work would only commence once approval from North Yorkshire Council had been received. The Parish Council would work with the contractor regarding the possibility of selling of the discarded wood.

0726/17. Consideration of 20mph limit along Station Road

The Chair reported that the Parish Council could consider supporting the implementation of a 20mph speed limit along Station Road, and other areas of the Parish for safety and wellbeing purposes due to the size of the roads and traffic experienced. The Parish Council agreed to investigate this further.

0726/18. Update from Councillor Weighell, North Yorkshire Council

No update was received.

0726/19. Updates from Councillors and Action from Previous Meetings

The Chair reported that she had painted the noticeboard on Crakehall Green and had painted benches on the Green with help from two parishioners.

0726/20. Any Other Business

Councillor Ventham reported on the Village Hall Management Committee and noted that it was now working efficiently following positive improvements and now had good finances. He reported that the Committee had agreed for their minutes and annual reports to be shared with the Parish Council. He indicated some renovations the Committee were looking to do to improve the Village Hall and informed councillors that the Village Hall was considering bidding for grants to renovate the Stembridge Room at the Village Hall.

Councillor Ventham concluded by stating that a fence would soon be built in between the car park and the green area at the back of the hall for health and safety purposes, and that the door to the defibrator needed repairing.

Councillor Shaw praised North Yorkshire Council for responding quickly to a report of a full bin at the junction of Greengate Lane and Hackforth Road, Little Crakehall.

It was also advised that a light on the Green was not working and had been reported to North Yorkshire Council, and it was reported that it was currently Heritage Week and there was a display on show at St Gregory's Church, Crakehall.

0726/21. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council would be Tuesday, 17 November 2026.

Reece Williams, Clerk to Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council, September 2026

These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council at its meeting in November 2026.