

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th September 2023 in Crakehall Village Hall

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

Also present: 3 parishioners

Clerk: Mr R Bocking

No items were raised by members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

None received.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th July 2023

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

No police report was received by the time of the meeting.

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 16.

It was agreed that, because of the special or confidential nature of the business to be transacted under item 16, the public and press would be excluded whilst the items were discussed.

6. Parish Clerk's Report

- Work to trees alongside the beck – work is ongoing with several visits by the tree surgeon noted
- Old Chapel bell tower restoration – the stone supports for the rod to rehang the bell need to be measured for replacements to be made, Cllr Neale volunteered to make the measurements.
- Old Chapel renovation – volunteers have been found to repaint inside the chapel. It was requested by two councillors that the paint specification be approved by the Parish Council prior to work commencing.
- Concrete posts around the Green – the chargecard has only just been received and it is hoped that the posts can be purchased soon. Councillor Beal reiterated his kind offer of a number of concrete fenceposts if they are of any use.
- Formal tree inspection – this took place in August and a small number of trees were identified as in need of attention. The clerk will seek quotes from local contractors.
- Northern Powergrid low voltage cable installation – this is ongoing, the clerk will contact Northern Powergrid to seek an estimate of completion. On the related subject of marking of a footway Myra Shield kindly brought along a number of old photographs and there was a lengthy discussion of possible ways of identifying this. A white line was felt to be too

obtrusive and not in keeping with the look of the Green and the cost of setting in a line of cobbles similar to other parts of the Green was likely to be prohibitive. The clerk was asked to look into the possibility of marking the footway with brass or bronze or steel studs.

- Cemetery landscaping – no further developments at this time.
- Play area inspections – Kompan, the company who originally installed the junior multiplay equipment on the Batts, have been engaged to replace the defective parts. This is scheduled to take place on 25th September 2023. The replacement of the small spinner will take longer due to the need to secure funding (further details under item 11 below).
- Grass cutting request from a parishioner – quotes for the additional cost have been received and these will be relayed to the parishioner.
- Planning applications – The following communications regarding planning applications were received since the last Parish Council meeting:

ZB23/01124/FUL received 25/7 - granted

PROPOSAL: Infill extension and alterations to existing garage and out buildings to form additional living accommodation including new detached garage

LOCATION: The Bungalow Back Lane Crakehall Bedale

APPLICANT: Mr And Mrs A Nelson

23/00704/FUL – amended plans

PROPOSAL: Change of use of log store into holiday cottage

LOCATION: Havester Cottages Ingsway Ings Lane Kirkbridge

APPLICANT: Mr Steven Elliott

23/00318/OUT received 26/7 – application withdrawn

PROPOSAL: Outline application for the construction of 20no dwellings with some matters reserved (approval of access is sought as part of this application)

LOCATION: OS Field 01777 Station Road Crakehall North Yorkshire

APPLICANT: R Pounder / Richard Roberts Ltd.

ZB23/01217/CAT received 1/8 - granted

PROPOSAL: Application for works to trees in a Conservation area

LOCATION: Street Record Hackforth Road Little Crakehall North Yorkshire

APPLICANT: Lord C/o Catherine Greenwood Downshire

- Internal audit recommendations – no further progress has been made on this item
- A684 road base – The wall was inspected earlier this year [following receipt of your initial email] and some defects were identified by Engineers. The report recommended work to clean the exits to the highway gullies, some minor repointing of the wall and some attention to pipes which have failed and are allowing water to run down the face of the wall, there were also some evidence of missing stonework. Whilst there is no question this work is required please be assured that it is not thought to be safety critical and there is no reason to believe the structure is at risk of failure. One of our Highway Officers will now visit the site and look to raise an order for the work required and this order will then be passed to our contractors to be programmed according to priority.

- Subsidence enquiry – the clerk reported an enquiry into subsidence and sinkhole records for Langthorne by the environmental consultancy e3p. The clerk informed them that the Parish Council does not maintain such records and expressed surprise that an environmental consultancy did not know where to find them.
- Marquee hire – the clerk reported that the marquee had been hired for a private event
- Broadband installation in Langthorne – Quickline (a broadband installer) wish to install cables in Langthorne using an existing duct located under grass verges. Unfortunately the duct is blocked and will need to be cleared. Chris McGee has volunteered to liaise with the company on this matter.

7. Financial matters

The clerk presented the latest receipts and payments (1 July to 31 August 2023) and a budget monitoring report.

8. Dog fouling in the cemetery

Cllr Shaw reported incidents of graves being fouled by dogs running free in the cemetery. The Parish Council would like to remind everyone that dogs should not be brought into the cemetery. The clerk will investigate the purchase of a more prominent sign to that effect.

9. Rushes in the beck

A number of councillors expressed concern over the growth of rushes in the beck and the possibility that they may be playing a part in the undercutting of the beck side by diverting the flow of water. The clerk was asked to investigate whether it is possible to get the rushes sprayed.

10. Bench/table near the quoits pitch

There is no recollection of any Parish Council involvement in the procurement of the existing bench that is in a poor state of repair and therefore its replacement is not felt to be Parish Council responsibility.

11. Play area repairs and refurbishment

The clerk explained that the high capital cost of replacement items (in excess of £20000) is far beyond the financial means of the Parish Council and therefore the only way they can be replaced is with a grant. The most likely source of funds is the National Lottery awards programme. Currently awards can be made up to £10000 but this is increasing to £20000 from 15/11/23. The Parish Council intends to submit a bid for funding once the new criteria come into effect.

12. Proposed development on Station Road

The current application has been withdrawn. As the application was withdrawn before the planning committee could adjudicate on the application, the developer is free to resubmit alternative plans for this site. The PC will continue to monitor the situation.

13. D Day 80th June 2024

Communication has been received to raise awareness of this event to ask for communities to participate in the lighting of beacons. The councillors agreed that they wish to participate. Further details will be presented nearer the time.

14. Matters of urgency

The clerk brought to the attention of the councillors that, due to an oversight, their agreement to the payment of an honorarium had not been sought. Councillors agreed to the payment of £152 to Peter Stirke for grass cutting in Langthorne.

15. Any Other Business

Councillor Wilson expressed his thanks to the meeting for his award of an honorary burgess and freedom of the village to mark his forty years of service on the Parish Council.

The clerk sought the views of the councillors regarding the contents of a reply to the County Council concerning the use of the CIL monies. It was agreed that some of the funds will be spent to support refurbishment of the old chapel and to support the provision of new play equipment but the exact amounts cannot be determined at this time.

16. Allotment on Mastil Lane

A review of the Parish Council minutes and historical records relating to the land in Mastil Lane was nearing completion and will be circulated to Councillors for their approval in the near future.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The proposed date of Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7:30pm was accepted.

**Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire**



Appendix 1



North Yorkshire Police Report

Crakehall Parish Council (inc. Crakehall, Hackforth,

Statistics taken from	01/04/2023-30/04/2023
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0 Reports
Total	0 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	1 Report
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Report
Theft (inc Theft from Shop)	2 Reports
Violence against the person	1 Report
Other crimes	2 Report
Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	1 Report
Total	8 Reports

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PS Jerry Perrin

PC James Crawford

PCSO Heather Lees

PCSO Charlotte Jones



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