

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th November 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: 2 parishioners

Clerk: Mr R Bocking

The following items were raised by members of the public;

An offer of a set of outdoor Christmas tree lights. The parishioner was thanked for her kind offer but the council declined as they already have two sets of lights.

A concern was raised by a parishioner that significant damage was being caused to part of the Green by cars parking and also turning on the grass at school drop off and collection times. The clerk will write to the school asking them to ask parents not to park at the affected location.

Concern was raised by the two parishioners present at the meeting that missing fence posts was contributing to damage in certain areas of the Green.

1. Apologies for absence

Heather Lees (police liaison)

2. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th October 2023 and the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th September 2023

The minutes of the meetings 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

The police report was read by the chair. No concerns were raised.

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 9.

It was agreed that, because of the special or confidential nature of the business to be transacted under item 9, the public and press would be excluded whilst the items were discussed.

6. Parish Clerk's Report

- 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.

Councillors agreed to a moratorium on the above two items until the meeting in March 2024.

- Concrete posts around the Green – the clerk apologised that illness had prevented the intended purchase of replacement fence posts. Given the concerns raised at the meeting this item will be given priority. The clerk would also like to thank the parishioners who attended the meeting for further information regarding an alternative source of replacement fence posts.
- Village Hall play equipment – it is now possible to apply for up to £20000 of lottery funding but it is by no means certain that a bid will be successful. Councillors commented upon the fact that there is no specific funding in the precept for the purchase of new equipment or for the ongoing maintenance of play equipment. It was felt that the council should open up the discussion to seek the opinions of interested parties regarding our provision of play areas. The PC will therefore look to form a Sub Committee at the January PC meeting to involve interested parishioners.
- Northern Powergrid low voltage cable installation – the contractors have encountered one or two delays but the works should be completed by Christmas. On the related subject of footpath marking outside the pub and school marking; the clerk presented a breakdown of likely costs associated with installing metal studs and a discussion was held on whether there was a pressing need to carry this out. Following the discussion the councillors voted on whether to proceed. The result of the vote was 1 in favour, 1 abstention and 3 against. Consequently footpath marking will not proceed at this time.
- Cemetery landscaping – councillor’s work commitments have precluded any further developments at this time.
- Planning applications – The following communications regarding planning applications were received since the last Parish Council meeting:

ZB23/01856/OUT received 27/9/23

PROPOSAL: Outline Planning Application (with some matters reserved)
Considering Access for the erection of 4 no. dwellings

LOCATION: OS Field 01777 Station Road Crakehall North Yorkshire

APPLICANT: C. Nicholson And R. Pounder

ZB23/02074/OUT received 12/10/23

PROPOSAL: Outline application with some matters reserved (considering access and scale) for the Construction of 1 dwelling

LOCATION: Land North Of Firtrees Ashdowne Little Crakehall North Yorkshire

APPLICANT: Mr N Meynell And Ms L Elsworth

ZB23/02104/CAT received 13/10/23

PROPOSAL: Works to fell tree in a Conservation Area

LOCATION: Florence Tighe Cottage The Green Crakehall Bedale

APPLICANT: Michael Gibson

ZB23/01836/FUL received 17/10/23

PROPOSAL: Single storey extension to dwelling to Form Annex for Family members to include garden room, bedroom, kitchenette & WC

LOCATION: Cobblestones The Green Crakehall Bedale

APPLICANT: Mr And Mrs Starkey

- Internal audit recommendations – no further progress has been made on this item.
- Broadband installation in Langthorne – There has been some difficulty in obtaining the appropriate permissions to access the blocked duct under the grass verges but hopefully this will be resolved in the very near future.
- Weeds and rushes in the beck – the Parish Council's concerns have been raised with the relevant authorities but by the time of the meeting there have been no further updates. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers for their efforts in clearing debris from the beck following the recent stormy weather.
- Quotations were sought from three contractors to attend to the trees identified in the recent tree survey. At the time of the meeting the clerk reported that only one suitable quotation had been received. Councillors agreed to offer the work to this contractor (Rennison) given their previous record of good quality service to the parish.

7. Financial matters

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

8. Setting the precept for 2024/25

The clerk presented an analysis of past and present payment and receipts. It was felt that given the high inflation and energy costs of recent times that the proposals for 2024/25 should reflect the council's costs in more recent times. The proposal, and reasoning, for the precept to be set at £11700 was unanimously accepted by the councillors. The effect on the council tax charge for a Band D property of setting the precept at this level is an increase of £1.49 per year.

9. Allotment on Mastil Lane

The chair presented a paper to the councillors outlining the history of the allotment and the Parish Councils historical administration of the allotment gleaned from the Parish Council minutes. The preparation of an application to the Land Registry will now take place using the information gathered

10. Proposed development on Station Road

The chair updated the meeting with the latest developments in this application. An extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held on October 9th, 2023 to discuss the latest application with parishioners unanimously voting to oppose the application. The Parish Council submitted its response to the planning application on October 16th, 2023 supporting parishioners' views. NY Highways responded to the application on October 18th, 2023. Unfortunately, this time NY Highways did not recommend refusal but imposed a long list of conditions which would need to be satisfied to allow the planning application to go ahead. NY Highways also emailed the PC Chairman with an explanation of why they had reached their decision. The planning application was not on the agenda of the Richmond Area Constituency Planning Committee meeting of the 9th November, 2023 and the next meeting is scheduled for the 14th December, 2023. The PC will monitor the 14th December meeting agenda and attend the meeting if the planning application is scheduled for the December meeting.

11. Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

12. Any Other Business

The clerk was asked to investigate the provision of a Christmas tree for the Green.

The chair is preparing a list of gifts for parishioners who have made exceptional contributions on behalf of the Parish Council.

The bench in the Pinfold is damaged and will need a repair. The clerk will investigate.

Councillor Stirke raised concerns over recent flooding in Langthorne and requested a letter be sent to the appropriate department of North Yorkshire Council.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The proposed date of Wednesday 17th January 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	01/10/2023-31/10/2023
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	1 Report
Total	1 Report
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	0 Reports
Theft (inc Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	1 Report

Other crimes	2 Reports
Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Total	3 Reports

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