

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 20 November 2024 at Crakehall Village Hall at 7:30pm

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

Also present: Four parishioners.

Clerk: Mr R Williams

Items raised by members of the public

No items were raised.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Heather Lees (police liaison), North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30 July 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 18 September 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3. Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Police Report

The police report as seen in the agenda attachments was read by the Chair.

5. Parish Clerk's Report

- **Old Chapel bell tower restoration/ Renovation of the Old Chapel**
The Clerk reported that he had been informed by North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell that a provisional sum of £5000 could be allocated to Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council (CwLPC), subject to the project not starting, and the funds not being required, until after North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell's funds had been confirmed, expected in May 2025. It was resolved that: This offer of £5000 would be accepted.

- Offer of a contribution to the village from Quickline**
 The Clerk reported that following CwLPC's last meeting, Quickline had queried how much seed CwLPC would require, and they had asked councillors to consider being involved in their social media once the seeds had been planted in May. It was resolved that: The Clerk would respond requesting 2kg of seeds.
- Broken fence at Crakehall Village Hall**
 The Clerk reported that a fence at Crakehall Village Hall had collapsed and was in need of repair. It was noted that the Village Hall Committee had attempted to resolve this but had asked CwLPC to help. It was resolved that: The Clerk would attempt to contact local contractors to fix the fence.
- Planning applications update since the last meeting**

Planning applications September	ZB24/01450/FUL received 2/8/24 PROPOSAL: Create new first floor level, single storey side extension, single storey porch, new entrance doors and amendments to windows. LOCATION: Hawkstone Little Crakehall Bedale North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr Jeremy Oldroyd	Granted 20/9/2024
	ZB24/01451/FUL received 2/8/24 PROPOSAL: Single storey, pitched roof outbuilding containing a Gym, Home Office and 3 No garage ports LOCATION: Hawkstone Little Crakehall Bedale North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr Jeremy Oldroyd	Refused 23/9/2024

	<p>ZB24/01606/HNA received 27/8/24</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Application for hedgerow removal notice for removal of 20m of mixed species hedgerow</p> <p>LOCATION: Langthorne Hall Langthorne Bedale North Yorkshire</p> <p>APPLICANT: Ms Marianne McCallum</p>	<p>Granted 24/9/2024</p>
	<p>ZB23/01856/OUT received 27/9/23</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Outline Planning Application (with some matters reserved) Considering Access for the erection of 4 no. dwellings</p> <p>LOCATION: OS Field 01777 Station Road Crakehall North Yorkshire</p> <p>APPLICANT: C. Nicholson And R. Pounder</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Outline Planning Application (with some matters reserved) Considering Access for the erection of 4 no. dwellings, including 1no. self/custom build unit and 1no. unit that complies with M4(3) building regulations wheelchair user.</p> <p>LOCATION: OS Field 01777 Station Road Crakehall North Yorkshire</p> <p>APPLICANT: C. Nicholson And R. Pounder</p>	<p>Granted 13/11/2024</p>

<p>October</p>	<p>ZB24/01862/LBC received 14/10/24 PROPOSAL: Retrospective replacement of 2 No casement windows to South Elevation, retrospective replacement of Yorkshire sliding sash to East elevation. Alteration to single door on East elevation to form new window opening with vertical boarding below cill. LOCATION: Watermill House Hackforth Road Little Crakehall Bedale APPLICANT: Mr L Green</p>	
	<p>ZB24/02107/CLP received 19/11/14 PROPOSAL: Application for certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for forming a fertiliser lagoon measuring 69 metres by 31 metres, and 3 metres deep, involving an engineering operation (creating an excavation for the storage of organic fertiliser). Construction of bunds - maximum 5 metre width around perimeter of lagoon. Erection of means of enclosure around the periphery of bunds for security and safety (less than 2 metres in height). LOCATION: Land At Hunters Hill Farm Hackforth Road Little Crakehall Bedale APPLICANT: Mr T Gibson</p>	

6. Financial matters

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments for the period 1 September – 30 October 2024 and a budget monitoring statement for the year to date.

Members considered the amount of precept to request from North Yorkshire Council and CwLPC's budget for the financial year 2025-26.

This was discussed and it was resolved that:

- CwLPC would request a precept of £2500 from North Yorkshire Council for 2025-26.

7. Draft Village Green Policy

The Chair reported that following feedback since the last meeting, a new draft Village Green Policy had been made, a hard copy was shared with members at the meeting, and an electronic copy would be circulated for further comment at the council's next meeting.

8. Village Hall Play Equipment Update

The Chair reported that following Minute no. 9 of the last CwLPC meeting, he had not received further information regarding CwLPC's lottery grant application, and that as a decision was due to be made in this meeting due to the availability of funds from North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell, and the need for these to be committed prior to 31 January 2025. The funds needed would need to be provided by CwLPC. The Chair subsequently shared with members two options for new village hall play equipment, the cost allocated to each option available to members was as follows: Option B = £12,000, and Option C = £11,200.

It was resolved that:

- Chair would investigate Option C, as mentioned above.
- A further £1,200 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies held by CwLPC would be allocated to the purchase of village hall play equipment (a total of £10,968 CIL monies was currently held by the council, of which £2,769.50 was received by Newett Homes specifically for playground equipment, £2,230.50 previously allocated to the playground equipment fund, leaving £4,768 remaining with the deduction of option C as detailed above).

9. Development of a new grass cutting tender document

The Chair provided members with an update to the development of a new grass cutting tender document, and it was noted that this had not yet been tendered due to feedback received from members, contrary to Minute no. 10 of the last CwLPC meeting.

Councillor Neale suggested that contractors should be asked to provide a quote of an annual fee that would be paid by CwLPC on a monthly basis throughout the year for grass cutting, specification of which would be stipulated in the tender document. This would help CwLPC to keep within budget spending and to ensure grass is being cut.

It was resolved that:

- The Chair would amend the grass cutting tender document to include a request for tenders to quote an annual fee for each area of Crakehall (the Village Greens and Village Hall, The Batts, and the Cemetery).

10. Allotments on Mastil Lane

The Clerk reported that eight parishioners had submitted applications for allotments, following Minute no. 11 of the last CwLPC meeting.

Due to the number of applications received, the Chair suggested that CwLPC grant the allotments to a 'Crakehall Allotment Association' which would be created to allow all applicants, and the wider parish community, to enjoy the allotments.

It was resolved that: The Allotments on Mastil Lane be granted to the 'Crakehall Allotment Association', following its' creation.

11. Station Road Planning Application Update

As previously mentioned in the Clerk's Report, planning application ZB23/01856/OUT had been granted on 13 November 2024. This application was discussed at length in the meeting and the Chair updated members with correspondence that had been received from Richard Roberts Ltd asking for a meeting with members to "reset the relationship between Richard Roberts Ltd and the parish council". Members discussed their concerns regarding this application, and their disapproval that it had been granted following their feedback.

It was resolved that: The Chair would respond the Richard Roberts Ltd to ask what their aims would be in setting up a meeting, and how they wished to “reset” their relationship with CwLPC.

12. Langthorne Planning Application Update

The Chair shared correspondence he had received from the Commons Register in relation to planning application ZB23/02395/FUL. In response to his questions, it was confirmed that:

- i) It was possible for land to be both highway maintainable at public expense, and a registered village green, and that there was no priority in regard to this, but certain highway undertakings would not be able to occur due to the Village Green status. Where a Village Green had been covered by a loose track covering, it would not be possible for it to be replaced with tarmac.
- ii) Although the land was a highway, only the area identified for use of vehicular access was permitted for such access.
- iii) NY Highways was not responsible for reinstating damage done in regard to registered village greens. The landowner of the registered village green could maintain the land in any way which did not interfere with the local inhabitants enjoyment of the green.

The Commons Register also confirmed that the whole of the area included in the planning application classed as Village Green included the trackway and not just those areas marked on the document submitted by Preston Baker Planning and posted on the NY Planning Portal on 30 September 2024.

It was resolved that: Councillor Stirke would protect the eroded areas of Langthorne Village Green in order to prevent further damage to these areas.

13. Car Parking on Crakehall Village Green

It was reported that CwLPC had received an email from a parishioner regarding their disappointment at continued parking on Crakehall Village Green from parents of children at Crakehall Primary School.

The Chair reported that a letter had been sent from CwLPC to the school regarding this, and that a reply had been received confirming that:

- The school was aware of the parking issue, and was informing parents not to park on the Green. A letter would be sent out to all parents.
- A Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) from North Yorkshire Police (NYP) was occasionally on hand, when available, to assist with parking during school hours.

It was resolved that:

- CwLPC would liaise with the Village Hall Committee to consider the possibility of allowing parents to park at the Village Hall for school drop-off and pick-up times.
- The Chair would investigate the cost and feasibility of placing ‘No Parking’ signs on the Village Green.

14. Traffic Flow through Crakehall

The Chair reported that he had received concerns from a parishioner regarding the speed cars travel through Crakehall, particularly down the hill past Mastil Lane towards the bridge in Little Crakehall. The Chair reported that the North Yorkshire Police (NYP) Radar Van had visited Crakehall six times between June and August 2024 to monitor speeding, and that speeding was not high enough to warrant further action from NYP. The Chair had subsequently contacted NY Highways to seek permission to locate the council’s Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) on an existing road sign for a period of two weeks – this had been approved and had been installed on the hill leading down to the bridge in Little Crakehall on Wednesday, 13 November 2024.

At the time of the meeting the data collected showed that the 85th percentile speed on this stretch of road was 29.6mph – well below the speed at which NYP would take action. The full results will be reported at the next meeting of the council.

15. Footpaths

Councillor Ventham reported that a branch had collapsed over a bridge and footpath in Crakehall (footpath no. 13) which needed moving, and suggested that CwLPC should consider cutting back the trees in the area to prevent further damage to the bridge.

16. The Pinfold

CwLPC commended the work done by two parishioners – Paul McGee and Alex Williams - on tidying the Pinfold in Crakehall, and it was resolved that: CwLPC would pay the expenses of Mr. McGee to cover the cost of bark chippings bought for the Pinfold, at a cost of £250.

17. Newsletter

The Chair announced that he would attempt to send out the newsletter to parishioners before Christmas 2024.

18. Christmas Tree and Gifts

The Chair reported that a Christmas tree had been donated to CwLPC by Exelby Services, the tree would be delivered on 29 November 2024.

The council would like to express its thanks to Exelby Services for their kind donation of the Village Christmas Tree once again.

It was resolved that:

- The tree would be erected on 30 November 2024.
- Christmas gifts would be bought on behalf of CwLPC for: Paul McGee, Paul Kind, Kevin Hales, Rob Exelby, and for all those involved in painting the posts on Crakehall Village Green.

19. Matters of Urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

20. Any other business

The Chair reported that Ian Hancock had recently passed and that his work and research on the history of Crakehall had been offered to CwLPC. The Chair had accepted this offer and was liaising on when to collect the archives.

The Chair also reported that he had received an email from a parishioner asking members to consider the revival of a footpath beside Crakehall School which was being used as a road and potentially putting children in danger. Councillor Neale reported that he would investigate the cost of white line painting to delineate the footpath.

21. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 15 January 2025 at 7.30pm in Crakehall Village Hall.

Reece Williams

Clerk to Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council

November 2024

These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council at its next meeting in January 2025.