

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th September 2024 in Crakehall Village Hall

Councillors present: Councillors Mr D Shaw (in the chair), Mrs J Randall, Mrs S Stirke, Mr J Wilson, Mr J Neale

Also present: 5 parishioners, Mr D Ventham (for the vacant post of Parish Councillor), Mr R Williams (shadowing the clerk)

Clerk: Mr R Bocking

Items raised by members of the public

No items were raised.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Heather Lees (police liaison), Cllr Weighell

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

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

The police report was read by the chair and a copy of the report is attached as Appendix 1.

5. Co-option of Parish Councillor

The clerk reported that only one application had been made for the vacant post of Parish Councillor. The chair, following the agreed procedure for co-option, proposed that Mr Darren Ventham be co-opted to the position. The proposition was supported unanimously by the councillors and Mr Ventham was invited to join the meeting as Parish Councillor.

6. Appointment of Parish Clerk

The clerk reported that two applications for the position of clerk and responsible financial officer had been received but one had later been withdrawn. The remaining applicant, Mr R Williams, was invited to meet with the clerk and chair prior to the meeting. The chair proposed that the position be offered to Mr Williams and the proposition was supported unanimously by the councillors.

7. Parish Clerk's Report

- **Old Chapel bell tower restoration/ Renovation of the Old Chapel** – no further progress was reported on this matter. The clerk will contact Cllr Weighell and confirm the exact amount of contribution he can provide toward the cost and Cllr Neale will arrange for Calverts to visit and measure up the stonework.
- **Concrete posts around the Green** – The replacement posts were installed 14/8/24 and the majority have now been painted. The council would like to express its thanks to the following volunteers for their sterling efforts in painting the posts and maypole; Rob and Elaine Buckley, Matt Randall, Brian Broadbent, Dave Terry and Bob Shepherd.

- **Cemetery landscaping** – Cllr Neale has spent a further half day clearing the area. Clearance and sapling removal is continuing as and when Cllr Neale’s job commitments allow but there is clearly a lot still to do and Cllr Neale wished to make clear to the meeting the magnitude of the job.
- **Planning applications update since the last meeting**

Planning applications	ZB24/00471/FUL Received 19/3/24 PROPOSAL: Full Planning Application for Revised Scheme for Residential Annexe (proposed); Use of Part of Dwellinghouse for Childminding Business (retrospective); Siting of Two Shepherds Huts - One For Use in Connection With Child Minding Business and the Other for Tourism (retrospective) and Retention of Outbuilding (retrospective) LOCATION: Cobblestones The Green Crakehall Bedale APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs T Starkey	Granted 27/8/24
August	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	
	ZB24/01451/FUL received 2/8/24 PROPOSAL: Single storey, pitched roof outbuilding containing a Gym, Home Office and 3No garage ports LOCATION: Hawkstone Little Crakehall Bedale North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr Jeremy Oldroyd	
	ZB24/01606/HNA received 27/8/24 PROPOSAL: Application for hedgerow removal notice for removal of 20m of mixed species hedgerow LOCATION: Langthorne Hall Langthorne Bedale North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Ms Marianne McCallum	
September	ZB23/02346/LBC received 10/9/24 PROPOSAL: Restoration of the listed barn, including recreation of historic openings, interior and exterior works to allow the barn to be converted to residential use LOCATION: Barn North West Of Langthorne Hall Langthorne North Yorkshire APPLICANT: J.A. Thompson, C. Nicholson	
	ZB23/02395/FUL received 10/9/24 PROPOSAL: Full application for the conversion of listed barn to 1 no. dwelling	

	<p>and erection of 2 no. new-build dwellings totalling 3 no. dwellings, demolition of some existing barns and infrastructure.</p> <p>LOCATION: Barn North West Of Langthorne Hall Langthorne North Yorkshire</p> <p>APPLICANT: J.A. Thompson, C. Nicholson</p>	
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Planning Applications ZB23/02346/LBC and ZB23/02395/FUL were discussed at length in the meeting and the chair updated the meeting with details of the council’s response to these latest applications. The Parish Council has responded in writing to Planning Application ZB23/02395/FUL repeating its no objection in principle to the conversion of the listed barn but also raising concerns regarding the inclusion of part of Langthorne Village Green in the application, the lack of any proposal to deal with surface water given the issues with drainage / sewerage discharge from the Langthorne sewage works, the continued assertion that Langthorne Hall Farm is a cattle and sheep farm when it is known that pigs are regularly kept there and the impact this will have on both the Noise Impact Assessment and Odour reports (which are resubmissions of reports carried out in 2023) and the Parish Council view that the style of the proposed new builds is not in keeping with the rest of Langthorne.

In addition, some clarification of Planning Application ZB24/01606/HNA is felt necessary for the avoidance of any confusion. The hedgerow under consideration here is a hedge between land owned by Jonathon Thompson and David Hutton Squires and is adjacent to the sewerage works.

- **Broadband installation in Langthorne** – as some time has now passed much of the installation has grown over. A watching brief will be maintained to see how well the restored ground returns to its former condition.
- **Offer of a contribution to the village by Quickline** – the details of the response to the clerk’s enquiries is contained within the clerks report. Cllr Stirke reported that she had spoken with Jessica Dixon at Quickline and discussions are underway to provide the village with three new information boards, a broadband connection to a community building and the provision of some wild flower seeds for use next season.
- **Footpath maintenance** – the clerk reported that a response had been received from Footpaths at NYC in response to our submitted concerns. The issues are not yet resolved and remain in progress but no timescale can be provided. For details of each individual issue please see the clerk’s report.
- **Access enquiry** – an access enquiry to inspect the roadway southeast of Crakehall bridge was made by James Martin on behalf of WSP, contracted by NYC, to enquire about land ownership adjacent to the bridge prior to maintenance work on the retaining wall. WSP are currently in the process of writing the specification for these works.

8. Financial matters

The clerk presented the receipts and payments for the period 1st July-30th August 2024 and a budget monitoring statement for the year to date.

9. Village hall play equipment

The chair reported that a lottery grant application had been submitted but, with an expected response time of 8-12 weeks, there is concern over the time limited offer of funds from the Yorkshire Council Locality Budgets Fund via Cllr Weighell. A decision will have to be made at the

November Parish Council meeting to commit to a purchase of equipment, as there is a time limit of 31st January, 2025 on the funds available from the Yorkshire Council Locality Budgets Fund.

10. Development of a new grass cutting tender document

Cllr Shaw presented the proposed new grass cutting tender document for consideration by the councillors. Once any concerns/queries have been addressed it is intended to put the tender out for bids by interested parties as soon as possible so that tenders received could be reviewed at the November Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Shaw reported that after some difficulty in sourcing a contractor the uncut areas of the Cemetery had now been strimmed. The Parish Council would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Liam Jaques of Burtree Lakes Caravan Park who undertook this work for no fee.

11. Allotment on Mastil Lane

Cllr Shaw informed the meeting that a letter had been received from Mr Lillystone relinquishing his tenancy of the allotment. Cllr Shaw then submitted a draft tenancy agreement for consideration by the councillors. The intention is to offer two plots at an appropriate annual rent (c.£25 each) with a nominal annual rental of £5 proposed for the first year in lieu of the ground clearance that will be required.

12. Proposed development on Station Road

No further information has been provided regarding this application and attempts to seek clarification from the Planning Officer had so far proved unsuccessful.

13. Policy of the Parish Council regarding items for use by the public situated on Parish Council maintained land

The Parish Council is currently responsible for a total of 19 seats / benches and picnic tables in Crakehall and Langthorne. These are: 1) Bench end of Mastil Lane, 2) Picnic table Village Hall play area, 3) Cemetery Memorial bench (James & Rose Bell), 4) Cemetery Memorial bench (Wyn & Jim Skelly), 5) Bench Cemetery – this bench is damaged beyond repair and will be removed, 6) The Batts Memorial bench (Ruby Stirling-Stuart), 7) Bench Crakehall Beck footbridge, 8) Bench The Batts play area, 9) The Batts play area picnic table, 10) Village Green Memorial bench (Rod Pocklington), 11) Village Green Memorial bench (Queen's Silver Jubilee), 12) Village Green Memorial bench (Garry Letchford), 13) Village Green bench near play area – the cast-iron side of this bench is broken – a repair will be attempted but if unsuccessful this bench will have to be removed, 14) Bench at bus shelter (church side of A684), 15) Bench at bus-stop (Bay Horse side of A684), 16) Bench Village Green near Quoits pitches, 17) Bench Village Green West End, 18) Bench Pinfold, 19) Bench Langthorne Village Green.

The Parish Council has already given permission for a further Memorial bench to be placed on The Batts which will bring the total number of seats / benches and picnic tables to 20 – a large number for a parish such as Crakehall with Langthorne.

Cllr Shaw gave an update on the state of repair of the existing benches, some of which will require a repair or, if that proves to be uneconomic, will need to be disposed of. Cllr Shaw submitted a proposed policy regarding any future benches and other items to be situated on council maintained land. The main change will be that, for any items purchased by members of the public to be situated

on council maintained land, permission must be sought in advance and the cost of maintaining the item in a reasonable state of repair must be borne by the purchaser. Should such an item be deemed unsafe it will be the responsibility of the purchaser to bring it back to a useable and safe state or the Parish Council will remove it after providing a reasonable period of notice (1 month).

Cllr Shaw also proposed that a Parish Council policy was required regarding the Village Green and that he would prepare a draft for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting in November.

14. Damage to Langthorne Village Green

Cllr Stirke raised the matter of damage to Langthorne Village Green and there was much discussion in the meeting regarding ownership and access rights to the green, historical repair work and so on. For the purposes of clarity the facts as they are understood by the Parish Council are as follows;

1. Whoever may claim to own them, the village greens in Langthorne are registered and as such come under the regulation and protection of the Parish Council.
2. Any contractor, such as Yorkshire Water (who will be carrying out work imminently), require the permission of the Parish Council for access to the land.

15. Information boards – Crakehall and Langthorne

This item was discussed under Offer of a contribution to the village from Quickline, item 7.

16. Footpaths

This item was discussed under Footpath maintenance, item 7.

17. Review of key documents

The clerk informed the meeting that the risk assessment register and the asset register will need reviewing, ideally before the next internal audit in April 2025.

18. Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

19. Any other business

Cllr Wilson enquired whether permission had been sought to raise a telegraph pole on the village green.

Cllr Shaw reported the appearance of a small leak in the weir.

Cllr Shaw expressed a desire to reintroduce the Parish Newsletter and suggested a 'Meet the PC' event in November in the hope of increasing the number of volunteers in the village.

Cllr Neale voiced concern over the broken concrete posts left at the side of the village hall and the need for their removal.

20. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 7.30pm in Crakehall Village Hall.

Richard Bocking

Clerk to the Council

September 2024

These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by the council at its next meeting in September 2024.

**Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire**



Appendix 1



North Yorkshire Police Report

Crakehall Parish Council

Statistics taken from	01/08/2024-31/08/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0 Reports
Total	0 Reports
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	0 Reports
Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Total	1 Report

Local News:

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