

## **CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Crakehall Village Hall

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

**Also present:** Eight parishioners

**Clerk:** Mr R Bocking

### **Items raised by members of the public**

Concerns were raised regarding the speed of traffic entering the village along the A684 particularly from the Leyburn end of the village and poor visibility for pedestrians crossing the road close to the bridge while the footpath is closed on the beck side of the road. The clerk will contact Highways to try and establish a date for when repairs to the retaining wall are scheduled.

Following discussions and comments made regarding budgeting and prioritising actions of the Parish Council, made in the Annual Parish Meeting held prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting and regular bi-monthly meeting, the Parish Council will review its budget monitoring practices and report back at the next meeting in July.

Concerns have been raised by a parishioner over the waterlogged state of the footpath from Crakehall toward Kirkbridge. A meeting is scheduled in the very near future between the landowners and Yorkshire Water to discuss this issue.

A question was asked regarding the ownership of the roadway alongside the church where a large depression has occurred causing difficulties for vehicles parking and/or turning. The clerk will investigate and report back.

#### **1. Apologies for Absence:**

District Cllr J Weighell, Heather Lees (police liaison)

#### **2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 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. 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 the public and press would be excluded while this item was discussed.

#### **6. Parish Clerk's Report**

- **Old Chapel bell tower restoration/ Renovation of the Old Chapel** – the stonework is due to be inspected next week.

- **Concrete posts around the Green** – a quote has been obtained for labour costs of £220 for the replacement of 12 posts. The cost of 12 posts is around £360 bringing the total to around £580. Councillors agreed to proceed with the repair.
- **Village hall play equipment** – the payment of £2769.50 from Newett Homes has been lodged with NYC bringing the total funds available to £10000. The sub-committee will take note of requests from interested parties in the village regarding preferences of equipment and will contact the various suppliers to establish what can be purchased with the funds available.
- **Cemetery landscaping** – Cllr Neale reported that some initial clearance work has taken place and cases of ash dieback have been found. Cllr Shaw volunteered to check the relevant trees against the most recent tree survey prior to any further action.
- **Planning applications update since the last meeting**

<p>Planning Applications</p>	<p>ZB23/01856/OUT received 27/9/23</p> <p><b>PROPOSAL:</b> Outline Planning Application (with some matters reserved) Considering Access for the erection of 4 no. dwellings</p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> OS Field 01777 Station Road Crakehall North Yorkshire</p> <p><b>APPLICANT:</b> C. Nicholson And R. Pounder</p> <p><b>PROPOSAL:</b> 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><b>LOCATION:</b> OS Field 01777 Station Road Crakehall North Yorkshire</p> <p><b>APPLICANT:</b> C. Nicholson And R. Pounder</p>	<p>Amended proposal received 19/4/24</p>
<p>March 2024</p>	<p>ZB24/00471/FUL Received 19/3/24</p> <p><b>PROPOSAL:</b> 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)</p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> Cobblestones The Green Crakehall Bedale</p> <p><b>APPLICANT:</b> Mr and Mrs T Starkey</p>	
	<p>ZB24/00576/FUL Received 25/3/24</p>	

	<b>PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension with car port link to garage. Gable extension with rear dormer</b> <b>LOCATION: Jesmond Station Road Crakehall Bedale</b> <b>APPLICANT: MR &amp; MRS CLOUT</b>	
April 2024	ZB24/00560/FUL Received 8/4/24 <b>PROPOSAL: Proposed two storey rear extension and alteration works</b> <b>LOCATION: York Cottage The Green Crakehall Bedale</b> <b>APPLICANT: S Rose</b>	
	ZB24/00798/FUL received 29/4/24 <b>PROPOSAL: Single storey extension to front elevation.</b> <b>LOCATION: Studio Cottage Mastil Lane Little Crakehall Bedale</b> <b>APPLICANT: Mr Chris Monkhouse</b>	

- **Broadband installation in Langthorne** – installation is continuing but is not yet live. Quickline’s contractors have carried out a lot of digging in the verges prior to installing the fibre however Cllr Stirke reported that a lot of mess had been created and very poorly cleaned up. Cllr Stirke is continuing in her efforts to get it tidied up.
- **Weeds and rushes in the beck** – concerns were raised that the rushes are starting to grow back. The clerk will make enquiries to find out if they can be sprayed while still reasonably accessible.
- **Damage to the Green caused by cars at school drop off times** – the onset of good weather has meant no further damage has been reported, however the situation will continue to be monitored.
- **Offer of a contribution to the village by Quickline** – the PCs requests have been passed to Quicklines Social Values team, the clerk will follow up to establish what decisions have been reached and also to enquire about the possibility of some flower installations in Langthorne.
- **Litter in the layby on the A684** – the re-siting of an underused litter bin from Crakehall to the layby appears to be working well. The bin appears to be being well used and litter in the layby is noticeably less.
- **Request to site a memorial bench on the lower Batts** – although permission has been granted there has been no further movement on this item.
- **Footpath maintenance** – the clerk reported that there has been no further communication from NYCs footpaths team since the reports were submitted other than acknowledgement of them. It is not possible to re-submit a report on the same footpath while the initial report is still live. The clerk will endeavour to find other ways of determining when action will be taken.
- **Giant hogweed** – there has been a reoccurrence of giant hogweed on the Lower Batts, a specialist removal contractor was engaged to deal with it and the offending plants were removed in early April.

## **7. Financial matters/audit**

The clerk reported on the recent internal audit. The relevant financial accounts and bank reconciliation statements will be made available on the website in the near future.

The Annual Return documents were presented to the Chair for approval and were signed in the presence of the clerk (as the responsible financial officer of the council).

The clerk also presented the receipts and payments and budget monitoring statements for April 2024.

The Parish Council has received its insurance renewal of £779.70 which will be paid shortly.

The clerk presented a small number of recommendations made following the meeting with the internal auditor;

- A review of the financial regulations and standing orders, possibly using standard documents produced by YLCA
- Consider revising the fees levied for the cemetery. Cllr Shaw will review and present proposed new fees at the next PC meeting
- Consider arrangements for the backup of the parish council's computer records. The clerk has purchased a new laptop for day to day administration and a copy of MS Office 2021 which, on balance, provides a more cost effective solution than a subscription to MS 365. In addition the clerk has organised a monthly subscription to MS OneDrive which is a cloud based storage facility. PC records are currently being transferred from the old laptop to OneDrive.

## **8. Allotment on Mastil Lane**

The meeting was updated by the chair with the latest situation in regard of the council's claim to ownership of the land. A formal objection to the application by former councillor, Harry Lillystone, to take possession of the land had been submitted to the Land Registry. The Parish Council believes that this land is legacy land left to the village and as a matter of principle should not end up in the hands of an individual. A response has been received from the Land Registry requesting further information and the Parish Council will respond by the deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **9. Proposal to send a letter to the Rector and Four and Twenty**

The councillors were updated by the chair on the reasons behind this proposal. A letter from the Rector and 4 and Twenty was included in the Land Registry application in Item 8 above. The letter contains misinformation which the Parish Council objects to. A request will be made by the Parish Council to discuss this letter at the next meeting of the trustees of the Rector and 4 and 20 in June.

## **10. Proposed development on Station Road**

A revised outline planning application was submitted 19/4/24 considering access for the erection of 4 no. dwellings, including 1 no. self/custom build unit and 1 no. unit that complies with M4(3) building regulations wheelchair user. A further response to this application has been submitted to North Yorkshire planning on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. The Parish Council stated that the issues identified in the previous application still stand and added that the revised proposal offers no mitigation to the severe risks relating to increased traffic flow along Station Road, the proposed development remains outside the built form of the village, it is not included in the Local Plan and will be clearly visible from

the centre of the conservation area, the village already enjoys a well balanced mix of housing stock including about 80 bungalows and that many of these bungalows have been purposely built to accommodate residents with mobility issues. The Parish Council also noted the response to this third application relating to the development of this site from Highways Department and supports their comments.

#### **11. Enquiry into the status of Langthorne Village Green as a public highway**

In relation to planning application ZB23/02395/FUL, received 22/11/23, a full application for the conversion of listed barn to 1 no. dwelling and erection of 4 no. new-build dwellings totalling 5 no. dwellings, demolition of some existing barns and associated infrastructure. Enquiries have been made to NY Highways as to the status of the land that the Parish Council considers to be Village Green. NY Highways confirm that the land is both highway maintained at the public expense and Village Green. A further submission regarding this will be made to the North Yorkshire Planning department.

#### **12. Tree conservation – a concern raised by a parishioner**

A concern was raised by a parishioner regarding the felling of trees along Back Lane and the consequent loss of wildlife habitat. The Parish Council does not maintain this particular piece of land and, as such, any concerns should be directed to the Highways Department of NYC.

#### **13. Review of key documents**

This item was held over for consideration at the next bi-monthly meeting.

#### **14. Matters of urgency**

No matters of urgency were submitted.

#### **15. Any other business**

A request was received from a local care provider to display their details on the website. Councillors felt that this was not an appropriate location for such an item and the request was denied.

Arrangements are being made to organise the deployment of the beacon in the village to commemorate D-Day on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

#### **16. Date of the next meeting**

***Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 7.30pm in Crakehall Village Hall.***

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE PROPOSED DATE ON THE AGENDA.**

Richard Bocking

Clerk to the Council

May 2023

**These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by the council at its next meeting in July 2025.**



North Yorkshire Police Report

Crakehall Parish Council

Statistics taken from	01/04/2024-30/04/2024
<b>Crime Type</b>	
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	0 Reports
Other crimes	0 Reports
Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Total	0 Reports

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