

## **CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 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 representatives from Voneus (broadband supplier) who made a brief statement to the councillors regarding new broadband facilities prior to the start of the meeting and then left the meeting, 1 parishioner

**Clerk:** Mr R Bocking

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Heather Lees (police liaison)

#### **2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 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**

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 8.**

The chair informed the meeting that there were no new developments at this time.

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

- Work to trees alongside the beck – scheduled to take place from mid July
- 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 – these were out of stock last time the supplier website was checked but the intention is to obtain around 8 when available, Cllr Beal also made the kind offer of a number of concrete fence posts if they can be used.
- New layby A684 litter sign – the sign is now in situ, a second litter sign has also been attached to the fence adjacent to the footbridge and play area on the Batts.
- Formal tree inspection – this was scheduled to take place at the end of June (weather permitting), the clerk will follow up to find out the current situation.
- Grass cutting – an assurance has been received from the contractor that grass will be cut fortnightly.
- Northern Powergrid low voltage cable installation – this is scheduled to begin on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. There followed a lengthy discussion regarding the restoration of the footway from the Bay

Horse along the front of the school and toward West Terrace. None of the persons present at the meeting had a clear recollection of if or how the footway was marked in the past. It was agreed that enquiries would be made around the village and photographs sought that may shed some light on this matter.

- Pinfold annual maintenance – a three times per year arrangement has been made with a local garden services supplier.
- Cemetery landscaping – no further developments at this time.
- Play area inspections – these are now complete and arrangements are underway to arrange some repairs and investigate the feasibility of replacement equipment. New bolts have been obtained for the junior multiplay equipment on the Batts and these will be installed imminently. The ‘spinner’ is completely broken and the top half has been removed. The base is embedded in the ground and will have a warning note attached to it after the previous one had been removed, much to the Parish Council’s concern. The Chair also expressed concern and frustration that a person or persons unknown had removed the warning tape and ‘out of order’ notice on the junior multiplay equipment before repairs could be effected, thereby endangering anyone using this equipment.
- Neighbourhood watch signs in Langthorne – these have now been installed.
- Giant hogweed – this has now been removed after it was reported to be growing again on the lower Batts.
- Grass cutting request from a parishioner – following a request from a parishioner for the Parish Council to assist in cutting two grass verges outside properties where the owners were unable to do so the councillors discussed this at length. The verges in question are identified on the grass cutting map as ones where Highways will not cut them and the Parish Council has the option to cut or not, however, they are not currently included in our grass cutting contract and to do so would incur an additional cost. The clerk will investigate the magnitude of these additional costs before any decision is made.
- Cutting of grass verges – please see the comments above regarding responsibility.
- Planning applications – The following communications regarding planning applications were received since the last Parish Council meeting:

ZB23/01124/FUL received 26/5

**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

No objections received

ZB23/00890/CAT received 30/5

**PROPOSAL:** Works to trees and works to fell trees in a conservation area

**LOCATION:** Cobblestones The Green Crakehall Bedale

**APPLICANT:** Mr Trevor Starkey

Granted

ZB23/01217/CAT received 16/6

**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

No objections received

23/00211/LBC received 23/6

**PROPOSAL:** Replacement of four double glazed windows

**LOCATION:** The Old Chapel The Green Crakehall Bedale

**APPLICANT:** Barrie Morris

Granted

- Overhanging trees in Langthorne – this issue has been satisfactorily resolved.
- Emmerdale cricket match – this took place with great success on 16/7. The Parish Council would like to thank the cricket club and volunteers for the speed and efficiency of their clearing up after the event. One issue that did cause comment was the positioning of some stalls that led to traffic congestion along Station Road and this may need careful consideration in future.
- Internal audit recommendations – an application for a chargecard to speed up certain purchases has been made and is ongoing. Yorkshire Accountants of Ripon have been appointed to manage the payroll going forward. No progress at this time with the review of key documents.
- A684 road base – the Parish Council have contacted Highways having been made aware of sections of the road base crumbling away and collapsing near the bridge over the beck. The clerk will seek further updates.

## **7. Financial matters**

The clerk presented the latest receipts and payments (1<sup>st</sup> May to 30 June 2023) and a budget monitoring report.

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

Cllr Shaw reported no further developments at this time.

## **9. Play Area repairs and refurbishment**

Following the recent inspections it has become apparent that some of the play equipment is nearing the end of its useful life. Councillors were presented with a selection of quotes for the replacement of the equipment in most need of replacement. The replacement cost of the spinner on the Batts is c.£3000 and the replacement of the multiplay unit at the Village Hall varies between c.£11000-19000. The clerk is to investigate sources of funding as these costs are far beyond the financial means of the Parish Council.

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

Cllr Shaw presented the most recent developments to the meeting. On June 29<sup>th</sup> the developer submitted another consultants report in a further attempt to refute the recommendation of NY Highways to refuse the planning application. The consultants report recommended 'the provision of road markings to create an informal on-carriageway area for pedestrians to use. The proposed pedestrian area will route between the new footway proposed along the northern boundary of the site, to the existing track adjacent to Primrose Cottage', the Parish Council notes that this consultants report again relies on the inadequate one week traffic survey carried out by the developer in March 2023. The Parish Council further notes that the consultants visited the site on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June between 10.45 and 11.45. As the Parish Council has pointed out several times, the peak traffic times

on Station Road are at school drop off / pick up times at 08.30 – 09.00 and 15.30 – 16.00 on school days and it is at these times that any visits should be made to the site to observe the traffic issues the PC has highlighted.

NY Highways responded on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as follows: 'In regards to the additional documentation that has recently been uploaded to the planning portal, it is not felt, once again, that the additional details provided alleviate the concerns raised by the LHA. It is also noted that the 5.5m carriageway width made reference to within drawing number AMA/21654/SK011 is in fact incorrect when the applicant is proposing to create a 'pedestrian zone' within the carriageway. With the increased vehicle and foot traffic associated with a 20 dwelling development, this has the potential to create conflict and a hazard to an already restricted area of carriageway and therefore this is not deemed a suitable location to implement such a feature.

The previous recommendation made by the LHA for refusal of this application remains applicable.'

The Parish Council will prepare a response to the latest consultants report supporting NY Highways position.

### **11. Matters of urgency**

There were no matters raised.

### **12. Any Other Business**

CLlr Neale reported complaints from a parishioner regarding a street light that is permanently on . CLlr Neale to investigate further and liaise with the clerk to organise a repair.

The Parish Council has received a request from a frequent visitor to Crakehall to consider allowing a memorial bench to be sited on the Lower Batts. There is no objection to this request in principle but given the propensity of this area to flood from time to time any such bench must have secure foundations and should be of all metal construction.

Leyburn Arts Centre have requested permission to post a monthly flyer on the notice board in Crakehall. The Parish Council have no objection but request that the flyer is removed promptly after the event.

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

The proposed date of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:30pm was accepted.



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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