

Crakehall with
Langthorne Parish
Council's
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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Parish Council's newsletter which is delivered to every house in the parish as soon as possible after the last council meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 20 March 2019** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There is an opportunity at the beginning of every meeting for parishioners to raise any matters of concern so that these can then be considered by councillors in the meeting that follows.

The last meeting of the Parish Council was held on 23 January 2019 and was attended by five Parish Councillors, District Councillor Mike Barningham and 14 parishioners. The key points from the discussions and decisions taken at the meeting include the following:

The Chairman, Cllr Thompson, referred to the recent death of former **Cllr David**

Mackintosh Powrie and acknowledged his considerable contribution to the community.

PCSO Heather Lees highlighted the latest crime figures for the area and confirmed that the Police will continue to target drink and drug drivers throughout 2019.

Concerns were expressed about the re-emergence of **dog fouling** as a real problem in Crakehall and parishioners were urged to report the offenders.

Eighteen concrete posts are being ordered to replace the broken ones and allow some additional ones to be put in place around The Green.

A footpath extension opposite the entrance to The Church had been suggested by some residents in the area and it was agreed that, if a plan agreed by all residents could be produced, estimates for the cost of the work could be obtained.

An application has been made to Hambleton District Council's **Making a Difference fund** for £10,000 to provide funding towards plans to replace the **play equipment on The Green**.

Cllr Holt reported his frustration at the results from the **recent Speed Survey** using information from equipment placed near the crossroads in Great Crakehall and inevitably therefore producing misleading information. He was pressing for another survey in Little Crakehall. The Parish Council will continue to push for action to be taken by the responsible authorities but will also pursue matters it can take directly including considering the purchase of **Vehicle Activated Signs** (as soon as they become available) and **Community Speed Watch** (although the advice on the latter has been that it could not be used on the A684 as police with speed guns are active in the area). The possibility of **40 mph buffer zones** will also be pursued.

Barnes Associates had undertaken a **ground-based tree survey of The Village Green, The Batts and The Cemetery** in order to identify the general condition of the trees and identify any risks they posed. The sites and trees were reported as being in reasonable condition and reasonably well maintained. However, the **five trees recorded as offering a Moderate Risk to site users through an increased risk of failing will be attended to**.

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Estimates for **re-tarmacking and (where appropriate) kerbing** have been sought for:

- the road up to the pub and school;
- the road past the Old Chapel and Barras House;
- the road adjacent to The Church.

Once prices are obtained the council will take a view about affordability.

A specification for grass cutting (which identified all the areas that required cutting and strimming and included some areas not previously cut) was approved and will be used to seek quotations from potential contractors. An additional council meeting may be needed in February to consider the tenders received ready for the **contract to start on 1 April.**

Councillors discussed a letter that had been sent to the clerk by the prospective purchasers **of 2 West Terrace** and initially a proposal that an easement be granted over The Green to allow vehicular access (subject to conditions) was defeated. However, the request was re-visited, at the request of a parishioner, at the end of the meeting. After a lot of discussion, it was agreed that the council should return to the matter at their next meeting **with a view to enabling the purchase to proceed** and that the

prospective purchasers should bring to the meeting any further information that they felt would be supportive of their case.

Councillor Beal reported that one of the two **Christmas Tree lighting** circuits had failed and advised that he had purchased two higher capacity plug and socket connectors to overcome the problems. It was also agreed that **a new set of lights with low energy LED bulbs should be purchased.**

The clerk advised that the **next scheduled elections for parish councils** throughout Hambleton are due to take place on **Thursday 2 May 2019.** Nomination Packs for prospective candidates will be available from 19 March to 3 April and nomination papers must be submitted before 4 pm on 4 April. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of seats available elections will be held. **Five seats are available to represent the Crakehall Parish and one seat is available to represent the Langthorne Parish.** If elections are necessary only registered voters from the relevant parish are eligible to vote.

The Planning Application relating to a new access at **Burtree Cottage** was supported.

It was agreed that all councillors and others present should try, as a matter of urgency, to find someone who would be prepared to use a cherry picker (which the council would pay for) to **disturb the rooks' nests in trees near The Church.** It was noted that this action would hopefully reduce the nuisance but it would not eradicate it completely.

For further details about any of the items in this newsletter and others not included here please see the full minutes of the meeting at the Parish Council section of www.crakehall.org.uk

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