

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 November 2019

Present: Councillors Mr J Wilson, Mr A Beal, Mr D Shaw, Mrs S Stirke, Mr Holt and Mr J Neale.

Clerk: Mr C McGee.

11 Parishioners,

Apologies for Absence: District Councillors Barningham, Les and Noone.

Pre-meeting Items were raised by the Public

A number of issues were raised including:

- Issues around car parking near the St Edmund's Holiday Cottages – decisions taken are recorded later in these minutes.
- Concerns again about the lack of strimming of some areas of the bank side on the A684.
- Thanks to the council for finding a way forward to replace the play equipment on The Green.
- Some matters suggested to the clerk by Cllr Barningham:
 - Notification that the last green bin collection is w/c 27 Nov or 2nd Dec depending on your week of collection. Christmas trees will be collected on 6th Jan or 13 Jan 2020 and Green bin collection starts again on 17th Feb or 24 Feb 2020.
 - The Make a Difference Grant application for next year is open and all application have to be in by 13th January 2020. The four criteria are Driving Economic Vitality, Enhancing health and well-being, Caring for the environment and Providing a special place to live.
 - Polling card are being sent out this week and if you want a postal vote you have until 5pm on 25th November to apply contact Hambleton District Council.

1.0 Police Report

The Police were unable to be represented at the meeting but had provided a written report (which is attached to these minutes). The clerk highlighted the key points including the latest crime and ASB data and reports of incidents, the recruitment drive for Police Officers and the Winter Burglary Campaign.

2.0 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 September 2019

The minutes of the meeting, having previously been circulated by the clerk to all councillors were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman. It was noted however that the information given about folk who had been trained as Community Speed Watch operators was incorrect. Lionel Green should not have been included in the names given.

3.0 Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4.0 Parish Clerk's Report

The clerk highlighted some of the matters referred to in his written report:

- a) Large Bushes at the top of A684 Bankside – Highways have advised that an order for removal of a tree and general maintenance to the remaining vegetation has been raised and passed to contractors to be programmed according to priority.
- b) Grass Cutting – Councillors noted that the current grass cutting contractors had confirmed that they would cut the areas in Crakehall currently cut by NYCC for £30.00 (plus VAT) per cut so the minimum requirement of five cuts per season would cost £150.00. Given that NYCC would pay the council £299.04 to take on the responsibility it was agreed to confirm that such a payment was acceptable. Councillors also considered whether they would wish to take on the additional cutting in Langthorne where currently The Green is cut on a voluntary basis by Peter Stirke (albeit with a very small annual honorarium being paid). NYCC would pay the council £87.15 for taking over those so it was agreed that Peter should be asked if he would be prepared to take on the additional cutting for an increase in the honorarium.
- c) Councillors noted that Tracey Gill had resigned from the position of Cemetery Groundsperson and that attempts made via the All Crakehall Great and Little Facebook page to attract a successor had attracted no interest. It was agreed to place an advert in a prominent position in the next newsletter but, if again no interest in the position is forthcoming, then the council's current grass cutting contractor be asked to give a price for undertaking the work. At the last meeting, the request by the owners of Crakehall Watermill for some additional grass cutting on the Lower Batts was considered and it was agreed that the areas should be a one-off cut by the contractors at a cost of £90.00. Alison Barnes and Lionel Green were thanked for their donation of £30 towards the costs. The decision about the request for three cuts per year thereafter (at a cost of £68.00 + VAT per cut) will need to be taken before the next cutting season.
- d) Neighbourhood Watch – As it seems very unlikely that all areas across the parishes are covered and the coordinator for Langthorne has now resigned, it was agreed that a further, more prominent, article be placed in the next newsletter to seek volunteers with a view to setting up a re-launch meeting with the Police invited to attend.
- e) Footpaths - Public Rights of Way Officers at NYCC have confirmed that overgrown vegetation at a field edge is not an area of high priority for NYCC but they will continue to monitor the situation that was brought to their attention and, if they receive further concerns, they may reconsider this (in)action. As far as the other three paths were concerned, they noted that the cropped fields had been harvested and ploughed and so the obstructions had been removed. However, they asked to be informed if, once new crops have become established, the direction of the footpaths is again not clearly marked out.
- f) St Edmund's Holiday Cottages - the issue of visitors' parking is again causing difficulties for neighbouring residents despite clear guidance being given. Councillors considered the request from parishioners who live alongside the holiday cottages for additional signage in the area to remind everyone of the access issues and difficulties. It was noted that the owners of the holiday cottages had agreed to pay for appropriate signs so it was agreed that they should be asked to provide some marked "Parking for Residents Only".

The meeting was also advised that, after some protracted correspondence, NYCC had accepted that the land outside St Edmunds is effectively part of the highway and therefore repairs to the railings caused by a vehicle on 11 July 2019 are its responsibility. However, the owners of the property have confirmed that the damage was caused by a vehicle owned by their cleaning company and therefore they and NYCC staff liaising to get the work done.

5.0 Financial matters

Bank Account Reconciliations at 31 October 2019 and details of Income / Expenditure from 1 September 2019 to 31 October 2019 were presented to the meeting. The clerk confirmed that, at 31 October 2019, the council had £22123.70 in the bank but projected expenditure to 31 March 2020, (estimated at around £4500), and protected sums, (now revised to be around £8750), leave around £7750 currently unallocated. However, this is less than the previously agreed contingency of £10000.

The clerk then outlined the key points in the paper "Setting the Precept for 2019/2020" and, after some discussion and particularly concerns about the decreasing level of contingencies being held, it was agreed that Hambleton District Council should be advised that the Parish Council requests a precept of £10000, a small increase on the precept for the current year, (£9564).

6.0 Playground Phase 2

Following the discussions and decisions at the last meeting about the Play Equipment on The Green:

- Hambleton District Council had confirmed that the Parish Council could still access the £4000 Making a Difference Grant if it comprises less than 75% of the total cost of the project.
- Lenny Flintoft had looked at the equipment with a view to undertaking all the refurbishment work as specified in the recent inspection report but he advised against such expenditure. His view was that the posts supporting the swings were showing signs of strimmer wear at the base but were unlikely to fail completely in the near future. He felt that removing / replacing the matting would be a big (and therefore costly) job as the size of the area it covered was unclear. Similarly, the replacement of the platform on The Fort would be a big job because it would require an almost complete dismantling of the equipment.
- In response to an unsolicited call from Sovereign Play Equipment, Cllr Shaw and the Clerk had met with one of their representatives on 15 October to get some idea of the equipment they might be able to provide for the sorts of sums of money the council currently has available (particularly replacing the see-saw). Two options and costings were produced:
 - A "like for like" quote for a total of £12297.14 plus VAT.
 - A second quote to replace only the see saw and the fort totals £8224.80.
- The clerk had reviewed the funds available currently for this project and noted that £28,341.64 had been raised since the fund-raising began. Phase 1 cost £25,579.99 but that included VAT of £4,266.43 which had been reclaimed. So, the net spend had been £21,350.76 leaving a balance of £6,990.88 (rather than the £2,761.65 previously reported). So, with the Make a Difference Grant, the total available is very nearly £11,000. However, the situation had improved further as Carlton Care Ltd, the owners of the St Edmund's Holiday Cottages, has agreed to cover the deficit of £1300 (based on the "like for like" Sovereign quote as an example).

It was agreed:

- To invite proposals from Kompan and Wickseed to outline what they could provide for the funds currently available. (The council's Financial Regulations require this).
- Consider all proposals at the council meeting in January 2020 so that a contract may be awarded and work completed before 31 March 2020.

2.2.2 With regard to other work suggested in the recent inspection report, Greg Clapham had looked at the fences near the play parks on The Batts and the Village Hall and provided an estimate of around £500 (plus materials) to replace posts and rails as required. He suggests that 7 posts and 12 rails require replacement at the village hall and around 10 posts need replacing on The Batts. He recommends that, because of the damp conditions on The Batts, those posts should be set in concrete. This would increase the costs slightly. Councillors asked that a second estimate be requested from Dave Woodward.

7.0 Speeding Through Crakehall

Cllr Shaw noted that progress continues to be made:

- The Vehicle Activated Sign had been bought and installed initially in Great Crakehall. The additional post in Little Crakehall had also now been installed and the VAS will be relocated on 21 November for a two-week period. Cllr Shaw also shared some statistical information gathered by the VAS which provides further hard evidence of the speeding problem on the A684. He will send a copy of this information to the Police and Rishi Sunak MP. Any parishioner wishing to receive a copy of the data recorded by the VAS sign in Excel Spreadsheet format should contact Councillor Shaw on cwlpc.shaw@gmail.com

- Graham Sizer had offered to contribute towards the costs of a second VAS for deployment in the village. This very generous offer was very warmly welcomed but councillors felt it would be more useful for at least one additional post to be erected as the VAS could only be deployed in any one location for 2 weeks at a time. This would enable the VAS already purchased to be deployed across 3 (or even 4) locations on rotation rather than have 2 VAS active at any one time (followed by a period when they were not being used at all). Cllr Shaw will pursue this possibility with Graham.

- The Police had provided a more detailed specification for the hard standing on The Green for their Speed Camera Van. Two potential contractors had been asked to provide estimates and both had provided prices. However, it was agreed to defer a decision so that the Police could be asked to make a contribution and other cheaper, perhaps temporary, alternatives could be considered (including heavy duty aluminium tracks). The van has already been deployed in Little Crakehall near High Mill Farm.

8.0 Potholes / Tarmacking – update

At the last meeting councillors noted concerns about some of the kerbs on the road up to the pub breaking up and Cllr Neale had agreed to pursue the matter with Duffields. He also agreed to try to find a low-cost way of marking with white lines the footpaths around the pub. Cllr Neale advised that he hadn't yet had an opportunity to pursue these matters.

9.0 Repairs and Maintenance – update

The clerk had noted in his report that the Repairs and Maintenance Plan had been updated following the last meeting but there was some work that now needed to be scheduled:

- Painting of the new concrete posts on The Green
- Maintenance (and painting?) of benches on The Green.
- Stone and Elder removal at the cemetery.

Kay and Malcolm Dennis were thanked for painting the posts on The Green with paint purchased by the council. Kay and Malcolm were also thanked for helping Cllr Shaw with daffodil bulb planting. The other two items were noted but deferred for further discussion in the future.

10.0 History and Archeology Day

Cllr Stirke reported back following her attendance at the History and Archeology Day at Selby Abbey 21st September 2019. She sought views about whether there might be enough interest to set up a local Community Heritage Project or a Community Archaeology group. About half a dozen people would be required to form a core group to take a project forward and would need to operate through a fully functioning committee to become formally recognised by the CBA and the Lottery Fund. It was agreed that the possibilities should be promoted in the newsletter.

11.0 Request for parking on The Green

The PCC of St Gregory's Church, had sought permission to park on The Village Green across from the church in front of Firby House on Sundays and Wednesdays during church service time and also for special services on other days as required. The PCC would only expect to have one row of cars, one car's length back from the lane. The Parish Council heard representations from Mr and Mrs Smith, the owners of Firby House, and also noted that, if this request was granted, the three white stones on The Green would need to be removed. The council agreed to reject the request for now but review the matter at a site meeting on 8 December 2019.

12.0 Request to provide and site a memorial bench on The Green

Following the death of Paul Kellett who lived at The Old Post Office, his step-daughter, Clare Parkin, had asked if the family could provide a memorial bench to be sited just outside where he used to live. They had in mind a traditional oak bench to be made by Clare's partner and were happy to submit a design for approval. This was agreed with the design and precise location to be signed off at the next meeting.

13.0 Planning Applications

Two planning applications were considered:

- Application relating to Brookside, Leyburn Road, Crakehall - the proposal is for the division of the existing dwelling to form 2 separate dwellings with associated car parking.
- Application relating to Hunter's Hill, Hackforth Road, Little Crakehall – the proposal is a change of use of an agricultural building to provide around 30 self-contained storage units.

The council did not wish to raise any issues about either application.

14.0 Request from the Citizens' Advice Bureau

Mid-North Yorkshire Citizens' Advice had requested donations from Parish Councils in Hambleton in order that they may keep its "service face to face and in the community where it belongs". Members did not feel that it would be appropriate for a donation to be made.

15.0 Christmas Tree 2019

Sharon Neale's offer of a tree last year was noted so it was agreed to seek a similar offer for 2019 or donations towards the cost of a tree. It was agreed to meeting on 8 December 2019 at 10.00 am to erect the tree and to meet on 5 January 2020 at the same time to take it down.

16.0 Matters of Urgency (as agreed by the Chairman for matters raised before the meeting)

- Cllr Holt raised a number of issues:
 - A request that the grass cutting contractor should advise the school when strimming was about to take place so that staff could move their cars if they so wished.
 - Concerns about an increase in dog fouling particularly down Green Gate Lane. The offenders were known and some had been videoed!
 - Suggestions for how the money raised by the Guides for last year's Remembrance Day event should be used given that the There But Not There memorial plaques were no longer available. It was agreed that other engraving options should be explored.
- Cllr Beal mentioned the "Lose a Tree, Plant a Tree" initiative but it was not supported by others.
- Ken and Iris Smith were thanked for maintaining the Village Green outside their house for the last 44 years.
- A parishioner asked if NYCC could be contacted to tidy up the footpath to Bedale near Rand Grange – it was becoming overgrown with vegetation and loose chippings.

17.0 Any Other Business (for information only)

There was no other business.

18.0 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Signed: C J McGee

Date: November 2019

Minutes drafted by the Clerk and subject to the approval of the council at its next meeting.

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Hambleton Command : Town and Parish Council Report

Town or Parish	Crakehall, Hackforth, Snape and Watlass
Report Completed By :	5393 MacDonald
Data Reporting Period :	October 2019

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-social behaviour	1	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 0</i>
Criminal Damage	0	
Theft (including from shops)	0	
Violence Against the Person	1	
Other crimes including Drugs	2	
<i>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</i>	<i>4</i>	

North Yorkshire Police Updates

During the period 01-10 - 2019 to 31 -10 - 2019 the following additional incidents were recorded.

- 1 x Road related offences reported.
- 2 x Road traffic collisions reported. 1 x Serious 1 x Non injury.
- 4 x suspicious activity reports. I.e. reports of vehicles, poachers, door to door sellers etc.
- 5 x Alarms, abandoned calls and concern for safety reports.

Now that the clocks have moved back an hour and darker nights are upon us, please consider leaving a light on in your home, a dark empty house is a target for burglars.

Graduates, non-graduates, 'career movers' and 'career starters' – North Yorkshire Police announces latest drive for police officers

North Yorkshire Police has announced its latest recruitment drive for police officers as it reaches out to graduates, non-graduates, career movers and career starters to apply.



The latest campaign, which is live until 9am on 25 November, comes hot on the heels of a campaign to recruit more PCSOs. It is the latest step in delivering a pledge made by the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, to boost the number of frontline police working in North Yorkshire's communities. The move also forms part of the Government's recently announced national campaign to increase police officer numbers across the country and urging people to join the police and 'Be a force for all'.

As announced by the force last month, there are now three new entry routes for new police recruits to get into policing. They are:

- **Apprenticeship:** A three-year Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) leading to a nationally recognised BSc (Hons) in Professional Policing Practice. New recruits will be employed by North Yorkshire Police and spend 80% of their time serving and protecting the community while 'learning on the job' and 20% of their work time studying towards their qualification through The Open University's world-leading flexible distance learning programme.
- **Degree-holder entry programme (DHEP):** A two-year accelerated route for those entering with a degree in any subject, enabling recruits employed by North Yorkshire Police to train as a police constable and gain a Graduate Diploma in Policing through The Open University at the same time.

- **Pre-join degree:** For those who want to get a degree before they join, new recruits can then apply to the force as their degree is coming to an end and then complete a considerably reduced initial training route with their new police employer in recognition of their policing degree.

Deputy Chief Constable Phil Cain of North Yorkshire Police is keen for this recruitment campaign to reach out to all parts of the community in North Yorkshire. She said:

“It is an exciting time to join policing and becoming a police officer really will give you some of the best and proudest days of your life. Whether you are a graduate or non-graduate, just starting out in your career or are a more experienced and mature individual looking for your next challenge there are various ways to join us, depending on your work, life and educational experience.

“The three new entry routes, and our recently announced collaboration with The Open University, signifies an exciting change in the way our officers are trained and developed throughout their careers – gaining a degree and learning and earning on the job at the same time.

“We’re also continuing to work hard on increasing diversity in our recruitment to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities that we serve. The last couple of recruitment drives has seen us attract the most diverse group of trainees that North Yorkshire has ever had and we’re proud of the progress we’ve made to date.

“If you’ve ever considered a career in policing, or know someone who’d be perfect for the job, please visit our website to find out more and help make a difference to our county.”

Julia Mulligan, North Yorkshire’s Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, said:

“Policing is a fantastic career – community focused, challenging, rewarding. I would encourage everyone, no matter your background or walk of life, to consider joining North Yorkshire Police and helping our community to be safe and feel safe.

Recruitment, following my commitment to invest in the frontline and the government’s promise of 20,000 new officers, is moving apace and it is an exciting time to join the service. Take a look at the North Yorkshire Police website if you want to find out more, especially now there are so many different ways to join to matter your age or career point. We look forward to hearing from you.”

You can apply to join North Yorkshire Police as a police officer at northyorkshire.police.uk/policeofficer. Applications close at 9am on Monday 25 November.

The Positive Action team can be contacted on positiveaction@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

What does a burglar see when they look at your home?

North Yorkshire Police launch winter burglary campaign

North Yorkshire Police has launched its winter burglary prevention and awareness campaign asking people across North Yorkshire to think about their home security through the eyes of a burglar and share safety tips with friends, family and community groups.



Throughout winter, the force will share advice about how residents can keep their home and property safe with advice about:

- Home and garden security
- Vehicle security
- Car key burglaries
- Distraction burglaries and bogus officials
- FAQs
- Property marking

It will also continue to use the power of social media to request the public's help to appeal for information regarding burglaries in the county and keep members of public up-to-date on investigations, charges and convictions.

Commenting on the campaign Chief Constable Lisa Winward of North Yorkshire Police said:

"Burglary is a callous crime that can have a devastating and long-lasting effect on its victims. Thankfully, North Yorkshire remains one of the safest places in the country and one of the least likely areas to be a victim of burglary but we can never be complacent.

"It can take just a few seconds for a burglar to break into your home but you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim by looking at your home security through the eyes of a burglar. What does a burglar see when they look at your home? How would you break in if you didn't have a key? You may be surprised at how easy it would be.

"Just one simple action such as locking your door, changing the bulb on the security light or leaving a light on to make it look like you are home could make the difference between your home being broken into or not.

"We'll be working hard across the winter to prevent crime and bring offenders to justice but none of this is achieved without the public's help. We're asking everyone in our community to check their home security, look out for neighbours and report any suspicious activity in their area, and make sure that their loved one's homes are secure, especially if they are vulnerable.

"Working together we can make our county a hard target for burglars."

Of the 43 UK police forces in the country, North Yorkshire is rated as 9th highest in the national league table as one of the least likely places to live and be burgled.

One of the force's Burglary Coordinators, former Inspector turned Investigator Dave Pegg who has over 30 years' experience tracking down burglars, said the best thing homeowners can do to protect their belongings is to discourage entry in the first place:

"Unfortunately, we see all too often the distressing impact being burgled can have on its victims but with some forethought into the kind of things burglars look for when breaking in to a house you can help to prevent your home from becoming a target.

"Homes with no security measures in place are much more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures. Good window locks, strong deadlocks and making your property look like someone is home can make a big difference.

Investigator Pegg continues: "Many people think the police just aren't bothered about burglary but that is not the case. In just two years, officers have seen 35 burglars convicted to a total of 106 years and 9 months imprisonment with a further 13 pending trial or sentence – that's just in the York and Selby districts.

“We are absolutely committed to investigating burglaries in North Yorkshire and arresting and charging those responsible – it is very satisfying to put these criminals behind bars where they belong.”

Julia Mulligan, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, is also supporting the campaign and is encouraging people to share the messages and pass on advice to friends and families. She said: “People have been raising their concerns about burglary with me for some time now, so I am very pleased to see North Yorkshire Police respond.

“Indeed, the force has been making improvements for some time now, with the introduction of dedicated burglary coordinators, and now this campaign which clearly demonstrates that action is well underway. I am also pleased to see the emphasis on preventing the offence in the first place, as well as supporting people who are targeted. The police do though need people’s help, so I very much encourage everyone to take up their advice and get involved via social media and other means.”

Members of public are being asked to support the campaign by sharing the force’s security advice on local community Facebook groups or on their own personal social media channels.

Crime Reports for

<u>Type</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
3 x Domestic Incidents	Neither parties wishing to pursue any complaints.
1 x Violence Incident	Investigation of assault ongoing.
1 x ASB Personal incident	Incident between school pupils.
1 x Road related offence	Males with Lurchers on land. Vehicle seized
2 x Road traffic collisions	1 x Serious 1 x Non injury

