

Crakehall with  
Langthorne Parish  
Council's  
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The Annual Council Meeting and the bi-monthly council meeting were held on **20 May 2020**. County Councillor John Weighell, District Councillor Carl Les and Myra Shield joined Parish Councillors and the clerk to meet via video conference. The key points from the meetings are as follows:

**Cllr Shaw was elected Chairman** of the council for 2020/21. **Cllr Neale was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.**

**Lead members** were re-appointed for various responsibilities:

**Road Safety** – Cllr Shaw

**Grass Cutting and Trees** – Cllr Holt

**Village Maintenance** – Cllr Holt (Crakehall)  
/ Cllr Stirke (Langthorne)

**Playgrounds** – Cllr Beal

**Footpaths** – Cllr Stirke

**Social Media** – Cllr Holt

**Myra Shield** had received **positive feedback** about the appearance of the cemetery following the grass cutting recently undertaken by Farm and Land Services. She thanked Chris and Angela McGee for removing rubbish from the site and asked that a **laminated sign** be placed in a prominent position **urging visitors to take their unwanted items home** with them. It was agreed that the **rubbish bin** should not be replaced.

Myra Shield reminded councillors that a **large branch overhanging into the churchyard** still needed removing and that **the stone on the entrance to Hall Farm** had not yet been moved (as agreed at the meeting in January).

On behalf of Mr and Mrs Bunting, the clerk raised their concerns about **continuing nuisance caused by rooks in the trees near the church**. The measures taken on behalf of the council to disrupt nests seemed not to have worked and a cull was now requested. **The council was opposed to a**

**cull** but agreed that Andrew Francis be asked for his thoughts on the matter.

**The Play Park on The Green** had been completed on schedule but because of the current restrictions it had not yet been opened for use. The **repairs to the fences near the Play Parks** on The Batts and at the Village Hall have now been completed.

The clerk had been advised that the owners of the three houses at **bank side overlooking The Batts Play Park** had used **the area that had been complained about for many years for composting green waste**. They understood that the land did not belong to the Parish Council or NYCC. The clerk agreed to try to find out who owned the land.

The final accounts for 2018 / 19 had been subject to an internal audit with no issues raised. The **Annual Return documentation was approved** for submission to the external auditors. The council's **balances at 30 April 2020 totalled £14639.30** with the general reserve / contingency stable at around the agreed figure of £10000.00.

If you have any issues that you would like the Parish Council to discuss please contact Chris McGee, Clerk to the Council:  
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The Chairman presented his detailed **analysis of the data that had been provided by the VAS** – a copy of the document has been put on the website. The post on Hackforth Road had now been installed offering **a third location for the VAS**.

Cllr Stirke spoke about issues with **speeding vehicles in Langthorne** and, in particular, some tractors with trailers. Recently, these had drawn several comments of concern from residents.

Parishioner Jess Mallinson had raised a question for the council about how it plans to tackle the issue of **electric cars** going forward. Jess reminded the council that by 2035 all cars sold are to be electric only so **residents of Crakehall will need to be able to charge their cars somewhere**. Due to the historic nature of the village, a large number of houses do not have direct vehicle access so it will be difficult for houses to install charging points for their own cars at home. The council noted the concerns, current issues around compatibility of chargers and time needed to charge adequately a vehicle but also that

the Parish Council had no specific responsibilities in relation to the matter.

It was agreed that all **Key Documents**, as amended by the clerk, should be approved and their provisions take immediate effect. The documents are: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Internal Controls, Risk Assessment and Asset Register. *(Editor's note: If you are having trouble sleeping, they are well worth a read!)*

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council  
will be held on Wednesday 15 July 2020  
at 7.30 pm.**

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](http://www.crakehall.org.uk)

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**Thanks to the Gill family for these  
wonderful painted stones.**

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