

Crakehall with
Langthorne Parish
Council's
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An **Additional Meeting of the Council** was held on **20 February 2019** and attended by five councillors and 3 parishioners. The normal bi-monthly meeting of **the Council** was held on **27 March 2019** and attended by five councillors and 8 parishioners. The meeting was chaired by Cllr John Wilson as David Thompson had tendered his resignation, with immediate effect, the previous evening. The main points from both meetings are summarised below:

Farm and Land Services have been appointed to cut all the areas of grass in Crakehall that have previously been mown and strim those areas as required on each visit. On every other visit they will strim a swathe of grass on the steep bankside adjacent to the A684 in Little Crakehall and

the small section of grass adjacent to the road near the bridge in Great Crakehall.

Tracey Gill has been appointed to undertake **Cemetery Maintenance**. She will be assisted by Howard and Henry Gill.

Rennison Tree Specialists have been appointed to deal with a number of trees following the recent Tree Survey. However, as the trees are in a Conservation Area, approval from Hambleton District Council is being sought prior to the work commencing.

Following the discussions at the last meeting about dealing with **Rook Nuisance** near the church, arrangements were made for work to disrupt the rooks' nests. However, on the day he was due to visit, the contractor pulled out because of concerns that he would be acting illegally. Given that his understanding effectively confirms the advice given to the council in September 2018, it is difficult to know what further action can be taken by the council.

The application to Hambleton District Council's **Make a Difference Fund** has resulted in an allocation of £4000 towards the cost of replacing the **Playground Equipment on The Green**. Cllr Ventham has

also met with two potential contractors and asked them to propose less expensive schemes than those previously considered. And another promising source of grant funding has been identified (relating to the Landfill Site Tax).

The benches on The Green are to be repaired and, on the wider issue of **village maintenance**, all councillors and parishioners are encouraged to let the clerk know of any matters that require attention so that a list may be prepared, costed and put into priority order.

Concerns about **car parking** continue. The owners of **St Edmund's holiday cottages** have responded positively to a request that they ask visitors to park their cars away from neighbouring properties. And, on a different matter, they have also agreed to provide more bins for glass re-cycling. Other concerns relate to cars parking on the path between Village Farm and St Edmunds, on the grassed area in Mastil Lane and a vehicle regularly parking on Village Green outside Munton Cottage, West End.

There will be some **re-planting of daffodils** around the edges of The Green for next Spring. Sharon Neale has offered a donation

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towards the purchase of bulbs and offered to help with the planting in the Autumn.

David Shaw shared the results of his analysis of the data available on the Police website about **speeding offences**, and as attempts through the Police and Highways to try to get acceptance of speeding in Crakehall as a real issue have failed, a press release will be prepared and sent to the D&S. **Vehicle Activated Signs** will be available to purchase (via NYCC) from 1 April 2019 – the possibility of a joint purchase with one or more neighbouring parish councils is to be explored and reported back to the meeting in May.

It's been agreed that a substantial amount of **tarmacking work** is necessary to areas including the road leading from the A684 up towards the pub and school, the road in front of the pub, the side road entrance opposite the Old Chapel and part of Church Road. Cllr Neale was authorised to negotiate with the contractor to attempt to get some discount on the **overall price which will be in excess of £20000**.

Debris in the beck near to the bridge in an area that is the council's responsibility will be removed by Cllrs Neale, Ventham and

Holt. Cllr Neale will also clear away the **brash from The Batts**.

The school has been given permission, on a trial basis, to put out **traffic cones at either end of the school** (between the pub and the first cottage next to the school). The cones will be out for a maximum of 15 minutes at either end of the school day in the hope that they will stop cars driving passed while the children are entering and leaving the school building.

The council decided to support the **Keep Britain Tidy campaign** with an event over the **weekend of 13 / 14 April**. As the main areas requiring attention were felt to be on the A684 towards Bedale and Patrick Brompton approaches will be made to the respective councils to see if some joint effort might be possible.

Arrangements are to be put in place so that parishioners may **hire the marquee** which was purchased for the Tour de Yorkshire event in 2018. A rental of £20 was agreed.

The broken perspex / glass in the **noticeboard on The Green** will be replaced.

And finally, don't forget 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 are available (from Hambleton or the clerk) up until 3 April and nomination papers must be submitted before 4 pm on 4 April.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 22 May 2019** in the Village Hall. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting with all proceedings beginning at 7.15 pm.

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