

Crakehall with
Langthorne Parish
Council's
Bimonthly Newsletter
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Welcome to the third edition of the Parish Council's new newsletter and, although it's a bit early, we hope that everyone living, working or visiting the parish has a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday** 16 January 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Please note that the bi-monthly meetings thereafter will also be held on the **third Wednesday** of the month.

The last meeting of the Parish Council was on 15 November 2018 and was attended by all six Parish Councillors, County Councillor John Weighell and District Councillors Carl Les and Mike Barningham. 8 parishioners were also

in attendance. The key points from a packed agenda include the following:

PCSO Ian McDonald highlighted the latest crime figures for the area and the work the Police Service was doing to tackle online harassment during anti-bullying week. Sam Hutchinson from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner then outlined the Community Mapping process, an attempt to identify the concerns of communities so that communication could be targeted towards their needs. **Individuals can sign up to the Community Messaging Service at www.nycm.co.uk.**

Barnes Associates had twice postponed the **Tree Survey** but have confirmed that it will now be done on 28 November 2018.

The agents for **Clifton Castle estate** have confirmed that the area of excessive weed growth in Crakehall Beck is in an area they are responsible for and have agreed to undertake the work to remove them.

NYCC has agreed to re-mark the **Road Surface Signs on the A684**. The normal timescale for such work is "within three months".

Lenny Flintoft has made the essential repairs to the **Play Equipment on the green** (as specified by the Wickstead's inspection). Other, desirable but not essential, issues

have been added to the "to do" list for village maintenance and repair.

It was agreed that Hambleton District Council should be advised that **the Parish Council requests a precept of £9564 for 2019/20**, the same amount as for the current year.

Reducing the numbers of vehicles speeding through Crakehall continues to be a major priority for the council with several approaches now being pursued by the recently established sub-committee. These include:

- On-going contact with Rishi Sunak MP to enlist his support.
- Comparisons being made with North Stainley where a greater number of road signs and markings are present.
- The possibility of 40mph buffer zones and / or rumble strips at either end of the village on the A684.
- The possibility of a 20mph limit near the school during pickup and drop-off times.
- Supporting the Headteacher as he seeks approval from Highways for the roadside posters produced by children at the school.
- Proposing the purchase of a Matrix Sign as soon as they become available (likely to be in the spring 2019).
- Pursuing the police for details of speeding offences in the village.

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- And finally thanks to local firm, Yorkshire Dales Meat whose drivers have agreed to impose their own 25 mph limit when travelling through the village.

The council will return to the possibility of re-tarmacking and kerbing the road up to the pub and school at its next meeting when **a detailed plan and contractors' estimates will be considered.**

Councillors shared the concerns of a parishioner who had raised issues of parking particularly at school drop-off and collection times. It was agreed that the **Headteacher should be invited him to submit a proposal to the council which would allow the school to use cones to close the road past the school entrance at drop-off and pickup times.**

Only one volunteer had offered his services to use a grass cutter if one was purchased so that option was deemed unworkable. Contract cutting will continue but a **specification for grass cutting** (which will identify all the areas that require cutting and strimming) will be prepared and quotations will be sought from at least three potential contractors. **Quotes will be sought for cutting alone and for cutting and strimming.**

Andrew Shield has resigned as Cemetery Groundsman and needs to be replaced. If

any parishioner is interested in the job, (up to 110 hours per annum), please contact the clerk.

A Christmas Tree provided by Margaret Finkill will be put in place on The Green on 9 December at 10.00am. Thanks also to Sharon Neale who also offered a tree.

In order to avoid encroachment onto the **Village Green by vehicles, a number of broken concrete posts will be replaced and some additional ones put in place.** The issue of possibly kerbing and providing a footpath extension outside The Police House will also be pursued. **It was agreed that there was a need for confirmation of the detail of the request before estimates could be sought.**

A new Action Plan has been agreed to identify the tasks that are to be taken by the council up until the end of April 2019 and to help the new council after May 2019 to establish its priorities. The tasks are grouped under four main headings:

- Danger and nuisance caused by traffic through the villages.
- Condition / Tidiness of villages
- Area / resident specific issues
- Council Accessibility and Transparency

A request to park cars on the Village Green on 7 December 2018 for a Yorkshire Cancer Research Fund Raising Event was agreed.

Requests to use The Green for two events to be staged by The Bay Horse in 2019 were agreed in principle but subject to further specific approvals once further details of the events – a Beach Volleyball competition and a Beer Festival - can be provided. The views of residents living around the green are also sought (and should be sent to the clerk).

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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