

Crakehall with
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The **Parish Council** met on 14 September 2021 in Crakehall Village Hall (and, once again, arrangements had been put in place to minimise the risk of spreading the coronavirus). Five of the six Parish Councillors, District Councillor Mike Barningham and two parishioners were present. The main points from the meeting are:

Despite repeated requests, NYCC has still not provided a timescale for **repairs to the three sets of railings** in Crakehall. The matter will once again be raised with the council's Chief Executive.

An application has been made to Hambleton District Council to gain approval for work to a number of **trees in Crakehall** (including some overhanging the garden at Brookside).

NYCC has advised that the contract for **renewing the road markings on the A684** through the village has now been awarded and a programme for this work is awaited. It is hoped that the **works will commence in mid-late October**.

An application has been made to the Land Registry to **register the allotment on Mastil Lane** in the name of Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council (although the interest of the current tenant in the land has been noted). It will be for the **Land Registry** to make a decision on the matter.

A resident had suggested that the **wildflower area might be extended** to include the grass bank between the road bridge and the footbridge but the area was felt to be too tricky to cultivate in exactly the same way as the main wildflower area. However, Cllr Neale will discuss with Paul Kind the possibility of a less intensive approach in that area.

The council was very disappointed to note **fire damage to the picnic table** near the Play Park on The Batts and also to the **Wooden Shelter** (although this fire appears to have been less successful).

Cllr Shaw reported the latest data from the **Vehicle Activated Sign and police patrols** in the village. The last recorded visit of a police patrol was on 28 June 2021 when 41 offences were noted in 1 ½ hours. The number of visits this year remains very low compared to last year. The latest deployments of the VAS showed 85th percentile speeds as follows:

- The Green - 31.2 mph
- Hackforth Road - 29.2 mph
- Little Crakehall – 32.5 mph

These results would not trigger any further action by the police or the Highways Authority.

The council also discussed the concerns of a resident of Little Crakehall about dangerous driving on the **Hackforth Road**. The resident felt that the council should be doing more to improve matters but Cllr Shaw confirmed that **data from the VAS** at that location showed **virtually no speeding** vehicles and an 85th percentile speed under the 30mph limit. Councillors felt that the council could do no more than it already does to put pressure on NYCC to bring about change in locations where it is judged to be necessary.

Cllr Shaw and the clerk had met the Executive Headteacher outside school at 3.00 pm on 10 September 2021. They reported that they had observed a **busy but orderly half hour period** when children were being collected. All suggestions previously

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made were considered but the most noticeable issue was the **parking of cars on The Green outside Crakehall House**. This led to a suggestion from the Head that **mesh might be laid over this area** and that it could then be designated, (along with the strip on The Green over the road and meshed area beyond the church), as a **recommended area for parking**. This might have the advantage of extending the area available for the Police Speed Patrol Vehicle and could be used for other events where additional parking was required. Councillors considered this option but were concerned that designating areas on that side of the A684 may **increase the number of children crossing the busy road and create liability issues for the council if cars were damaged mounting kerbs**. On balance therefore it was agreed that **no action be taken** at this stage but the situation be monitored over the winter period.

CLlr Shaw had also done some work on the **criteria for qualifying for a School Crossing Patrol** and believes that applying 75 pupils and an average of 215 per half hour (from the council's traffic data) to the **Site Viability Graph puts the data point within Area B** – “SCP site not justified at initial assessment (Apply Part 4 of the procedure to verify the position)”. Part 4 of the procedure referenced involves giving weight to various criteria and a complicated equation which regrettably still led to a **shortfall in terms of qualification**

NYCC responded to the suggestion that the lane running alongside The Old School House should be designated for “**Access by Residents Only**” (rather than “Residents Parking Only”) with a brief statement that “access to a publicly maintained carriageway cannot be restricted to private use only”. **They will not process the request any further.**

2022 will be the year of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** and **Beacons will be lit all over the country on the 2 June 2022** to celebrate. As part of this, the council will organise the lighting of a beacon on The Green. And please note

The community is invited to organise events on The Green or elsewhere in the parishes to celebrate the Jubilee. Friday 3 June 2022 is the designated Bank Holiday for the Jubilee and Thursday 2 June will be the Spring Bank Holiday in 2022. The council would welcome ideas from individuals, groups and / or organisations and will consider paying a small grant to support events.

Please let the clerk have any proposals.

Concerns have been expressed about the extent of **weeds in the beck**. It was agreed to try to seek some **professional advice** about

this and the need for removal, spraying and / or dredging.

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 17 November 2021 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

For further details about any of the items in this newsletter and many 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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