

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council meeting on
Wednesday, 19 November 2025 at Crakehall Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present: Councillors Shaw (Chair), Randall (Vice-Chair), Stirke,
Ventham, and Wilson

Also present: 3 members of the public, Heather Lees (Police Liaison)

Apologies: Councillor Buckley, North Yorkshire Council Councillor
Weighell

Clerk: Mr R Williams

Items raised by members of the public

No items were raised.

1125/1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Buckley, and North
Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell.

1125/2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 July 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 17 September
2025 were approved and signed as a correct record.

1125/3. Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

1125/4. Police Reports

The Police Liaison presented the police reports for September and October 2025, as seen in the agenda attachments, and reported that North Yorkshire Police were wishing to remind parishioners of home security throughout the Christmas period, and encouraged the use of community forums for increased safety.

1125/5. Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided updates on the following:

- Planning applications ZB23/02346/LBC and ZB23/02395/FUL were granted on 23 October 2025, and planning application ZB24/02206/FUL was granted on 8 October 2025.

1125/6. Financial matters

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments for the period 1 September – 31 October 2025 and a budget monitoring statement for the total financial year to date.

The Clerk presented the report for setting the budget and precept and it was resolved that:

- The Parish Council would ask North Yorkshire Council for a total Precept of £14,000, and the proposed budgets as seen in the agenda attachments be approved.

1125/7. Play Equipment Review

The Clerk reported that the play equipment on the three play parks in Crakehall were overdue for an assessment, and that research into this was currently being undertaken.

1125/8. Tree Survey

The Clerk reported that a survey on the Lower Batts trees had been undertaken, but that a report was not yet available. This would be shared with Councillors in due course.

1125/9. Cemetery Trees and Hedges

The Clerk reported that three quotes had been sought after for work to be undertaken to trees at the Cemetery and Chapel. Ashley Emmel from Emmel Tree and Garden Services was in attendance to discuss his quote in further detail and it was resolved that:

- The quote from Emmel Tree and Garden Services of £600 for work to the trees be accepted.

1125/10. Langthorne Planning Application update

Councillor Stirke presented Councillors with an update to the planning application, reporting that the application had been granted despite claims from Highways that the Village Green needed to be deregistered before any work was undertaken.

It was resolved that:

- The Chair would escalate the Parish Council's concerns to the Corporate Director of Community Development, following comments recently made by North Yorkshire Council Councillor Thompson.

1125/11. Station Road Planning Application update

Councillor Buckley presented Councillors with an update to the planning application in that no reply had been received from her correspondence and it was resolved that:

- The Chair would escalate the Parish Council's concerns to the Corporate Director of Community Development.

1125/12. Car Parking on Crakehall Village Green

The Clerk reported that he had discussed a potential meeting with Crakehall Primary School to consider a joint approach through the car parking issue and it was resolved that:

- The Chair and Councillor Ventham would meet with the Heads of the school and Synergy to discuss this further.

1125/13. Grass Cutting - Pinfold

The Clerk reported that grass by the Pinfold in Crakehall had not been cut and it had been requested by a parishioner for this to be considered within the grass cutting tender for the following year.

1125/14. Crakehall Traffic Report

The Chair reported that following a request from a parishioner, the VASsign had been deployed at the Hackforth Road site after a long period of absence. The sign was in place from 15 September to 16 October 2025 and recorded a total of 10,007 vehicles with an 85th percentile speed of 29.3mph. A maximum speed of 45mph was recorded at 14.05 on Wednesday 17 September. The 85th percentile of 29.3mph was way below the level of 35mph at which North Yorkshire Police would consider taking action.

A request was also sent to North Yorkshire Highways to install flashing warning lights on either side of the junction of Mastil Lane with the A684 in Little Crakehall, as there had been an increase in the number of pupils crossing the A684 at this point in order to catch the bus to Leyburn/Richmond Secondary Schools. The Chair was still awaiting a response from North Yorkshire Highways at the time of the meeting.

1125/15. Footpaths

The Chair reported that through his correspondence he had confirmed with North Yorkshire Council that the footpath on Green Gate Lane [DS Comments] was set to become a public bridleway following a map modification order.

It was noted that the public footpath between Crakehall and Langthorne was overgrown and the crop needed clearing.

1125/16. Newsletter

The Chair reported that he and Councillor Ventham would be writing and distributing a Christmas newsletter to parishioners in December, following on from last year.

1125/17. Christmas Tree and Gifts

The Chair reported that parishioner Rob Exelby had offered to donate the Christmas Tree this year again like last year, and thanks was given from Councillors. The tree would be erected on 29 November.

Resolved:

- That Christmas gifts be bought on behalf of the Parish Council for parishioners: Malcolm and Kay Dennis, Paul Kind, Paul McGee, and Rob Exelby.

1125/18. Matters of Urgency (agreed with the chairman before the meeting)

There were no matters of urgency.

1125/19. Any Other Business (for information only)

It was noted that a traffic diversion sign had been left on the Village Green and needed removing.

1125/20. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: That the next meeting would be moved to Monday, 19 January 2026 at 7:30pm, subject to the Village Hall being available.

Reece Williams, Clerk to Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council, November 2025

These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council at its next meeting in January 2026.