

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council meeting on
Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at Crakehall Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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

Also present: 4 members of the public.

Apologies: North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell, Heather Lees
(Police Liaison).

Clerk: Mr R Williams

Items raised by members of the public

It was raised by one member of the public that daffodils were due to be delivered for planting along the roadside of the A684, from St. Edmunds cottages to the bus stop outside St. Gregory's Church.

0925/1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell, and Heather Lees (police liaison).

0925/2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 July 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 16 July 2025 were approved and signed as a correct record.

0925/3. Any Matters Arising

Minute No. 0725/12: It was noted that the power washer had now been purchased and delivered.

Minute No. 0725/15: Councillor Stirke noted that the bulbs for the village green would be delivered soon.

Minute No. 0725/20: The hedging along the road from Kirkbridge to Langthorne had now been strimmed.

Minute No. 0725/20: Councillors discussed the 'Meet the Parish Council Day' and confirmed that the event would take place on 12 October from 10:00am-12:00pm.

0925/4. Police Reports

The Chair presented the police reports for July and August 2025, as seen in the agenda attachments.

0925/5. Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided updates on the following:

- Giant Hogweed and Himalayan Balsam; It was reported that Giant Hogweed and Himalayan Balsam were due to be investigated by a contractor.
- The 'For Sale' sign erected on the Village Green in Crakehall had been removed.

0925/6. Financial matters

Councillors were advised that the bank balances for the current and savings accounts as at 31 August 2025 were £3,215.13 and £10,043.68 respectively.

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments for the period 1 May 2025 – 31 August 2025 and a budget monitoring statement for the total financial year.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council would be receiving a grant of £4,000 from Cllr. Weighell to be used towards the refurbishment of the Cemetery Chapel.

0925/7. Payments for approval

Resolved: That the following payments were approved:

- i. Crakehall Cricket Club Tree Maintenance = £540.
- ii. Reimbursement for purchase of wildflower seeds = £96.
- iii. Reimbursement for purchase of flowers for Langthorne Village Green = £30.

0925/8. Correspondence received – concerns regarding children’s safety on Village Green Park

Councillors considered a request from a member of the public to investigate the safety of the Village Green Play area and to consider installing a fence or barrier to protect children from running into the main A684 road.

Resolved: That the Clerk would research costs of fencing and options available.

0925/9. Correspondence received – speed and traffic concerns in the village

Councillors considered a request from a member of the public to investigate traffic concerns in Crakehall and to support the installation of traffic calming measures. The areas of concern detailed were

- i) The speed of vehicles entering Crakehall on the Hackforth Road and whether traffic calming measures such as those in Hackforth could be installed.
- ii) The safety of children crossing the road at the end of Mastil Lane, Little Crakehall in order to catch the school bus in the morning.

In relation to the speed of vehicles entering Crakehall on the Hackforth Road, the Chair confirmed that the VAS sign had not been deployed at this site for some time, but that the sign was now at this location and that the data obtained would be shared with the parishioner concerned. Previous data obtained from this site showed that the 85th percentile speed of vehicles was always less than 30mph. It was understood that it had taken Hackforth many years to get North Yorkshire Council (or Hambleton as it was previously) to agree to install the traffic calming measures in Hackforth and that Hackforth Parish Council had funded the project and were responsible for future maintenance.

The Chair would investigate this further. The Parish Council would also look into reinstating the Community Speed Watch programme on the Hackforth Road.

The Clerk reported that North Yorkshire Council was the authority responsible for the installation of traffic calming measures and that they would liaise with the Parish Council.

With regard to the safety of children crossing the road at the end of Mastil Lane to catch the school bus in the morning, the Chair reported that he was aware of this issue as the bus stop was outside his house and he himself regularly had problems exiting his property, because of vehicles accelerating up the hill from the bridge.

Councillors also discussed the possibility of requesting more visible 30mph markers at either entrance to Crakehall on the A684.

It was therefore resolved that:

- i. That the Clerk would research the Community Speedwatch.
- ii. That the member of the public who raised the issue would be shared speed data from the VAS and the Chair would contact North Yorkshire Highways regarding the possibility of installing flashing warning lights (similar to those currently in place on the Green in Great Crakehall) on either side of the bus stop as a warning to vehicles on the A684.

0925/10. Tree Management

The Clerk reported that a branch had been removed from the Weir which had previously collapsed at a cost of £840 plus VAT, paid under powers granted to the Clerk under clause 3.4 of the Financial Regulations.

Resolved:

- That the Clerk would commission a tree survey for the Lower Batts for urgent work to be undertaken following the removal of the branch from the Weir.
- That the Council brings forward a tree survey of the whole of the Parish to 2026, and would conduct full tree surveys every three years.

0925/11. Implementation of health and safety policies and update on parish volunteering

Councillors discussed the implementation of the health and safety policies and it was resolved that:

- The Health and Safety Policy would be approved with further amendments to be brought to members when necessary.

0925/12. Development on Station Road - update

Councillor Buckley provided an update to the development on Station Road and reported that the pathways authority had opened an investigation into the blocking of a footpath by the developer; she had been advised that the blocking of footpaths cannot be done without prior public consultation.

The ward councillor, North Yorkshire Council Councillor Weighell, and the local MP, Kevin Hollinrake, had been contacted regarding this matter and the development was now scheduled to be considered by members of the Richmond (Yorks) Area Planning Committee.

0925/13. Adaptation to policy for using Village Greens - update

The Chair presented to members at the meeting a draft version of a proposed form to be used for requesting use of the Village Green for an event, and following feedback it was resolved:

- That the form and adaptation to policy for using Village Greens be approved.

0925/14. Matters of Urgency (agreed with the chairman before the meeting)

There were no matters of urgency.

0925/15. Any Other Business (for information only)

It was discussed that the Parish Council was responsible for the repair of the wall of the allotment gardens and discussion on this would be added to the next agenda.

The next Parish Council newsletter would be produced shortly and delivered to all properties in the Parish with a view to promoting the ‘Meet the Parish Council’ event to held on Sunday 12th October.

**0925/16. Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday, 19 November 2025 at 7:30pm.**

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

These minutes remain as a draft until they are formally approved by Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council at its next meeting in November 2025.