

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council meeting on
Wednesday, 15 January 2025 at Crakehall Village Hall at 7:30pm

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

Also present: Two parishioners.

Clerk: Mr R Williams

Items raised by members of the public

No items were raised.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Heather Lees (police liaison), North Yorkshire Council Councillor
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2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 20 November 2024 were
approved and signed as a correct record.

3. Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Police Reports

The police reports for November and December 2024, as seen in the
agenda attachments, were read by the Chair.

5. Parish Clerk's Report

- **Broken fence at Crakehall Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that the fence at Crakehall Village Hall which
had collapsed had since been repaired by a local contractor.

- **Planning applications update since the last meeting**

Planning Applications October	ZB24/01973/HNA received 10/10/24 PROPOSAL: Application for hedgerow removal notice for removal of 20m of mixed species hedgerow LOCATION: Michary Lea Langthorne Bedale North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Ms Marianne McCallum	Granted 22/11/24.
December	ZB24/02206/FUL received 17/12/24 PROPOSAL: Construction of a detached dwelling LOCATION: Land Adjacent Michary Lea Langthorne Bedale APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs D Thompson	

6. Financial matters

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments for the period 1 November - 31 December 2024 and a budget monitoring statement for the year to date.

7. Draft Village Green Policy

The Chair provided an update on the development of a new Village Green policy and it was reported that within the new policy there are provisions to take action against those who park and/or drive across the Villagereen causing damage to the Green. The offenders would be liable for damages to the Green and would be expected to pay for any repair costs.

Councillors discussed the policy and it was agreed that the Chair would circulate a copy of the draft policy to Councillors for approval, subject to the inclusion of dispensations for parking on the Green for Crakehall Cricket Club on match days, and parking for funeral services at St. Gregorys church when required.

8. Village Hall Play Equipment Update

The Chair provided an update following Minute no. 8 of the last meeting, in which it was reported that the old play equipment had now been removed as of 7 January 2025, and that subject to the completion of the Localities Budget form, which was approved and signed by the Clerk at the meeting, the new play equipment would be approved to be installed at a later date, hopefully by the end of February 2025.

9. Development of a new grass cutting tender document

The Chair provided an update and shared a draft copy of a new grass cutting tender document with Councillors, and requested that feedback be provided following the meeting so that the tender could be issued as soon as possible and contracts could be awarded at the next parish council meeting scheduled for March 2025.

10. Car Parking on Crakehall Village Green

The Chair reported on comments that had been made by a parishioner and in reply noted that the most recent planning applications granted to St. Edmund's Cottages provided for guest parking on the paved area adjacent to St. Edmund's Cottages. A discussion took place regarding parking issues around the village green.

The Chair then provided an update on research into the installation of 'no parking' signs on the village green and reported that one sign would cost the council £30.80.

It was resolved that: The Chair would purchase on behalf of the Parish Council three 'no parking' signs (two for Crakehall Village Green, and one for Langthorne Village Green), and would research the possibility of installing notices on the village greens explaining the background of the signs.

11. Allotments on Mastil Lane

The Chair provided an update on the formation of a 'Crakehall Allotment Association' and reported that this was ongoing.

12. Langthorne Planning Application Update

Councillors discussed planning application ZB23/02395/FUL and the Chair commented on correspondence that had been received from the Commons Register in relation to this highlighting that the whole of the area included in the planning application was classed as Village Green included the trackway and as such was protected.

13. Traffic Flow through Crakehall

The Chair reported that the parish council's Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) which had been in place on the A684 in Little Crakehall (halfway down the hill leading to the bridge) over a period of just over two weeks from 13 November 2024 to 30 November 2024. The data recorded showed that with 85th percentile was 29.6mph, which is well below the speed at which North Yorkshire Police would take action. The Chair reported that the NY Police motorcycle radar officer had been in Little Crakehall for 1.5 hours on the day of the parish council meeting and the officer had reported to him that several offenders had been caught doing speeds in excess of 35 mph.

14. Newsletter

The Chair reported an update to the Newsletter and indicated that the publication had been put on hold in order to include policy changes previously discussed such as the bench policy, village green policy, and grass cutting tender document – this was now intended to be circulated by February 2025.

15. Website Update

The Clerk reported that the Government Digital Service (GDS) was asking Parish and Town Councils to consider moving to a .gov domain (including both website and email use), although this was not mandatory.

The Clerk noted that funding for help to councils regarding this had now ceased and it was resolved: That the Clerk would research this further and provide more information at a future meeting.

16. 80th Anniversary VE Day – 8 May 2025

Councillors discussed possible celebration ideas for the parish to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, on 8 May 2025.

Resolved: That the parish council supported the scheduling of an event in the parish on 10 May 2025 commemorating VE Day.

17. Matters of Urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

18. Any other business

Councillor Ventham reported that footpath no. 13 had since been cleared, following Minute No. 15 of the last meeting, and the council noted that further consideration of the protection of this footpath from future falling trees may be necessary.

It was noted that a section of wall had been removed adjacent to ‘Cobblestones’ on the Kirkbridge/Langthorne road, presumably to allow work to commence, relating to planning permission recently granted to the owners of ‘Cobblestones’, for the construction of an annexe to the property. The issue raised was whether the wall would be reinstated once the work had finished as there appeared to be no mention of this in the granted planning permission. Cllr Wilson informed the PC that he had recently sold a parcel of land adjacent to ‘Cobblestones’ for the purposes of constructing a parking area to this property. Cllr. Wilson had been shown plans to this effect, but none seemed to be available on the North Yorkshire Planning Portal. The council noted that the Chair would make enquiries regarding this.

The parish council noted compliments that had been received regarding the parish’s Christmas tree in December 2024, and councillors discussed the possibility of the council planting its own fir tree for use for future Christmases.

The Chair reported that the broken signpost near the layby on Bedale Road had now replaced.

The Chair reported a correction to a previous agreement with Quickline in that it was now understood that the council would be reimbursed for its purchase of a new noticeboard by Quickline, rather than Quickline purchasing the noticeboard on behalf of the council.

19. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at 7.30pm in Crakehall Village Hall.

Reece Williams

Clerk to Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council

January 2025

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