

Crakehall with
Langthorne Parish
Council's
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The latest meeting of the council was held on **18 September 2019** and was attended by 5 Parish Councillors and 13 Parishioners. The key points from the meeting are as follows:

The possibility of taking on responsibility for cutting **areas of grass that are currently NYCC's responsibility** is being investigated. A price for cutting the additional areas will be obtained and compared to the funding NYCC will make available.

The request for **some additional grass cutting on the Lower Batts** was considered and it was agreed that the areas should be given a one-off cut by the contractors. The decision about the request for three cuts per year thereafter will be taken before the next cutting season.

Further to the discussions at the last meeting and the reference to the existence, or otherwise, of **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes** across the parishes, it seems very unlikely that all areas across the parishes are covered. It was agreed that the coordinator for the Langthorne area should be asked to register the scheme on the national database and volunteers be sought, via this newsletter, for coordinators for areas in Crakehall not currently covered. **Please contact the clerk if you are interested.**

Action has now been taken **to remove the existing rooks' nests** from trees along Church Lane.

Phase 2 of the Play Park developments were discussed in light of decisions taken at the last meeting, the response of some parishioners to those decisions, the recent inspection of all three playgrounds and the funds currently held by the council. It was agreed that it was **important to move forward to seek a way forward that was as acceptable to as many members of the community as possible.** On that basis, and in order to not lose the £4000 Make a Difference Grant that has been allocated by Hambleton District Council, **it was suggested**

by a parishioner and agreed by the council that:

- Hambleton be asked if the grant that has been allocated for the replacement of the playpark on The Green could instead be added to the funds already raised locally and put towards some replacement equipment and some renovation of existing equipment at the same location.
- Quotations be sought for work to renovate all the current equipment on The Green (except the see-saw). This would include all the recommendations made in the recent inspection.
- The costs of a replacing the see-saw be investigated.
- The findings of all these investigations be reported back to councillors asap with an additional meeting of the council being convened, if necessary.

It was also agreed that the recommendations of the recent inspection in relation to the **play equipment at the Village Hall and on The Batts** be actioned if at no cost or costed for further discussion at the next meeting.

A Vehicle Activated Sign has been ordered for deployment on the A684 near Mastil Lane and near the crossroads on The Green. Regrettably, because of concerns about the

weight of the sign, Hambleton District Council will not give permission for their lamp-post near Mastil Lane to be used. **An additional post will therefore have to be procured from NYCC** at a cost of £500.00. It was agreed to see if the cost of installing the post could be reduced by contacting NYCC's approved contractors directly.

The police had undertaken a significant number of **speed camera sessions in August** and, as a result, there was an increase in the numbers of offenders compared to 2018.

Hackforth Road had been approved some time ago as a **Community Speed Watch area** and Cllr Holt, Darren Ventham and Lionel Green had been trained in the use of the equipment. Four people are required for each Community Speed Watch session so Cllr Shaw agreed to join the group.

The **road surfacing work around areas of The Green** was completed in early August and feedback about the work has been generally good. However, there is some concern about **some of the kerbs already breaking up**. **Cllr Neale is pursuing the matter**. All the **white posts that were removed during the work will be replaced** (in addition to other remedial work on posts around The Green as

agreed at the last meeting). A request to mark with **white lines the footpaths around the pub** was considered and it was agreed that Cllr Neale would try to find a low-cost way of proceeding.

Cemetery charges were reviewed and changes made to current rates. Cllr Wilson, as the lead councillor, would undertake a further walk round **Risk Assessment**.

Cllr Shaw will contact Sharon Neale about **replanting daffodil bulbs around The Green** and will pay for some additional planting on The Batts.

Cllr Neale agreed to explore the least expensive way of **removing the elders, stones and earth from the cemetery**. This might involve attempting to sell the stones and earth.

The **deterioration of the tarmac around the small green near West Terrace** on Station Road will be noted in the Repairs & Maintenance Plan for future action.

The clerk will get a price for **strengthening or replacing fence posts near the playgrounds** at the Village Hall and on The Batts and on the little green in Mastil Lane.

The clerk will also get a price for attending to the **plane tree on The Green** that is encroaching into the churchyard.

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. As ever, there will be an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting for parishioners to raise any matters of concern.

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