Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council's

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The last meeting of the Parish Council was held by video conference on **13 January 2021 and attended by Councillors Shaw, Beal, Wilson, and Mallinson**. District Councillors Les and Barningham, County Councillor Weighell and Myra Shield were also present. The key points from the meeting are:

PCSO Gary Smith Owen presented the regular Police Report and highlighted the key **crime and ASB statistics** (which included one attempted burglary in Crakehall). He also spoke about some breaches of the current Covid-19 restrictions, the on-going work to prevent **poaching** and a number of **frauds and scams currently** circulating.

Caroline Strudwick from Hambleton District Council joined the meeting to advise on the procedures that would need to be followed should the council wish to apply to **Historic England to list any buildings, structures or areas of interests.** Councillors will return to the matter at their next meeting.

Despite assurances in November from NYCC that work to **repair the railings outside St Edmunds Holiday Cottages, the railings alongside the beck on the old main road and the wooden fence on the little green on Mastil Lane** would be undertaken as a "matter of urgency", no repairs had yet taken place. **Cllr Weighell** agreed to take up these delays with NYCC Officers.

The work to **replace the stones at various locations on The Green with posts** was undertaken in December 2020 and has been welcomed by most residents. However, not everyone is entirely happy! Councillors felt that part of the difficulty was that the **posts still required painting white a**nd so currently they did not look particularly attractive or visible. So, those residents who are currently unhappy with them will asked to review their concerns after they've been painted. Also, most, if not all, of the white stones which were replaced by **posts have now been "relocated" to protect other areas of The Green**. So, at the next meeting the council will decide if other areas should be protected by posts and whether the "new" stones should be removed or replaced by posts.

At the last meeting of the council, **m**embers agreed that action should be taken to deal with the two **Play Equipment items** that had been assessed as posing a **Medium Risk.** Cllr Neale subsequently recommended that **the timber shelter required re-roofing** and offered to undertake the work if materials could be paid for by the council. This was agreed. **Cllr Neale has also agreed to remove the planter at the village hall.**

Cllr Shaw presented the latest data from the Vehicle Activated Sign and Police patrols. There was now some **evidence that the number of speeding offences and 85th percentile speeds have gone down.**

Councillors discussed how best to identify the **meshed area on The Green used by the Police Patrol Van** following the recent incident when the van came off the area and caused damage to the grass. The area was currently **marked by small white flags** and this was agreed as a reasonable long-term arrangement.

The **formal application has been made to Highways for a 20mph limit** from the existing Playground signpost in Little Crakehall to the existing School sign near the petrol station. The Head of the school has written a **letter in**

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support of the application. A request has also been made for a **flashing light to be attached to the existing Playground Signpost** in Little Crakehall. A response is awaited.

In response to concerns about noise levels on the A684 in Little Crakehall a **formal request was made to NYCC for the road to be resurfaced** so that large vehicles could have a smoother (and therefore less noisy journey). A detailed response was received describing the industry standard criteria applied for road re-surfacing work and indicating that the surface in question does not meet those criteria. On that basis, **it is most unlikely that any work will be undertaken before 2023 at the earliest.**

The council is always keen to **keep parishioners informed of current issues and council decisions.** So, in addition to all current lines of communication, parishioners will be invited to join **an email list s**o that minutes and newsletters can be sent directly to them. If you would like to put your name on the list please email the clerk at cwlpc.clerk@gmail.com Also, **the newsletter will now be displayed on noticeboards** for a quick read alternative to the full minutes.

Concerns had been expressed recently by parishioners about **a large tree trunk sitting in the beck at the bottom of the weir** and a **large fallen tree across the beck and others in poor condition** near Guyzance. The **Environment Agency** had been alerted to the tree in the beck and it has been moved. It was agreed to contact the **Marquis of Downshire's agents** about the others as that part of the beck is their responsibility.

In order to make the **Old Chapel in the cemetery** completely weatherproof some **work to the roof and guttering is needed**. A number of contractors were invited to provided estimates and **one has now been appointed.** The council will consider the future purpose of the chapel at its next meeting.

Members considered three quotations for the job of updating **www.crakehall.org.uk** in order to make it comply with the **accessibility standards** now expected of public authorities, Councillors felt that it would be appropriate to commit to the standards and so they appointed a contractor to undertake the work.

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 17 March 2021 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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