

Crakehall with
Langthorne Parish
Council's

Bimonthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the second edition of the Parish Council's new newsletter which is now delivered every other month to every household in the parish as soon as possible after each council meeting. We hope this will keep all residents updated with news of the business the council has been considering, the decisions that it's taken and its plans for the future. Many thanks for all the positive comments that have been made about the first edition. All further comments, (positive or negative), will be carefully considered as we try to make improvements for the benefit of everyone living, working or visiting the parish.

The last meeting of the Parish Council was on 20 September 2018. It was attended by five councillors and 14 parishioners and the key points from a packed agenda include the following:

A **steel storage container** has now been purchased and will be installed on site at the rear of the village hall in October. The village hall will share use of the container and, on that basis, has agreed to pay 1/3 of the costs.

A new **noticeboard**, made by Alan Godlee from Langthorne, has now been fixed to the rear of the bus shelter in **Mastil Lane**.

On the basis of the recent traffic survey, it seems that **Crakehall falls somewhat short of the further speed enforcement criteria set by the Police and Highways**. However, significant concerns remain and various actions will continue to be taken by the council. The local MP will also be contacted and **a sub-group of councillors and parishioners will be established to pursue all possibilities. Parishioners with an interest in joining the group are invited to let the clerk know as soon as possible.**

A full survey of trees around The Green, on The Batts and in the cemetery has been commissioned from Barnes Associates. The survey **will take place on 1 October 2018.**

Councillor Neale has agreed to remove trees and the debris that has fallen during the recent storm.

Further advice will be taken **about how best to deal with the nuisance caused by rooks** nesting near Church Lane but the most appropriate way forward seems to be to

cause **disruption at the roost site for a few nights**. Andrew Nelson has agreed to help with this process and it will begin after work to the trees (which seems very likely to be necessary after the tree survey).

Councillor Neale had arranged for councillors to test a number of mowers which could be used for grass cutting around the village. He shared the information about their suitability and costs and this was then compared with the current arrangements. Whilst there was some interest in purchasing the lowest price machine on offer, at just over £5000, there was some concern about the sustainability of using volunteers (particularly in relation to strimming). **So, it was agreed that, before this option was considered again at the next meeting, a call for volunteers would be made. If you are interested in helping please contact the clerk asap.**

The number of parishioners responding to the recent **Satisfaction Survey** was low, around 10%, but it was heartening to note that 83% of those who responded declared themselves as very satisfied or satisfied with their village. The issues and concerns can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns about speeding.
- Issues around the condition and / or tidiness of the villages.
- Issues specific to particular areas and / or parishioners.

If you have any issues that you would like the Parish Council to discuss please contact Chris McGee, Clerk to the Council:
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- Issues around the way the council conducts its business and how accessible and transparent it is.

A plan setting out the actions the council intends to take in response to the issues will be agreed at the next council meeting.

The new **Crakehall village signs**, sourced by Councillor Holt, have been installed by Martyn Mongon. And, following a concern expressed by a resident, one of the **30 mph signs** at the northern entrance to **Langthorne** will be replaced.

It has been agreed to proceed with the purchase of a **defibrillator and cabinet for Langthorne** even though a temporary installation may need to be made in Langthorne until the telephone kiosk becomes available. BT has been approached with regard to the adoption of the kiosk (for £1) but has advised that they require a 90-day period of consultation with the District Council about the withdrawal of the telephone service. And, as the kiosk is listed, the District Council's Planning Department also has to be consulted. **Suggestions and / or offers for temporary locations in Langthorne would be welcomed. Please contact the clerk.**

Wickstead's **annual inspection of the play equipment** on The Green and at the Village Hall took place on 5 September. The

inspector was very impressed with the repairs to the slide at the village hall following last year's inspection but some work is required in relation to the equipment on The Green. **A local contractor is being contacted to get prices for remedial work.**

"There But Not There" is a 2018 Armistice project aiming to inspire communities to purchase and install silhouettes of their local Fallen, to educate all generations about why they made the sacrifice and to raise very substantial funds to help heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of war. The council has **agreed to pay at least 50% of the cost of purchasing a life size aluminum silhouette. with contributions being sought from elsewhere and by fundraising. If you would like to contribute please contact the clerk.**

The council would be very grateful if anyone wishing to donate an appropriately sized **Christmas Tree** for display on The Village Green in December could **contact the clerk.**

The **Playground Sub-Committee is to be reconvened** so that funding towards Phase 2, new equipment for the Village Green, can be pursued.

The council is considering **work to improve the road surface leading up to the school and pub** and has considered quotations for re-tarmacking. It's expensive so, before a final decision is taken, the council wants to

consider funding options and the implications for other parts of the village of doing this particular piece of work. The council has also been asked to **consider the possibility of putting kerbs alongside the green areas and / or putting a footpath in Church Lane.** The council will return to these issues at its next meeting.

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

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