

Crakehall with Langthorne  
Parish Council's  
Bimonthly Newsletter  
August 2018

Welcome to the Parish Council's new newsletter which will be delivered every other month to every household in the parish. The newsletter will be published as soon as possible after each council meeting so that all residents can be updated with news of the business the council has been considering, the decisions that it's taken and its plans for the future. The council is very grateful to the volunteers who deliver the church newsletter who have also now taken on the task of delivering this newsletter. It is hoped that the newsletter – and indeed the survey which accompanies this first edition – will stimulate more interest in the work of the council and, more widely, encourage as many folk as possible to become actively involved in their community.

The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of every other month in Crakehall Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The last meeting, attended by 18 parishioners, was on 19 July when a packed agenda included discussions and decisions on a wide range of issues including:

**Darren Ventham was co-opted onto the council** following statements by the three candidates,

questions from councillors and a secret ballot. Thanks to Darren, David Shaw and Peter Lohmeyer for putting their names forward.

**PCSO Ian MacDonald** provided reported crime statistics for the area and commented on the summer drink and drug driving campaign.

**Malcolm Young from the Bedale Town Twinning Association** spoke about the arrangements being made for Bedale to twin with Azay-sur-Cher in the Loire region of France and the wider benefits and opportunities for the area.

Thanks were given to **Andrew Shield** for taking on the role of **Cemetery Groundsman** and for restoring the cemetery to its former tidiness. Arrangements were put in hand to deal with unnecessary rubbish being left in the fire pit and concerns about some trees.

The final accounts for the **Tour de Yorkshire Day** were presented and showed that the council's contribution was just over £500 out of the net expenditure of £4354.23. This excludes donations of just under £1000 each that were made to Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Playground Fund so, in every respect, it was a very successful day. However, some parishioners felt that it was now time for the decorations to be removed.

Four youngsters from Crakehall have volunteered to weed and plant **The Pinfold**, with the assistance and support of their parents, to bring it back to its former glory. Their offer was gratefully agreed. The Fabulous Four hope to begin work in mid-August.

**Councillor Dave Holt** spoke of his efforts (and frustration) in trying to get the relevant authorities to take action to reduce **speeding through Crakehall**. Two speed surveys were approved in order to provide further evidence of the problem and the possibility of having a School Crossing Patrol is being investigated by North Yorkshire County Council. Vehicle Activated Speed signs are likely to become available for purchase in September so the council will consider that possibility too at that time.

Some **potholes** near the school have been patched by Councillors Neale and Thompson but the condition of that road and the road near the church continue to be major concerns. The cost of kerbing part of the road leading to the school will be investigated by Councillor Neal. He will also meet with residents of Church Lane to assess further the problems there.

Concerns had been expressed by parishioners living near the church about the **condition of some of the trees around the green**. It was agreed take advice from an Independent Tree Surgeon on the action that is required. Action will also be taken to remove some fallen trees on the Lower Batts and some re-planting may be possible. Mr Francis kindly agreed to donate some saplings.

Concerns had also been expressed by parishioners living near the church about the **nuisance caused by increased numbers of rooks** living in the trees. Destroying nests and / or culling seemed to be

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possibilities but expert advice is needed. Councillor Holt will pursue the matter.

The current arrangements for **grass cutting in Crakehall** were not felt to be keeping The Green in an acceptable condition. Alternatives to using a contractor, perhaps using volunteers on a rota basis, will be considered at the next meeting but before then Councillor Neal will arrange for a free demonstration of the sort of machine that may need to be purchased.

The **Village Signs on the A684 and the Hackforth Road** are deteriorating and therefore will be replaced. The new signs will feature a Yorkshire Rose and "Welcome Careful Drivers".

Following the installation of **defibrillators** in Great and Little Crakehall, the purchase and installation of one in the phone box in **Langthorne** was agreed (provided costs can be contained below £1500).

***The Next Meeting of the council will be on 20 September 2018 with the next newsletter scheduled for delivery by 1 October 2018.***

The information presented here is necessarily brief. The full minutes of the last meeting of the council which contain much more detail are now available at [www.crakehall.org.uk](http://www.crakehall.org.uk)

Award Winning Village!!!



Have you seen this yet?

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