

Crakehall with  
Langthorne Parish  
Council's  
Bimonthly Newsletter  
(and Covid-19 Advice)  
April 2020  
Number 11

The latest meeting of the council was scheduled to be held on **18 March 2020** but was **cancelled** in light of government advice about **covid-19**. However, arrangements for remote decision-making were agreed by all councillors in order to take **urgent decisions** and maintain continuity of business for the council on behalf of all parishioners whilst avoiding face to face meetings. Emergency legislation is anticipated which may formalise these arrangements or offer some similarly safe alternatives but, until then, **the arrangements for remote decision making will continue to apply**. The following decisions have been taken in relation to agenda items for 18 March:

The proposal by Farm and Land Services for **maintaining the cemetery grounds** was accepted together with the proposal for a pre-season "tidy up". Decisions on hedge-cutting and sale of equipment were deferred to a later date.

Cllr Neale will pursue, as a matter of urgency, a second quote for **repairs to the fence near the Play Park on The Batts**.

The post (to offer a **third location for the Vehicle Activated Sign**) paid for with the donation from **Graham Sizer** will be located, subject to NYCC's approval, at the entrance to the village on Hackforth Road (behind the village sign).

It was agreed to accept **Myra Shield's offer** of having remedial and **improvement work done alongside the church wall** by volunteers and donations of materials but, on the condition, that it would be done to the specifications outlined by Cllr Neale.

**No objections** were raised in relation to **planning applications** for the construction of a first-floor side extension at 1 Coronation Road or the construction of a single storey extension at 15 Ashdowne Court. However, **the application for 21**

**residential dwellings on land to the north of Crakehall Water Mill was opposed**. Concerns were expressed about the number of dwellings and additional pressure on infrastructure (particularly as the increase in the number of vehicle movements appears to have been seriously underestimated).

Councillors noted concerns expressed by some residents about the state of the bankside opposite the Play Park on The Batts. The land in question was understood to be the responsibility of NYCC but the clerk will approach the owner of The Birches first so that further information might be received.

**The Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the next Parish Council are scheduled for Wednesday 20 May 2020 but it seems likely, even at this stage, that they will need to be cancelled.**

The newsletter is necessarily very brief on this occasion. For further details about any of the items and others not included here please see the decision record at the Parish Council section of [www.crakehall.org.uk](http://www.crakehall.org.uk)

## COVID-19

**Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council** is concerned for the health and well-being of all its residents at this difficult time. The council has no direct responsibilities in relation to this matter but urges everyone to follow the advice given by the relevant national and local agencies. The council is particularly concerned about the elderly, the vulnerable and folk who live alone and so it urges everyone to pull together as one strong, caring and supportive community.

Most villages and areas are setting up groups to make sure that everyone is looked after. Crakehall and Langthorne are no exceptions – lots of people have offered help but may want some practical advice about how they can do it. So, please free to complete and copy the card below and then post it through the doors of neighbours. Most people have family, friends or neighbours to help them if they need to stay at home for an extended length of time but some have no one they can call on or need additional help. Your support could make a massive difference to their physical and mental health.

**Hello...** If you are self isolating, elderly or vulnerable, we can help

My name is .....

I live locally at .....

My phone number is .....

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health and Support	

THIS NEW CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IS CONTAGIOUS. PLEASE TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO ENSURE YOU ARE ONLY SPREADING KINDNESS AND NOT VIRUSES. AVOID PHYSICAL CONTACT (2M DISTANCE) WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS REGULARLY. ITEMS SHOULD BE LEFT ON DOORSTEP (WHERE POSSIBLE).

Also, **BEDALE COVID-19 MUTUAL AID** has been set up with a 24-hour helpline to make sure that everyone in the Bedale area can get help.

**HELPLINE: 01677 455056**

If you ring, you will hear a recorded message asking for your name, address and phone number and a brief description of why you need help. Someone will ring you back, though it may not be immediately – but they will

check messages throughout the day and into the evening.

- They have lists of local people who have offered to help in many ways.
- They will do their very best to put you in touch with someone who can help you in the way you need.
- They will ask any volunteer coming to you to phone you so that you know their name and expected time of arrival.
- If you are self-isolating, the volunteer will talk to you from a safe distance.

Please note that we have not been able to have this newsletter printed and distributed to all houses in the parishes in the usual way. It is being distributed in Langthorne but otherwise is only being published on-line at [www.crakehall.org.uk](http://www.crakehall.org.uk) and on the "All Crakehall Great and Little" Facebook page. If you know someone who is unlikely to have seen it because of that – particularly if you think they would find the information about covid-19 support helpful – please copy it and put it through their letterbox. Thank you and very best wishes and good health to you all.

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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