

CRAYKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2015 In the Sports Hall, Crayke at 7.30 pm

Present: Parish Councillors: J. Wright (Chair), C. Merritt (Vice-Chair), S. Featherstone, L. Hartley, T. Moverley, N. Jackson, M. Pepper, C. Cllr C Patmore, D Councillor N. Knapton and M. Fielding (Clerk)

Parochial electors: 1

Public Consultation.

Declarations of Interest: L. Hartley declared an interest in Planning Application 15/01989/FUL

1. Apologies. Apologies had been received from D. Councillor G. Ellis

2. Minutes

2.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 21st July 2015

S. Featherstone proposed and N. Jackson seconded and all agreed that these be signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Vehicle parked on access track opposite school (11.1) The status of piece of land is not certain. If land is not Village Green, then cars can be parked up to 15 m from highway. No further complaints have been received. Council agreed to monitor situation and write a letter if further complaints were received.

3.2 Caravan parked near Oulston Crossroads (11.2) The caravan had been reported and visited by Council. N. Jackson and T. Moverley reported that it was still in field. Cllr Knapton to follow up.

4. Finance

4.1 Current Financial Position. The current cash in bank is £7,496.20. This is a variation from the last meeting of £875.67. Three payments had been made with a total of £1094.31: £641.31 to HDC for Parish Elections, £384.00 to A & J Corner for new posts and £69.00 to Yorkshire Local Councils Association. The last payment was agreed between meetings as it was believed that due to the ongoing dispute over the Right of Way to Crayke Hall, that it was a matter of urgency that the Council

receive advice from YLCA. The payment was proposed by M. Pepper and seconded by J. Wright and all agreed that Crayke Parish Council join YCLA.

4.2 Return of Annual Accounts. These are currently displayed on the Parish notice board. Next year, the Annual Accounts will be done earlier in line with the Transparency Code.

5. Correspondence

A list of the correspondence received since the July meeting was circulated. A copy of this list and access to any of the listed correspondence is available on request to the clerk.

The Clerk brought attention to the new Transparency Code which will be an agenda item at next meeting. Bursaries of £100 are available to set up new websites.

A letter had been received from the owner of Crayke Castle informing the Council of his intention to demolish the reservoir and asking for views. The Chair had requested that he contact Hambleton District Council.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications. The clerk reported the current Parish related planning applications status as follows:

15/00469/MRC	Rose Cottage, Crayke	Variation of condition	Ongoing
15/00471/MRC	Rose Cottage,	Variation of condition	Ongoing
15/01330/FUL	Low Stott Farm	Extension and decking	Permitted
15/01660/FUL	The Old Garage	Change of Use: workshop to dwelling	Ongoing
15/01989/FUL	Springfield, Brandsby Street	Demolition of existing dormer bungalow and construction of a two storey dwelling house	Ongoing

6.2 Planning Application – 15/01989/FUL (Springfield)

L. Hartley left meeting after declaration of interest in the above application. Crayke Parish Council discussed the application at meeting due to concerns of neighbours which have been reported to Council. The Council agreed that the plans for new house do not reflect village vernacular which should include small, flat-fronted windows. The plans are modelled on houses further up the street with bay and dormer windows. The plans do not include details of bricks that are to be used. Another issue was lack of privacy for neighbours.

Decision: As the current bungalow is not in keeping with village vernacular and the Conservation Area, the Council approved the demolition of the present building. However, due to the above reasons, the Council rejected the application for the construction of the two storey house.

6.3 Trees at Castle

Crayke Parish Council agreed that more trees had been removed than HDC had approved. There are no preservation orders on the trees but healthy, sound trees have been removed. Hambleton District Council have spoken to the owner of Crayke Castle and have requested information on future plans but have not stopped felling of trees.

7. Neighbourhood Watch and Local Policing Report

Our local area has suffered little crime recently. This may not continue for long as some parts of the County have been experiencing an increase in both house and shed burglaries.

8. Road Problems.

8.1 General Maintenance of Roads in Parish.

Councillor Patmore had taken members of NYCC Highways to inspect the roads. It has been noted that the road near castle and that the road to Brandsby is in a very bad state of repair.

9. Steps

A letter (dated 10 Sept) had been received from Lupton Fawcett, the solicitors representing the owners of Crayke Hall. The letter states that:

- The bottom step and the posts are erected in the right of way
- Crayke Parish Council has not protected the Village Green over the years and have allowed erosion to take place which has encroached on right of way
- The current problem is exacerbated by persons parking on the right of way.

The Clerk is still in discussion with the Insurance Company over the policy cover as Came and Co are refusing to cover legal costs. The Clerk has been in discussion with DAS legal expenses who act on behalf of Came and Co.

Decisions: The Council unanimously agreed that it had not made an incursion into the right of the way.

The Council unanimously agreed not to remove the posts

In view of the situation with the Council's Insurers, the Council unanimously agreed to appoint an interim solicitor and agreed to a sum of £2,000 to spend.

The Council unanimously agreed to consider erecting signage on right of access in accordance with the powers granted to the Council and in consultation with parishioners using the right of access
The Council unanimously agreed to research the causes and subsequent prevention of alleged bank erosion.

10. Matters for further discussion.

J. Wright thanked T. Moverley and G Chothia for mending bench. Clerk to write to G. Chothia. The bench is in need of revarnishing. J. Wright asked T. Moverley to survey benches.

Clerk to contact M. Dawson about grass cutting of Village Green.

11. Date and time of the next ordinary meeting.

The next Ordinary Meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at Crayke Sports Hall at 7.30 pm.