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CRAYKE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2015
In the Sports Hall, Crayke**

Present: J. Wright (Chairman), G. Dawson, L. Hartley, N Jackson, C. Merritt, T. Moverley, C. W. Wood, C Cllr C Patmore and G. Chothia (Clerk)

Parochial electors: 3.

Prior to the meeting:

A. Public consultation:

B. Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from D Cllr C Cookman.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 January 2015.

G. Dawson proposed, L. Hartley seconded and all agreed that these be signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Clerk's Replacement. The Chairman introduced Melissa Fielding who would be taking over, from Guy Chothia, as Parish Clerk from the 5 April 2015.

Tree in Jack Lane. The Chairman explained that Mr J. Craven the owner of Church Farm, who was present at the meeting, had a proposal that should he be able to find the funding he would employ the necessary tree surgeon to carry out the work. The Chairman explained that because the tree was located on a Bridleway, within the AONB and Conservation area this would not be possible as there was nothing identifiably wrong with the tree and obstruction of a view would not be an acceptable justification for trimming/pollarding. Mr J. Craven accepted the Chairman's explanation and thanked the meeting prior to leaving.

Posts by Church Wall. The Clerk reported that A & S Corner should be replacing the posts in the near future.

Castle Field Path. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr S. Hill, Crayke Castle owner about the possibility of a permissive path but, in light of the damage to the signs and the fence by some walkers, he was disinclined to consider any suggestion of allowing access across Castle Field and would contest any application for a Right of Way.

Decision. The Parish Council considered that the vandalism that amounted to Criminal Damage, by a few inconsiderate walkers, had undermined their ability to persuade the Castle Owner to consider a Permissive Path and with the existence of the adjacent Public Footpath there was no further action to be taken.

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It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would write an article for the Parish News reminding walkers of the correct position of the public right of way.

4. Finance.

4.1. Current Financial Position. The current Cash in Bank was £8417.87. This was a variation from the last meeting of minus £22.86 as a result of payment to J. Wright for advertising the Clerks post and receipt of £21.94 from Northern Electric for a Wayleave payment.

4.2. Cheques. The Clerk advised that annual renewal of the CPRE Membership at a cost of £36.00 (an increase of £7 over last year) was now due if the PC wished to continue membership.

Decision. The Chairman proposed, N. Jackson seconded and all agreed that membership be continued and a cheque be raised for £36.00.

A Cheque was required for the sum of £60.00 payable to the Crayke Sports & Social Club for the annual use of the Club by the Parish Council for its meetings.

Decision. The Chairman proposed, C. W. Wood seconded and all agreed that membership be continued and a cheque be raised for £36.00.

External Audit. The Clerk reported that the forms for completion of the Annual External Audit had been received.

5. Correspondence.

A list of the correspondence received since the January 2015 meeting was circulated. A copy of this list and access to any of the listed correspondence is available on request to the Clerk.

6. Planning.

Planning Applications. The Clerk reported the current Parish related Planning Application status as follows:

14/00360/FUL	Oak Cottage Church Hill	Conversion of Garage & Workshop to a dwelling	On-going
14/02111/FUL	Crayke Cottage Daffy Lane	Installation of 3 rows ground mounted solar panels	Withdrawn
15/00002/FUL	Ivy Lodge, 3 Crabtree Close	Internal Alterations, two storey extension & patio area & construction new dormer window	Approved
15/00160/FUL	Rose Cottage, Crayke	Installation of roof mounted PV panels	PC App On-going
15/00278/CAT	Crayke Castle	Work on Trees	Granted
15/00469/MRC	Rose Cottage, Crayke	Variation of condition	PC Circulation
15/00471/MRC	Rose Cottage,	Variation of condition	PC Circulation

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7. **Neighbourhood Watch and Local Policing Report.**

C.W. Wood reported that things had been quiet in Crayke. There was a new Inspector D. Murray now in post and that there had been a break-in at the jewellers in Easingwold.

8. **Road Problems.**

8.1. Road Surfaces. It was reported that very little work was being carried out to rectify the myriad of potholes in the area and that C. Merritt had almost completed the letter agreed to at the last meeting.

8.2. Cobbled Gullies. It was agreed that there was currently no way forward with achieving proper repair to the Cobbled Gullies in Crayke but the Clerk would continue to liaise with Coxwold.

8.3. Grass Cutting. The Clerk reported that he had contacted NYCC on 2 further occasions for clarification of what grass cutting they thought they carried out in Crayke and what work was actually carried out as most of it was done by adjacent householders. A reply was still awaited.

9. **Broadband.** The Chairman reported that work on connecting parishioners to the Broadband infrastructure was slowly progressing with delays and some reported difficulties.

10. **Parish Council Elections 7 May 2015.** The Clerk stated that he had distributed Nomination Papers to the existing Parish Councillors and that they could either return them direct to the Returning Officer at HDC or pass them to him for checking and he would send them on. It was reiterated that the completed forms had to be in by 4 pm on the 9 April 2015.

Cllr G. Dawson advised that he did not intend to be nominated for a further term on the Parish Council.

The Clerk stated that it would not be known until after the 10 April if there had been more than 7 Nominations and as a consequence there would have to be a Crayke Parish Council election on the 7 May 2015.

11. **Matters for further discussion.**

Church Steps Post. N. Jackson presented the meeting with a letter he had been passed by Mr Frew, Crayke Hall with regards to the Oak posts protecting the Church Steps. The contents of the letter were considered but it was felt that:

- a. The Parish Council is not legally allowed to provide more of the village green to change the entrance to the property.
- b. The posts are in line with the unmoved church steps which are on the Village Green. Therefore, the existing right of access has not been reduced in width. The posts are simply stopping vehicles from leaving the right of access and driving over the Church Steps on the Village Green. Such action has been

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the cause of the repeated (and unreported) hazardous damage in the past. The posts are deemed necessary for the Parish Council to comply with its statutory duty of maintaining the Village Green.

- c. The installation of the posts has also reduced erosion of the steep bank between the steps and the boundary of Crayke Hall that is part of the Green; again caused by incursion of vehicles onto the Village Green.
- d. Given the fact that Crayke is a conservation area and the property has a prominent position on the Village Green it was believed that planning permission may be required to change the gateway.

N. Jackson stated that he had discussed with Mr Frew the possibility of placing some large stones on the edge of the green between his gateway and the steps to give a warning when a vehicle deviated from the drive.

Decisions: It was agreed that the Chairman would write and inform Mr Frew of the Parish Council's response to his letter. It was not considered appropriate to place stones as suggested by N. Jackson.

12. Date and time of the next ordinary meeting: The next Ordinary Meeting will take place on the 19 May 2015 following the AGM and Parish Assembly starting at 7 PM.