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CRAYKE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2015
In the Sports Hall, Crayke**

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

Parochial electors: Nil.

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 N Jackson and C Cllr C Patmore.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 November 2014.

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Clerk's Replacement. The Chairman reported that there had been 3 applicants for the post of Clerk to the Parish Council and that interviews would take place in the near future.

Posts by Church Wall. The Clerk reported that despite approaching 2 other fencing companies they had failed to come back with quotations.

Decision: As the Financial Standing Orders only required 2 quotations for expenditure in excess of £500 it was proposed by G Dawson, seconded by C. Merritt and all agreed that the quotation from A & S Corner be accepted.

4. Finance.

4.1. Current Financial Position. The current Cash in Bank was £8440.73. This was a variation from the last meeting of minus £168.00 as a result of payment to M. L. Dawson for the annual grass cutting of the Green.

4.2. Cheques. The Clerk required a cheque to be raised for the Chairman to the amount of £44.80 in payment for advertising for the Clerk's replacement.

Decision: C. W. Wood proposed, T. Moverley seconded and all agreed that a cheque for £44.80 be raised.

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5. Correspondence.

A list of the correspondence received since the November 2014 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:

14/02109/CAT	Crayke Cottage, Church Hill	Work on Trees	Granted
14/02111/FUL	Crayke Cottage, Daffy Lane	Installation of 3no rows of ground mounted solar panels	On-going
14/02317/CAT1	The Rectory, Church Hill	Work on trees in a Conservation Area	Granted

7. Neighbourhood Watch and Local Policing Report.

C.W. Wood reported that there had been thefts in December consisting mainly of power tools. He had suggested to the police that it would be helpful if they reported such incidents to the public.

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.

Decision: It was decided that Cllr C. Merritt would write a letter to Highways, with a wide circulation, expressing the Parish Council views on the poor and inefficient road maintenance carried out by Highways.

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 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 awaited.

9. Broadband. The Chairman reported that the infrastructure was now complete and interested residents could now approach their ISPs to arrange connection to their property. There will in all probability be a charge involved.

10. Matters for further discussion.

Parish Council Elections. The Chairman advised Parish Councillors that there would be elections held on the 7 May 2015 and that Nomination Papers would be distributed to interested parties, by the Parish Clerk, in March 2015.

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Castle Field Path. The Chairman explained that the owner of Crayke Castle had placed notices directing walkers to the adjacent Public Footpath and restricting walkers from traversing all the way along Castle Field. It was explained that the public footpath started and ended at the same point and ran parallel about 12 feet distant on the other side of a hedge/ditch. It was pointed out that although the path across Castle Field had been walked for over 20 years and a Right of Way could be applied for, if the Castle owner objected to such an application it would go to arbitration with little chance of success in the light of the existing Public Footpath. Unfortunately, in an act of vandalism some walkers had since damaged or removed the signs throwing one of them into an adjacent farmer's field. It was stated that such vandalism was unsupportable and would have a negative influence in any negotiation with the Castle owner.

Decision: It was decided that in light of the adjacent footpath the PC would not attempt to obtain a Right of Way but asked the Clerk to talk to the Castle owner to see if he would allow access as a Permissive Path.

Tree in Jack Lane. The Chairman explained that the owner of Church Farm had written requesting that a tree in Jack Lane be reduced in height as it interfered with the view over the Vale of York.

Decision: Following discussion the PC decided to refuse the request and the Chairman would write explaining that in light of the number of trees around Crayke it was not feasible to accommodate such a request.

Church Steps Post. The Clerk reported that one of the Oak Posts, nearest Crayke Hall, had been damaged by a vehicle the owner of which had not reported it. The post had served its purpose as no damage had been done to the Church Steps. The Clerk reported that he had asked Dave Muir to see if the damage could be repaired rather than replacing the post which is installed in concrete. Cllr N. Jackson has replaced the smashed reflector.

11. **Date and time of the next ordinary meeting:** 17 March 2015 at 7.30 PM.