

CRAYKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2016 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 and M. Fielding (Clerk)

Parochial electors: 0

Public Consultation.

Declarations of Interest:

1. **Apologies.** Apologies had been received from D. Councillor N. Knapton
2. **Agreed Response to Right of Access Dispute**

The Parish Council received a letter from Lupton Fawcett Denison Till dated 3/2/2016. After discussion the Council agreed to the following response:

2.1: Posts: As a gesture of goodwill towards the owners of Crayke Hall, the Council have agreed that the post nearest to Crayke Hall, which was installed to guide drivers past the step and protect the steps from damage, can be placed in line with the front of the second step rather than the first step. This does not constitute an agreement to the bottom step being part of their right of access, nor that there is a right to drive over the step.

The agreement to move the post was not unanimous (5 councillors agreed, 1 Councillor disagreed and 1 Councillor abstained). The following conditions also apply:-

- A low stone 'slab' will be embedded where the post is currently located. This will be c. 4" higher than the step. This is to act as a 'sensor' for drivers, alerting them to the fact that they are deviating from the access track.
- Crayke Parish Council will arrange for the works to be carried out and the owners of Crayke Hall will pay for the works. The Parish Council will provide an estimate of the cost in advance. Given the fact that the post is concreted in place it is anticipated that a new post will be required as part of the relocation exercise.
- The owners of Crayke Hall will pay for any repairs to the bottom 2 steps/posts up to a maximum of £500 over a 5 year period. There is to be no annual maximum. It is the Parish Council who will determine when repair is required. The Parish Council will arrange for these repairs to be carried out.

- It is in the interests of both parties that the integrity of the steps is maintained following movement of the post. However, if repair costs are in excess of the £500 agreed maximum then it is likely that repeated damage to the steps is again a pedestrian safety issue. In these circumstances the Council reserves the right to take action, such as reinstating the post to its original position, in order to address these safety concerns.

2.2 Ownership of Land: The Parish Council reiterates that exhaustive research on responsibility for the steps, and the land upon which they sit, was undertaken prior to the repair works being carried out on the steps. This process is recorded in the Parish Council minutes. The process proved that both the steps and the land are the responsibility of the Parish Council

2.3 No Parking Signs. The Parish Council reiterates that the erection of a No Parking sign is a separate issue to the right of access dispute. C. Meritt has written an article to be published in the March issue of the Parish News. Any comments received from parishioners will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 15th March 2016.

3. Restoration of Traditional Village Signs

The Clerk had received a letter from HDC informing the Council of grants available to replace traditional village signs. Crayke is eligible for funding and would be able to replace all four signs at a cost of £100 per sign. The remaining costs would be met by HDC. N. Jackson proposed and S. Featherstone seconded and all agreed that £400 should be paid when requested to replace existing signs.

4. Matters for Further Discussion

4.1 General Permitted Development: The Council has been asked about activity taking place in a field on the Easingwold Road just outside Crayke and possible building work as permitted agricultural development. The Clerk to ring HDC for further information.

4.2 Caravan on Oulston Road. The caravan is still in field. The land has been sold and HDC has requested that the caravan be removed.

5. Date and time of the next ordinary meeting.

The Parish Assembly and the next Ordinary Meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th March 2016 at Crayke Sports Hall at 7.00 pm.

