

## Minutes of the Meeting of Crayke Parish Council held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Crayke Sports Hall

	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>19.001 Present</b> Councillors: C Merritt (Chair), N Jackson, T Moverley, L Hartley, S Featherstone, J Wright, J Porter Public: 3 District &amp; County Councillors:</p>	
<p><b>19.002 Apologies for absence</b> C Patmore (NYCC) N Knapton, G Ellis (HDC)</p>	
<p><b>19.003 Declarations of interest</b> Councillor Jackson declared a family interest in item 9.1.a.</p>	
<p><b>19.004 Previous minutes</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as a true record.</p>	
<p><b>19.005 Open Forum</b> The timescale of the works at the sewage plant was queried – the Chairman agreed to find out when it is due to be completed.</p> <p>Two parishioners presented the draft of a letter to the Highways department in which they detail a number of road traffic issues that they believe adversely affect the village and request several, specific measures to reduce the impacts on the village. They proposed sending the letter to all village residents inviting them to sign it if they support the measures being asked for. There was a long discussion about traffic problems in the village during which the Chairman described the many things Council has tried over the years and the responses we have had from Highways to the many approaches to them. The Council's response to the draft letter was discussed under item 6.4.</p>	Merritt
<p><b>19.006 Community, District and County Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. HDC Local Plan (standing item) – there was nothing to report. The latest information about the Plan is available on <a href="http://www.hambleton.gov.uk/localplan/site/index.php">www.hambleton.gov.uk/localplan/site/index.php</a></li><li>2. E&amp;VCF meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December – the Chairman gave a brief report from the meeting which is appended.</li><li>3. Other matters of interest – none were raised.</li></ol>	
<p><b>19.007 Matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Matters related to fracking Chairman's report: Since the last PC meeting in November 2018 I can report the following from the advisory group, SHSGAG:</li></ol>	

On 27 November, the group met with Professor Nick Cowern of Newcastle University, physicist and expert on climate change modelling. Prof Cowern has evidence that current estimates of climate change have underestimated effects of sulphur, and that moving from coal to gas may not be as effective as claimed in reducing climate warming. Also he says methane leakage from shale operations could work against claimed benefits of move from coal to gas.

There is to be a further hearing of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan on January 24 and 25th in Northallerton. Peter Fox and Colin Merritt will represent SHSGAG at the hearing to support the proposed requirements for minimising impact of shale operations near to protected areas and dwellings, contrary to a Ministerial statement of May 2018 which seeks to remove these regulatory requirements at local planning authority level.

In December the fracking operation at Preston New Road, near Blackpool, by Cuadrilla, was suspended after further minor earth tremors which exceeded the 0.5 threshold. To date there have been 37 such tremors at the site.

No further recent news about fracking plans in North Yorkshire.

## 2. Village Plan

Councillor Hartley presented notes from a meeting with the AONB in December which are appended.

Next steps:

We need to do an audit of the natural habitats in and around the village before we can decide on appropriate measures for improvement. The AONB may fund this if the Council can provide some manpower. This will be done in Spring or early Summer.

Gather any environmental reports villagers may have had done for planning applications to bolster the audit – put a request in the Parish Magazine and Forum

Footpath improvements – the AONB has a group of volunteers which might be able to assist.

Write to the Sports Club with the ideas collected which are relevant to them - the Chairman agreed to write

Hartley,  
Merritt

## 3. Bench by the School

Councillor Featherstone has installed the new bench after giving it preservative treatments.

Council thanked him for doing this.

## 4. Traffic Matters

a. Update - Following previous speed monitoring on Brandsby Road, a request will be submitted for the Stillington Road entrance to Crayke.

b. Parishioners' letter

Council supports the proposal in principle but is unable to endorse it fully as some of the changes asked for are counter to both County and National policy.

The Chairman agreed to circulate a draft summary of Council's views to Councillors for their comment and then to write to the parishioners with the consolidated summary.

Merritt

It was emphasised that, to get any action from Highways, we will have to provide evidence to support any issues we raised. The parishioners were thanked for their efforts to date in building up evidence of problems.

#### 5. Village Green

Works at Bishop's Cottage – the Chairman has written to the developers to highlight the damage being caused to the Green and to point out that damaging a designated Green is an offence. The developers have given a written assurance that that they will repair any damage or deterioration they have caused. The Chairman will monitor it.

Merritt

It was suggested that we should establish the variety of plants growing on the Green. Councillors Hartley and Wright agreed to investigate.

Hartley,  
Wright

Raised pathway at the top of Church Hill - the edging stones have been knocked out. It was agreed to report this to Highways.

Clerk

#### 19.008 To receive and decide necessary action resulting from verbal reports from the Clerk or Councillors on matters in hand

Crayke Seniors annual lunch was held on Wednesday 9th January. The event was again well attended and much appreciated. Council wished to express their thanks to Keren Redshaw and her team of volunteers for the organisation and food provisions, and also to Mr Buttery, Headmaster of Crayke CE School and the children who came along to serve and entertain the village seniors.

#### 19.009 Financial matters

1. The Chairman reported that he had examined the bank records for the period 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> January and that the transactions carried out in that time had been previously authorised by Council.
2. It was **resolved** to receive and approve:
  - the report on the Council's financial position as at 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019
  - the Budget report
3. The following were noted:
  - Receipts: - None
  - Payments & Charges:
    - a. Broxap for new bench £976.80  
inc. VAT £162.80 (29/11/2018, INV239667)
    - b. Parish Council Websites for website changes £120.00  
inc. VAT £0.00 (11/12/2018, u1800463)
4. It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:
  - None
5. Additional items circulated at the meeting:
  - Donation to the defibrillator fund £50.00
6. Precept – it was noted that HDC has confirmed that they have received our demand for 2019/20.

#### 19.010 Planning

1. New Applications:
  - a. 18/02508/CLE - Millstones, Crayke Road to Mill Green - Occupation without complying with condition 2 to planning permission ref. 4/1/1896A - It was **resolved** to confirm the response of "The Parish

Council supports the application in so far as it applies to the house and garden outlined in red on the location plan.”

Councillor Jackson excluded himself from the discussions about the application.

- b. 18/02753/CAT - Old Rectory, Church Hill – Works to trees in conservation area -T1 Holly to crown reduce by 2 metres to stop it encroaching on utility cable - It was **resolved** to support the application. (This application was received after the agenda was published.)
2. Updates to Applications:
  - a. 18/02110/FUL - Whistling Green, Church Hill – Replacement of old conservatory (this is an amended application made following the refusal of 18/01014/FUL) - Granted
  - b. 18/00961/DCN - Woodfield Farm - Construction of an agricultural steel portal framed building to provide cover for existing muck store (this is to discharge a condition put on the approval of the application 18/00961/FUL) - Granted
3. Other planning matters  
None

#### 19.011 New items and correspondence to note or for decision

1. Dog Fouling  
A parishioner has reported fouling along the footpath from the School to Daffy Lane. The Chairman has put on the website a map showing the location of all the dog waste bins in the village together with a notice website reminding residents of the nuisance and health dangers caused by fouling. An item has also been written for the Parish Magazine. It was agreed to also put it onto the Facebook Forum.
2. Elections  
In May there will be elections to all the parish councils in the area. HDC have provided a schedule of the activities leading up to the elections which is appended.  
It was noted that HDC will charge us £100 for administration and, should the election in Crayke be contested, i.e. more people nominated than there are seats on the Council, then we will be charged the cost of running the resultant election in the village which could be over £1000.
3. The Cancer Champion workshop and the consultation on the precept to be levied by NYCC Police and Fire and Rescue Services were noted (details are on the Agenda.)
4. Litter Pick  
Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> was agreed. The Chairman will contact HDC about the equipment.

Merritt

Merritt

#### 19.012 Items for the next agenda.

Cobbled gullies

**19.013** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 starting at 19:30 in the Sports Hall.

#### Abbreviations

E&VCF – Easingwold and Villages Community Forum	SHSGAG – South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group
HDC – Hambleton District Council	NYCC – North Yorkshire County Council
M&WJP – Minerals and Waist Joint Plan	YLCA – Yorkshire Local Council Association
AONB – Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	

## **APPENDICES**

### **ECVF - Report of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Councillor Merritt attended on behalf of Crayke PC

There was the usual standing item of a review of the Community Plan.

Many items are ongoing, including:

- Progress on 'Action on Dementia Alliance'
- Requests for GP satellite surgeries in rural communities
- A working group addressing requests for disabled play provision
- Gaps in superfast broadband provision
- Facilities for young people (e.g. 'parish clusters' for youth clubs)
- Parking in Easingwold (a meeting was to be held on 7 Dec)
- Shale gas: SHSGAG were approved to respond to latest consultation

There was a discussion on the plans for and consultation on further development of the Millfields park and public space.

931 questionnaires had been received. Progress was being made on most proposals. There are delays on a floodlit jogging track, deferred pending the issue of lights (need a "sympathetic lighting scheme")

There was a presentation by Peter Glossop on proposals to change the constitution of Friends of St Monica's, to assist in expansion projects including deploying funds to care in the community programmes. Priority will remain spending on the Hospital. The buildings are owned by the Sec. of State (local rumours linking the site to the 'Love Trust' are unfounded). The catchment of St Monica's covers the Stillington, Easingwold, Tolerton, Hovingham and Ampleforth NHS practice areas.

A proposal was agreed to change the frequency of EVCF meetings to quarterly in 2019

## **Meeting with AONB 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Meeting attendees: Colin Merritt (chair parish council)  
Lesley Hartley (parish councillor)  
Liz Bassindale AONB  
Maggie Farey Community Development officer

### Objective

Discuss options for improving environment, habitat and engagement with local environment following ideas received as part of village appraisal process.

### Meeting

Initially reviewed the process of the village appraisal, need to update the parish plan, collection of ideas and areas of interest and need to ensure community involvement at all stages. Reviewed local map and talked about footpaths, accessibility, wildlife and native fauna. School interested in participating with AONB, project to be decided later. Church and village community has much to offer but council has budget restraints so fund raising was a consideration.

### Funding thoughts

- Stronger Community funding- projects which improve mental health especially. Jack Brunton Charitable Trust- north riding area fund set up by local farmer, funding allocated at quarterly meetings based on Panel's decision. Considers projects rather than individual items.
- AONB Make a difference fund - councillor lead, apply to councillor first.

### Suggestions during discussion

- Wildflower seed - cheap option, need to identify areas, enhance village in areas additional to daffodils.
- Environmental audit - AONB suggested Wold ecology, company used before, to produce a review / report on current habitats and status, to focus on village area, public access areas, footpaths, church, school, gardens and farmland. Once complete could inform choices of what is possible, what is already present that requires enhancement or protection, and future options.
- School - could be involved in an audit of species present in school and churchyard, to produce information boards which could be used at open garden events. Participate in some projects such as bird boxes or mini beast hotels etc.
- Public access-concerns about state of some paths, mentioned Love lane and Foss way where it crossed field down to Moss Wood Lane. Previously raised as something that could be improved but requires information about current state of all paths.
- Viewpoint - parking restrictions generally prevent progress, but remains an option. Suggestion of a brainstorming event to try and access new approaches or ideas.

### Other ideas discussed generally

- Photographic competition - to give rise to an exhibition, perhaps linked with another village event or stand alone. Age group and category options. Increase interest.
- Information - need for any information about the area to be accessible, consider websites, links.
- Walks available - better information available about walks and routes and what can be seen when and where, again needs to be accessible.
- Enhance walks - consider projects to develop walks by adding artwork etc., e.g. mosaics.
- Dutch House - consider running projects with Dutch house, who have expertise and ongoing project.
- Ecology event - need to consider how we would get the community involved from initial need for information, volunteers, funds etc. to project completion and sharing results. Could also include other information e.g. bee keeping, orchards, self-sufficiency, green energy.

Overall it was an optimistic meeting with enthusiasm shown and potential seen.

#### Post meeting research

- Jack Brunton Fund - website with request to complete form and include a letter for applicants.
- Make a Difference Fund - previously gave funds to village bench. Periodic release of funds and allocation, need to put to Councillor before submission.

#### Information received from AONB post initial meeting

- Liz has contacted Wold Ecology and awaits a ball park quote, Richard Baines of Wold Ecology seemed enthusiastic and would possibly lead or input to school project. Also said, depending on cost, AONB would consider funding the report as an initial step which would lead to further projects, which may be able to receive funding from other sources.
- AONB volunteer group may be able to assist with improving one local footpath, suggested Love Lane, but need to check with NYCC first.
- Community Development officer will be able to assist with funding requests and also now aware of our needs, is able to highlight and new funding which becomes available.

### **Timetable for the Parish Elections**

Tue 19th March	Notice of election published Nomination packs available
Wed 3rd April	Final day for submission / withdrawal of nominations
Thu 4th April	Statement of persons nominated
Wed 24th April	Notice of poll
Thu 2nd May	Election
Fri 3rd May	Count
w/c 6 May	Results published

If there are no more nominations from a Parish than there are seats on the Council then there will not be an election and the nominees will be returned unopposed.

Nomination packs will be available from HDC, details about how to obtain and submit them will accompany the notice of election.