

# CRAYKE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Crayke Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### 22.58 Present

Councillors: C Merritt (Chair), S Featherstone, J Porter, N Jackson, T Moverley, L Hartley, J Jefferson

Public: 7

HDC / NYCC: N Knapton

### 22.59 Apologies for absence - None

### 22.60 Vacancy for a Councillor

It was **resolved** to co-opt James Jefferson as a Councillor and he duly signed the Acceptance of Office. (Brought forward from Agenda item 6.1.)

### 22.61 Declarations of interest - None

### 22.62 Previous Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as a true record.

### 22.63 Open Forum

Several members of the public voiced complaints about noise, trespassing, obstructive parking, and late-night disturbance from guests at Crayke Manor. The Chairman reported that he had also received similar complaints from villagers who were not at the meeting.

It was noted that it was the District and County Councils that had powers to investigate and address the problems raised, not the Parish Council. Villagers were advised to also raise the complaints directly with District and County. However, Council agreed that it was a matter of concern for the village. The Chairman agreed to write to the appropriate authorities at Hambleton and North Yorkshire Councils raising the concerns expressed at the meeting.

Action: Merritt

### 22.64 Community, District and County Matters

1. Councillor Knapton gave the meeting a further update on challenges of merging the District and County Councils in time for the deadline in April next year.  
There is more information about this on the County Council's website - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/new-council-and-devolution-north-yorkshire> .

### 22.65 Matters in hand

1. Vacancy for a Councillor – dealt with earlier in the meeting.
2. Traffic matters - update on highways and traffic issues
  - a. We have not yet had a response from Highways about the matters discussed at the last

- meeting. The Chairman has been in contact asking for their comments.
- b. We are continuing to monitor traffic with the Vehicle Activated Signs.
  - c. There have been reports of joyriding around the village.
  - d. Some villagers have expressed an interest in setting up a Speedwatch group. The Chairman agreed to investigate.
3. Village Green – Another grass cut had not been needed as the dry weather had restricted growth.
4. Green Council  
Councillors Porter and Hartley presented the ideas generated at the Community Café event on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. They agreed to arrange a meeting of interested residents to prioritise and develop the ideas. Action: Porter / Hartley  
A summary of the ideas is appended to these Minutes.

## 22.66 Village matters

1. Village Sign - The Clerk reported that the insurers have agreed to pay out for the stolen sign.

## 22.67 Financial matters

- 1 It was confirmed that all the bank payments made since the last meeting up to the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> October were properly authorised.
- 2 It was **resolved** to receive and approve the reports on:
  - the financial position at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022
  - the current budget position.
- 3 The following receipts and previously approved charges or payments made since the last meeting were noted:
 

Receipts - None

Payments

a. Parish Council Websites, website hosting inc. VAT £0.00 (7/9/22, 1801017)	£160.00
b. Bank charges to 20 <sup>th</sup> August inc. VAT £0.00 (11/8/22, 11/9/22)	£18.00
c. Defib Store, defibrillator cabinet inc. VAT £80.20 (25/7/22, 21497)	£481.20
- 4 It was **resolved** to approve the payment of the following by bank transfer:
 

a. Clerk, Printer cartridges inc. VAT £5.00 (28/7/22, 1087842)	£29.97
b. WelMedical, defibrillator battery inc. VAT £32.00 (S256119, 30/9/22)	£192.00
- 5 Additional items circulated at the meeting - None

## 22.68 Planning

1. New applications:
  - a. 22/01683/MRC – Durham Ox - Application to vary condition 2 to previously approved application 19/02172/FUL – It was **resolved** to confirm the response of “no objection”.
  - b. 22/01710/MRC – Rookery House, Rookery Lane - Application to vary condition 3 to previously approved application 21/02607/FUL – It was **resolved** to confirm the response of “no objection”.
  - c. 22/01946/FUL - Land Adjacent Chapel Garth (Plot 2), West Way - Construction of detached dwelling and widening of access to the highway – It was **resolved** that

Council had no objection and to make the following comments:

Council welcomes some of the changes made to the initial plans. However, as the location is within the conservation area, Council does have number of concerns.

Proposals for solar panels that face onto the street have in the past been rejected, allowing them in this application would set an unwelcome precedent. Given the aspect, the panels would only be in direct sunlight in the mornings so would be of limited benefit.

Several features are not in harmony with the other properties on the street: the front door is round the side whereas the surrounding properties have a door facing the street, the size and nature of the windows do not match the surrounding properties, skylights facing onto the street are not in keeping with the conservation area.

Council also noted that, despite the welcome proposals for a heat pump energy unit, the rear single-story lounge features a chimney stack which is separate from the main house chimney stack and of a height well below the roof line of the main building. Councillors questioned whether this might lead to issues with dispersal of emissions.

- d. 22/02155/CAT - 1 Keepers Close, Brandsby Street - Work to remove an Ash tree in a conservation area - It was **resolved** that Council had no objection but would request that consideration is given to planting a replacement tree of suitable species and small size appropriate to the location.

## 2. Updates to applications

- a. 22/00137/OUT – OS Field 4755 - Application for Outline Planning permission with some matters reserved for construction of an eco-friendly dwelling. To include a new build stable block to be constructed within the existing paddock. – Withdrawn
- b. 22/01710/MRC – Rookery House, Rookery Lane - Application to vary condition 3 to previously approved application 21/02607/FUL - Granted

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

- 1 New bench – It was **resolved** to allocate £495 for the purchase of a new bench to replace the one at the top of the Green to the right of the church steps.
- 2 Replacement village sign – It was **resolved** to seek funding to replace the village sign stolen from the plinth on Oulston Road at a cost of £1,000.

### 22.70 Items for the next agenda:

1. Dog fouling

### 22.71 Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, starting at 19:30 in the Sports Club.

The first meetings in 2023 will be on 10<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## Appendix

### CRAYKE: SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE PROGRAM

#### Community Café September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

Initiated following GREENER CRAYKE circular, aim to increase village awareness of sustainability issues, encourage active participation for a greener Crayke and find areas of interest from the community which could be built upon as part of Sustainable village program.

Sustainable Community: A place where people want to live and work, now and in the future; .balance social, economic, and environmental components of their community.(Living Geography)

Feedback received verbally by volunteers running the café event or by notes left by attendees.

Comments varied from ideas for further information, interest in ideas already 'floated' and list of items requiring action within the parish, the latter will be taken to Parish council meeting for comment or action as usual.

Areas commented upon include: Local amenities, Village green, Maintenance, energy usage, possible project areas for future.

All these comments have been reviewed and listed. This document itemises most of these and allocates them to a suitable body for action. Outside of the Parish Council (PC), any actions assigned are for information and consideration by the group themselves, but we hope this information is useful and can be considered for action or discussion.

#### Parish Council to decide:

- Review list and ensure items are assigned correctly
- Review list and once checked establish best format for sharing with other village bodies.
- Agree for Councillors Porter and Hartley to contact known volunteers to set up a Sustainable Village group.
- Suggest objectives for group going forward and ensure connection to PC is clearly defined.
- Consider how non assigned items might be actioned.
- Establish possible financial requirements from PC for future budgeting needs.
- Regular items added to standard agenda format, as agreed by PC.

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Action area	Assigned item/action	Suggested action/outcome	Comment
Recycling	Public recycling bins are available in some areas, can these be available in Crayke?		

	Plastic recycling for items not currently covered by Hambleton, is there any option for a community bin? Some supermarkets offer this service, including Co-op.		
	Batteries- all shops supplying batteries should offer a recycling option, is this available? Used? Can PC assist in anyway.		
Public footpaths and Bridleways,(under highways)	Gate for path opposite Moss View is broken and has been for a while, can PC ask for repair again or repair anyway?		
Village green	Increase biodiversity of village green and other village green spaces while maintaining open area and spring daffodil display and paths across green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify areas for insect friendly planting. Pots or ground based.</li> <li>• Plant trees- identify sites.</li> <li>• Plant hedges- could this be an edge for the village green and assist with preserving the bank sides, kept low and managed?</li> <li>• Other parish land available?</li> </ul>	
Cycleway to Easingwold	Generally well received idea, green transport, health benefits etc.	Discussed at PC, long term item, regular review and discuss for progress options.	
Electric vehicle charging	Need solution due to imminent changes to car sales, many faceted plans nationwide, regionally, and locally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map properties within Crayke with access to off street charging or not.</li> <li>• Share information with community about law around charging and cables across public access areas.</li> <li>• Establish which areas are private and which are public access, ??cobble standing areas? Green crossings etc</li> </ul>	
Village wells	Consider if these could be used for watering with reduced rain fall and hosepipe bans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasibility considerations.</li> <li>• What H and S would be involved with having open wells?</li> <li>• Is testing required if water is made available to the public?</li> </ul>	

Items already under PC remit and discussion

Bench repairs	Bench near Church requires repair	Already discussed at PC, ?timeline.	
Cobbles	Cobble gullies are highways- lobby for repair. Other cobbled areas may be private, village or highways- unclear.	Request repair, consider part funding or other options, grants?	
Planning	Ensure sustainability considered and commented upon, encourage in some way	Items for consideration under planning- establish list. Consider ways to encourage consideration- items listed in website for public information? Etc. Can AONB assist at all? Conservation area issues- understood and shared?	

### CRAYKE COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CLUB

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Play park	Requires repair and improvement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club land and asset but village group previously worked on this.</li> <li>Any funding options?</li> <li>Consider options for circuit training as well as small children.</li> </ul>	St Monica's has some funding for well-being projects Other funding?	
Tree planting	Is planting around the periphery an option, offer wind breaks, quiet area for sitting, or meeting outdoors?		
Community hub	Host events/provide site for Sustainability group meetings and events. Outside speaker events, information events.	Costs? If yes can PC assist?  Income possibility, open bar for open forum and discussion with social aspects. Funding or sponsorship or PC assist?	

### SUSTAINABLE CRAYKE GROUP

To be established and include representatives of or ensure conversation with village groups such as PC, church, Club, Pub or School. Utilise volunteers. To establish aims and objectives based on core sustainable village areas of economic, social and environment sustainability.

Example AIM: Identify opportunities to support Crayke as a sustainable village.

Objectives: Encourage and facilitate social interactions. Promote protecting and improving the environment, assist with information, advice, opportunities and accessing funding. Enable a reduction in waste, better use of resources and enhance wellbeing by considering social, environmental, and economic sustainability.

Feed back to PC, ask for support from PC but not part of PC. Regular items and information on agenda for appropriate meetings of PC and Club for instance.

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Community cafe	Quarterly event or seasonal or as required.	Enables social interaction and ideas or information exchange. Highlight local suppliers.	
Green energy	People want information about options without bias of sales.		
	Energy saving ideas or advice- establish forum or process.		
	Challenges and options for older housing stock.		
Electric vehicles	People want information about options without bias of sale.		
	Challenges- understanding these would inform.		
Recycling	Review availability and have clear understanding of what is already available and where	?Generate directory for information- would need reviewing and updating.	
	Identify gaps and other needs.		
	Consider Freecycle options, or swap shops events, or establish forum to share what is needed or available.		
	Plant swap	Village garden event item? Regular item, honesty cart or virtual site option?	
	Council Recycling guru available for talks or events.	Councillor Porter has contact information.	
Car share	Establish forum for information sharing to aid match between available with required.		
	Other options. What is already available outside the village?	EDDCA? Easingwold group?	
Tree planting and increased biodiversity	Encourage and enable planting for private land.	Free trees available. Sites? Un-used areas of land?	

Habitat projects	Bird boxes, Bat boxes, Hedgehog houses and highways. Ponds and wildlife opportunities.		
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## OTHER

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Local retail options	Honesty cart- where? Who? What? Share directory of local producers and retailers.	•	
Social opportunities	Consider what groups would be beneficial and what is available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men in sheds- would this be a way of assisting village projects and recycling items with community? not restricted to men? Venue and opportunities and lead?</li> <li>• Other groups needed?</li> <li>• Knit and natter etc</li> </ul>	Build nest boxes, bat boxes, owl boxes, planters, repair benches, recycle and upcycle, respond to requirements. Offer company, share skills, sell, or donate items.
Unite community: Raise awareness of farming calendar, challenges, options, to people in the community with no farming links.	Need to prevent blame for habitat loss being heaped on farmers, all landowners or tenants have capabilities to impact. Raising understanding could assist.	Option for regular farming entry in parish news, like the gardening. Other options: open farm event(s) for village only? School visit to farm?	...
Mosaics	Gather and complete and site permanently.		
Biodiversity	Wild ponds Hedgerows.	Some mapped by ecology report. Any other actions?	