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Minutes of the Meeting of Crayke Parish Council held on Tuesday 22nd November 2022

22.72 Present

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

Jefferson

Public: 1

HDC / NYCC: N Knapton

22.73 Apologies for absence – R Porter

22.74 Declarations of interest - None

22.75 Previous Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th October 2022 as a true record.

22.76 Open Forum

No matters were raised.

22.77 Community, District and County Matters

- 1. Councillor Hartley reported on the meeting that Coxwold Council had arranged for other village councils to get together to discuss common concerns. The group will meet again next June at Wass.
- 2. Councillor Knapton discussed a number of matters of current interest:
 - a. The final consultation on the Boundary Commission's proposals for revisions to the Parliamentary constituencies has started. Under the proposals, Crayke would be in the Wetherby and Easingwold Constituency. The consultation closes on 5th December. The Commission's website is https://www.bcereviews.org.uk.
 - b. Hambleton District Council is hoping to allocate the monies from the Community Infrastructure Levy before it is dissolved next April.
 - c. The structure of the Planning Committees for the new Yorkshire Council has still not been decided. Agreeing a structure that gives adequate local influence on decisions is a particular issue of debate.
 - d. Information about progress towards the new council is on the County Council's website https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/new-council-and-devolution-north-yorkshire .

22.78 Matters in hand

- 1. Traffic matters
 - a. Highways have recently made repairs to the road outside the school and to some of the cobbled gullies.
 - b. We are still waiting for a response from Highways about the matters discussed at the

July meeting.

- c. We were unable to get a place on any of the workshops that Highways have organised for this year. HDC Councillor Knapton offered to request them to run some more next year.
- d. We are continuing to monitor traffic with the Vehicle Activated Signs.
- e. The Chairman had followed-up the suggestion from a few residents of a Speedwatch group in the village but there aren't enough people interested for it to be viable.

2. Village Green

- a. Councillors Porter, Hartley and Merritt will survey the Green looking for opportunities to increase biodiversity.

 Action: Hartley, Porter, Merritt.
- b. The possibility of re-instating the path through the Green was proposed as a future improvement project.

3. Green Council

Various ways of promoting recycling of soft plastics and of clothing were reviewed. Councillors Hartley and Porter will continue to investigate the options available to find one most suitable for the village.

The next Green Council event will be on Saturday 3rd December when the main topic will be recycling. The first event in 2023 is planned for 18th February on the topic of wildlife habitats.

Action: Porter, Hartley

4. Crayke Manor

The Chairman had discussed with HDC the issues raised at the last meeting; they were already investigating complaints made directly to them. The Chairman had also replied to each of the residents who had sent comments to the Parish Council.

22.79 Village matters

1. Playground equipment at the Sports Club – the question of whether the Council could support the Club with the continuing maintenance of the equipment was raised. Though the equipment is not owned by the Council it is available to all in the village. It was agreed to discuss at a later meeting.

22.80 Financial matters

- 1 It was confirmed that all the bank payments made since the last meeting up to the end of 21st November had been properly authorised.
- 2 It was **resolved** to receive and approve the reports on:
 - the financial position at 31st October 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. Cleveland Corrosion, village road sign inc. VAT. £200.00 (31/10/22, 8392)

£1,200.00

b. Clerk, printer cartridges inc. VAT £5.00 (28/7/22, 1087842) £29.97

c. WelMedical, defibrillator battery inc. VAT £32.00 (S256119, 30/9/22)

£192.00

- 4 Additional items circulated at the meeting
 - a. Defibrillator Pads it was **resolved** to authorise the Clerk to purchase a new set of

pads up to a cost of £70.

- 5 It was **resolved** to accept the report from the Audit Panel's half-year review and the recommendations that Council:
 - amends the policy of maintaining a reserve at a fixed amount of £4,000 to one of budgeting for a reserve sufficient to cover a year's projected running costs
 - approves a 10% increase in the precept.
- The draft budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and it was **resolved** to accept the budget as presented and, considering the current inflation rate and the rates predicted for 2023, to approve a 10% increase in the precept for 2023/24.

22.81 Planning

- 1. New applications:
 - a. 22/01946/FUL Plot 2 Land Adjacent Chapel Garth West Way Construction of detached dwelling and widening of access to the highway amendments:
 B 27/10/22 Updated in accordance with LPA comment
 C 17/11/22 Windows amended in accordance with LPA comment
 It was resolved that Council had no objection and to make the following comments:

Council welcomes the changes, including the reduced roof height, and the 'Thermostat' roof panels instead of glazed PV panels.

However, Council would like to re-iterate two points in the original comments: The undesirability of the front, street-facing skylights, which are against current and previous building guidelines for Crayke, for both heritage and light pollution reasons. Concern at the chimney stack on the rear single storey extension which would appear to emit any emissions at first floor window height. However, we recognise that this may be a matter for building regulations.

22.82 New items and correspondence to note or for decision

- 1 Dog Fouling It was agreed to:
 - a. Put up copies of the village map showing where the existing dog bins are
 - b. Supply the map and fliers to each of the holiday properties in the village
 - c. Look into the cost of poo bag dispensers
 - d. Seek funding for two new dog waste bins and some signs. The Chairman to specify the locations for the bins.

Action: Merritt, Clerk

22.83 Items for the next agenda: - None

22.84 Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday 10th January 2023, starting at 19:30 in the Sports Club.