

MINUTES OF CROFT-ON-TEES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH 2018
HELD IN CROFT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT:

Mr L Nugent (Chair)
Mr Trevor Chaytor-Norris
Mrs P Longstaff
Mrs A Kennedy
Mr S Bass
Mrs C Liversedge-Gell
Cllr Angus Thompson

203 APOLOGIES:

None

204 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Mr Chaytor-Norris with reference to Ruskinmill at Clervaux Fold as they are part of Mr Chaytor-Norris' family.

Mr Chaytor-Norris stated he would not comment on this item (209).

205 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Previous minutes were passed as a true account. Signed by the Chairman

206 CHEQUES FOR SIGNING

For Parish council:

Mrs Liversedge-Gell £196

Croft-on-Tees Community Village Hall - £40 for Christmas Tree light electricity

207 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new Planning Applications entered or granted since the last meeting

208 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF NORTHALLERTON COURTHOUSE

Georgie Sale – Deputy Head J.P. for North Yorkshire attended the meeting to discuss the proposed closure of Northallerton Courthouse and a consultation issued by the Ministry of Justice on this matter.

Ms Sale explained that people in elected roles at every level have been asked to make a response to this proposal and has requested that the Parish Council make a response on this issue.

Key points to take into consideration are;

- Access to justice for those needing the Courts services
- Delivering value for money
- Efficiency in the longer term

It was agreed that Parish Councillors would read the Ministry of Justice consultation in full to ensure an informed response.

Parish Councillors to contact the Clerk upon reading the document with their comments by 21st March 2018. At which point the Clerk will draft a response for the approval of the rest of the Council.

The consultation closing date is 29th March 2018.

209 PROPOSED PLANS FOR RUSKINMILL AT CLERVAUX FOLD

There have been two public meetings at Croft-on-Tees Village Hall with reference to The Fold at Clervaux.

The last five years The Fold has been working with Army families, civilian families and young adults to provide support where needed through animals and crafts as therapy. They are planning to extend their facilities using a grant funded by HM Treasury LIBOR funds.

It is proposed to build two timber cladded accommodation blocks with kitchen and dining facilities, changing rooms, office, workshop, animal building a carpark and an upgraded access track

Concerns that arose at the meeting centred around the proposed carpark and access to the site over the bridge next to the Pack Horse Bridge.

It was agreed amongst the Parish Council that further discussion will take place when the Planning Applications come through from Richmondshire District Council.

210 CROFT-ON-TEES VILLAGE SIGN UPDATE

A cheque has been sent to the manufacturers of the sign. Delivery should be imminent

211 SMARTWATER FUNDS UPDATE

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the original remittance advice from North Yorkshire Police had been found.

Clerk is in contact with NYP and is awaiting confirmation of where the funds are to be returned to.

212 SPOIL BANK WOOD UPDATE

The Clerk explained that Mrs Lowther – Dalton-on-Tees Parish Clerk had informed her that Mr Ray Edwards of Dalton-on-Tees and a resident at Clervaux House has actively been tackling the issues of the razor wire in Spoil Bank Wood for some time.

Mr Edwards has a file of information on all of the work that they have done on the matter – the Clerk is to meet with him week commencing 19th March 2018

213 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE UPDATE

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the website is in it's finishing stages – however it is lacking photos for different pages/themes.

Parish Councillors were asked for any photos that maybe used and Mr Chaytor-Norris suggested asking Sue Coates due to her work on the village calendar.

The Clerk will follow up with Mrs Coates.

When completed the Clerk will send the link to the Parish Council for comments and feedback

214 A.O.B.

1. Cllr Angus Thompson discussed the Speeding Matrix Boards that he had taken as an action from a Parish Council Meeting in Summer 2017. It is currently illegal to have any of the Boards installed unless they have been hired through North Yorkshire County Council.

Cllr Thompson is currently trying to get the rule around hiring the boards changed. It is going before the Scrutiny Committee May 2018.

2. Cllr Thompson also explained about potential funding available – each County Councillor has £5000 per annum and can provide grants of a minimum of £300. Parish Council to take this into consideration.
3. The Richmondshire Partnership Fund also has £1700 left of funding with a deadline of 14th May. The maximum grant is £1000 and must not exceed 75% of the total cost of the project. Parish Council also to take this into consideration
4. The Clerk had received an invite from The Rotary Club of Richmond for Croft-on-Tees to take part in the Best Kept Village Competition 2018. Initial response was that it would be a good idea to take part but to gauge interest from Parishioners. The Clerk is to arrange this and report to the Parish Council
5. Tender received from CE & CM Walker Ltd Grass-cutting Contractors for the grass-cutting season 2018. The prices were agreed – Clerk to inform the contractors.
Mr Chaytor-Norris requested information on where the contractors are actually cutting so that he can cross reference with the areas that Croft Estate cut. Clerk to obtain this information.
6. Mrs Alison Kennedy circulated a letter from Mrs Sue Coates regarding Croft-on-Tees Community Village Hall. Planning permission was received in January 2018 and funding applications can be started.
Parish Council members requested to respond with their views on the present village hall by 6th April 2018

There were no further matters and the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.30pm at Croft Village Hall – everybody welcome