

MINUTES OF CROFT-ON-TEES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2017
HELD IN CROFT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.45PM

PRESENT:

Mr L Nugent (Chair)
Mrs P Longstaff
Mrs A Kennedy
Mr S Bass
Mrs C Liversedge-Gell

177 APOLOGIES:

None

178 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

179 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

180 CHEQUES FOR SIGNING

Mrs Liversedge-Gell £41.79 & £196, North Yorkshire County Council £90.00 for Salt Bin Refill

The refilling of the salt bins was discussed as they were relatively full following last winter. Clerk to contact North Yorkshire County Council to request how much salt was replenished.

181 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Three Planning Applications GRANTED:

Ms G Sale, The Moorings, South Parade November 2016 (Retrospective) – rear extension.

Mr Banner, The Coach House, Halnaby Hall July 2017 – extensive groundwork to existing roadways, car parking and tree planting.

Mr & Mrs Wood, Monkend House, South Parade August 2017 – conversion of loft space and dormer window/roof light

182 SPEED WATCH UPDATE

Recent correspondence with Jamie Smith – Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator for North Yorkshire Police was distributed by the Clerk.

The Clerk explained that as Richmond Road and the A167 have current 'live' speed complaints attached to them and has Safety Camera Teams that patrol these roads, we are not able to setup a Community Speed Watch scheme on the same patch.

The Clerk has pursued the possibility of having the Speed Watch setup at the entrance/exit to the Village. Mr Smith is requesting that North Yorkshire Police's Speed Concerns Team assess this particular area to see if it is suitable. Clerk will update.

183 TRANSPARENCY ACT GRANT UPDATE

The Clerk informed the committee that we have been successful in obtaining funding for Microsoft Office to go onto the Parish laptop. We are unable to apply for funding for the creation of a website as we have the use of Richmond District Council to upload documents to.

184 CROFT-ON-TEES PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

The Clerk discussed the options the Parish Council have for the setup of a website internally. It was agreed that the Clerk purchase a wordpress domain name and website package at the cost of £36 annually and to proceed with the website setup/creation.

Mrs Kennedy suggested a link to the flooding gauge would be beneficial – it was requested that any other similar suggestions for the content of the website from the committee of members of the Parish please contact the Clerk.

The Clerk explained that a Facebook Page has been created - @croftonteespc It is in its infancy and the Clerk will be adding to it over the coming days. It is a Community Organisation page and Parishioners are welcome to let the Clerk know what kind of information they would like to see from the page.

185 SMARTWATER FUNDS

The Clerk has been informed that funding was received to purchase some Smartwater kits for residents who put their names forward for them in May 2013. £500 was granted from North Yorkshire Police

The purchase of the Smartwater did not materialise due to issues with who was supplying it and how it was to be procured. Croft-Parish-Council attempted to give the grant back to North Yorkshire Police but it is thought that it was not possible.

As the £500 is outstanding the Clerk has been informed that there has been a request for the Parish to pay £750 back to North Yorkshire Police. Clerk advised by Chairman Mr Nugent to look at archived minutes from 19th July 2013 as it was an item on the Agenda for that meeting. Clerk also to contact North Yorkshire Police to establish full situation.

186 2018 PRECEPT UPDATE

The Chairman Mr Nugent & Clerk attended a meeting at Richmondshire District Council on 24th October. The Precept figure for 2018 is to be submitted to the District Council by the 8th January 2018. Clerk to circulate guidance data for the 2018 Precept before the Parish Council Meeting on 3rd January 2018 so that a figure can be discussed.

Budget Consultation - Richmondshire District Council are performing a consultation on Council Services and Future Budget – Parishioners can have their say by accessing ‘Have Your Say’ at www.richmondshire.gov.uk
A poster about this is also in the noticeboard.

The Local Government Boundary Commission published a draft recommendation for new wards, ward boundaries and ward names for Richmondshire District Council.

Consultations for this draft are open until 15th January 2018. Croft-on-Tees Parish are not directly affected as the current and projected electorate is not changing from 1528.

187 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Croft Circuit Meeting went well with the circuit and Parishioners on the 11th October 2017. Drew Furlong – Chief Operating Officer explained that the levels of noise from the circuit have been significantly reduced and that they are committed to reduce it even further in the future.

Mr Furlong explained that the Time Attack and Car Collective weekends will not be taking place at Croft Circuit in 2018 due to the anti-social behaviour that was witnessed around the circuit and the Parish during those weekends in 2017.

Full minutes for this meeting are on the noticeboard or please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy.

Chairman Mr Nugent has been approached by a Parishioner with concerns about the weight limit that is placed on the bridge by the Burial ground. There has been an increase in loaded wagons and agricultural vehicles crossing the bridge. The Clerk is to establish the weight limit of the bridge and inform the Chairman Mr Nugent.

Parish Councillor Mrs Longstaff requested would it be possible to get a Crime Bulletin for the Parish from North Yorkshire Police. Clerk to look into.

Lewis Carol Signage – there has been no update since the previous Parish Council Meeting. Chairman Mr Nugent to ask Mr Coates how it is progressing.

Temporary Sign Outside The Croft Hotel – Parish Councillor Mrs Kennedy had approached the Hotel Manager and they explained that it was temporary sign. It has now been removed from the verge.

There were no further matters and the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 7.30pm at Croft Village Hall – all welcome

