

Croft-on-Tees Parish Council Minutes – 2016/17

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CROFT-ON-TEES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4th January 2017.

PRESENT:

Mr L Nuggent (Chair)

Mr T Chaytor-Norris

Mr S Bass

Mrs P Longstaff

Mrs A Kennedy

126. APOLOGIES:

The Chairman explained that the Clerk, Mr Bosworth remains poorly and is likely to be absent for a period of time. Mr I Calvert, former Clerk has been asked to stand in in his absence and has agreed to do so.

127. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chairman declared an interest in receipt of a letter from a Mr Alex Wright of South Parade concerning road markings, to be discussed under 'Other Issues'.

128. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2016.

There were no matters from this meeting that required further discussion.

129. REPRESENTATION BY DALTON PARISH COUNCIL AT BURIAL BOARD MEETINGS.

There has been no reply from Dalton Parish regarding their requirement to provide two members of their Council at all such meetings.

Clerk asked to contact the Chairperson of Dalton to follow up the matter.

130. CURRENT FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Acting Clerk had prepared an estimated budget for year 2017/18 in order to set the Parish Precept for that year. The Precept was set at £3,300.00 as the previous year. This was discussed, and agreed.

8 Cheques have been issued since the September Meeting:

Mr Bosworth £150.00 Salary Income Tax £45.50 Place & Co £125.00 Mr Calvert 2015 Internal Audit £35.00 Mr Coates £48.47 Flower Tubs Etc. Society of Parish Clerks £67.00 Annual Fee. Mr Walker £720.00 Village Grass Cutting. Village Hall Comm £40.00 Xmas Tree Lighting.

Mr Chaytor-Norris informed the meeting that on behalf of Croft Estates there would be no charge for having provided the village Christmas tree.

The Chairman thanked Mr Chaytor-Norris on behalf of the Residents.

The Clerk to look at the position concerning the claiming back of outstanding V.A.T. on both the Parish and the Burial Board.

131. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Chairman explained that because of the Clerks illness he had been unable to establish whether any such applications had been received to date. The Chairman to advise Richmondshire D.C. to redirect all mail to Mr Calvert until further notice.

132. UP-DATE, IF ANY ON NEW VILLAGE HALL.

There has been no further discussion on this subject noted.

The sale of the Old School House was raised and it is understood that it will go on the market very soon. No members were aware of any possible interest by the Village Hall Committee in the matter.

133. ABSENCE OF CLERK DUE TO PROLONGED ILLNESS.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr Bosworth is presently back in hospital for an operation and that recovery could take some time. He has visited Mr Bosworth's home and spoken to his wife regarding access to the computer and other paperwork.

Mr Calvert has agreed to cover the position until after the year-ending of the financial year (1st April) and to cover the May meeting if required.

134. OTHER ISSUES.

A letter has been received from Mr Wright, resident of Clow Cottage requesting the Council support in their application to North Yorkshire County Council for yellow lines on the roadway adjacent their driveway. Access to the driveway often blocked by other vehicles parked across the entrance.

Councillors expressed support but it was not thought that yellow lines would be approved in this case. White advisory lines are painted on the roadway by some local authorities and that would probably be the case should this application be successful. Clerk to reply to Mr Wright.

Councillor Kennedy said she had received two e-mails from residents in South Parade requesting that consideration be given to replacing the concrete bollard at the end of the back lane access off Monkend.

The request for a collapsible/lockable steel bollard was fully discussed but it was agreed that such a unit would prove very difficult to manage with regard to the responsibility concerning its use.

It was agreed that the Council could not support this request.

The acting Clerk wished to inform the Council that although it is a matter for the Burial Board he has spent upwards of 30 hours compiling entries into the Burial Board Ledgers and updating the records since being asked to do so by the Chairman in December.

Mr Calvert also requested permission to approach Richmondshire Highways to obtain sufficient road shavings to fill in the water logged turning area off the highway adjacent the Burial Ground gateway. This request has been provided previously.

Mr Bass informed the meeting that he had received news that County Councillor Michael Heseltine had died.

All members expressed sadness at this news as Councillor Heseltine had on many occasions over the years helped the Parish Council on many issues and whenever he was able attended the Parish Meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030hours.

CROFT-ON-TEES PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2017.

PRESENT:

**Mr L Nugent
Mr T Chaytor-Norris
Mr S Bass
Mrs P Longstaff
Mrs A Kennedy**

135 ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

The acting Clerk opened the meeting by asking for nominations for the above position for the next 12 months.

Mr Chaytor-Norris nominated Mr Nugent and this was seconded by Mrs Longstaff.

136 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON.

Mr T Chaytor-Norris was nominated for the above position by Mr Nugent and Seconded by Mrs Kennedy.

137 APOLOGIES.

All members present.

138 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

No Declaration of interest entered.

139 MINUTES OF 4TH JANUARY MEETING.

Clerk Mr G Bosworth remains poorly. The Chairman and acting Clerk have visited Mr Bosworth at his home and have collected some outstanding paperwork. Not all the required receipts are yet available to claim the VAT outstanding on the account.

There were no other matters outstanding from that meeting.

140 CURRENT FINANCIAL MATTERS.

All members were given a breakdown of the present account up to 1st March. The acting Clerk explained that he has completed the account for the year ending expecting there to be no further expenditure up to the 31st March 2017.

141 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There has been one planning application since the January meeting.

An application by the owners of Redmayne, Monkend Terrace for a two story extension to the side and rear of the property.

The plans were available for comment by Council Members, no objections were raised.

142 PARISHIONERS REQUEST FOR LEWIS CARROL SIGNAGE IN THE VILLAGE.

This matter was discussed at length. It was agreed that a suggested location on the A167 roadside would be immediately behind the present 'CROFT-ON-TEES' Village sign, at a height greater than the village sign and of similar dimensions. It was further discussed as to whether the sign should be constructed wholly of wood or alloy metal on a wooden frame.

It was agreed that a great deal more discussion would be needed especially with the artist.

With regard to signage on entering the village from the Durham side of the A167. It was felt that a sign on the island could be seen as a distraction to drivers and present a safety hazard.

Mr Nugent is to discuss with the artist her views and for her to prepare some draft outlines for discussion.

143 GRASS CUTTING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR PARISH ROADSIDES.

Mr C Walker of CE&CM Walker Ltd the present contractor submitted a tender showing a marginal increase on the current charge. Mr C Beadle was asked if he wished to submit a tender but declined as he does not have the required heavy machinery. Following discussion Mr Walkers tender was accepted for the season.

144 OTHER MATTERS.

Mr Bass brought to members attention the present state of the footpath on the A167 leading out of the village.

It is now so overgrown that it only allows single file walking, plus there are several areas where holes in the pathway have developed causing possible injury. Mr Bass presented photographs of the area discussed.

Mr Nugent informed the meeting that he was in discussion with a member of the NYCC Highways Dept. regarding the turning area at the Burial Ground and would ask that the pathway be inspected at the same time.

Mr G Bosworth is still too ill to take up his position and Mr Calvert will continue for the next two months.

There being no further matter for discussion the meeting closed at 8.30pm.