

**MINUTES OF CROFT-ON-TEES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 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**

**188 APOLOGIES:**

None

**189 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None

**190 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

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

**191 CHEQUES FOR SIGNING**

**For Parish council:**

Mr Nugent £28

Mrs Liversedge-Gell £196, £36, £12.60,

The Society for the Local Council Clerks £59.00

**For Burial Board:**

Mrs Liversedge-Gell £30.00, £6.30

**192 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

### **193 2018 PRECEPT FOR CROFT-ON-TEES**

Crofton-Tees Parish Council are to inform Richmondshire District Council of its precept amount for the following year.

This was discussed in the meeting and agreed on £3300 – this is same amount requested in 2017.

Clerk to inform RDC by the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **194 OLD SPA BRIDGE UPDATE**

The Clerk informed the committee that after consultation with North Yorkshire Council the Old Spa Bridge does not have a weight limit restricted to it and the Council deemed the bridge to be in good working order

### **195 CROFT-ON-TEES VILLAGE SIGN UPDATE**

The village sign is to incorporate both colour and black and white – with a black and white Cheshire cat and a colour Alice in Wonderland. Awaiting an update from the artist designing the sign.

### **196 SPEEDING UPDATE**

North Yorkshire Police assessing if the exit/entrance to Croft village are deemed suitable for a Community Speedwatch – Clerk to follow up.

### **197 SMARTWATER FUNDS**

The Clerk has spoken with Mr Bosworth – previous Clerk to Croft-on-Tees about this matter. North Yorkshire Police have not yet approached the Council for the money to be returned for the Smartwater initiative that did not go to fulfilment. The amount the council are to payback still stands at £500.00 and has not increased to £750.

The Clerk is arranging this with NYP – to update at the next meeting

## **198 SALT BINS**

Following discussion it was decided that North Yorkshire County Council replenishing the salt bins was still a favourable option.

Clerk to arrange for residents to be reminded that there is Salt available for them to use throughout the village should they need it during colder weather.

## **199 ELECTORAL REGISTER UPDATE**

The Clerk has received a Revised Register of Electors for the Croft-on-Tees Parish that is available for inspection.

Notice was also given on the Parish Board that the Register of Electors for Richmondshire District Council published on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 is available for inspection.

## **200 CRIME BULLETIN UPDATE**

The Clerk is now in receipt of monthly Crime Bulletin Updates for the parish and outlying areas. These will be published on the Parish Council facebook page as they are received.

There is a Property Marking Machine that is available to the Parish to use. The Clerk to liaise with Richmond Rural Beat Manager to establish how and when property within the parish can be marked up.

## **201 FOOTPATH CROFT TO ERYHOME**

A resident of Dalton-on-Tees provided the Clerk with an update on the Croft to Eryhome footpath.

The footpath was closed by North Yorkshire County Council as repairs needed to be undertaken on the footbridge at the Eryhome end of the footpath.

A resident of Croft-on-Tees has offered to gift the amount needed to fund the works of repairing the bridge as a Charitable Donation.

Following the offer of the donation NYCC have agreed to joint fund the works.

The repair works can be undertaken after this years harvest.

## **202 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk informed the committee that Sam Hutchinson - who is Community Mapping Project Officer for the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire will be attending the next Parish Council meeting. Ms Hutchinson is engaging with North Yorkshire Communitites to establish an understanding of those communitites and how to engage with them.

We are encouraging residents to attend the meeting so you can put forward any queries you may have on policing matters - speeding, contacting local police officers or maybe you would like to make her aware of any community hubs, groups or charities that you might be involved in.

Although not able to pass on formal complaints Ms Hutchinson can provide us with contact details and information regarding policing in North Yorkshire and our area.

Mr Steve Bass informed the Parish Council that there has been razor wire and barbed wire put around a stile in Spoil Bank Wood that is along the Croft to Eryhome footpath. It prevents access and poses a risk of injury should anyone attempt to cross it.

Mr Steve Bass is to forward photos of the stile to pass onto the Clerk who will also visit the stile and then establish ownership/accessibility of that part of the footpath with Council and landowner.

Mrs Alison Kennedy raised the topic of the servicing of the Clock at St Peters and that the Parish Council's contribution towards the service is usually passed on around this time. The Clerk to establish contact and raise a cheque for the funds.

It was agreed that any future planning applications received shall be uploaded onto the Parish Council facebook page.

**There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 8.20pm**

**Next Meeting Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.30pm at Croft Village Hall – all welcome**