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Minutes of a meeting of Carleton-in-Craven Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday the 28th September 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr. P. Holmes (Chair), Cllrs. A. Dowbiggin, E. Potter, J. Clark. CDC Cllr. R. Pringle, NYCC Cllr. A. Solloway and N. Prest was also present.

21.370 **Public Participation Period**

V. Woodhead and J. Claxton were in attendance. Mrs Woodhead updates the Parish council on Carleton in Bloom. She sought to arrange a joint meeting between Parish Council members and Carleton in Bloom and to voice her objections to Mr Claxton's suggestion before he made it.

Mr Claxton made the case to cease mowing the grass in certain areas to improve habitats for insect life and to promote the growth of wildflowers and deeper rooted plants to increase the amount of carbon stored below ground and help slow climate change.

The Parish Council agreed to discuss both options.

21.371 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. N. Stead, P. Gunn

21.372 **Declarations of Interests.** – None declared.

None declared

21.373 **Minutes.** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st of September 2022 as a true and correct record.

21.374 **Progress Reports and Ongoing Matters.**

21.375 Appointment of Jo Clark as Parish Councillor

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome Jo Clark as Councillor.

21.376 Police matters

The Clerk updated the council regarding the involvement of the police in the Heslaker Lane Road Traffic Incident and a vehicle parked on Pale Lane.

21.377 SAAA External Auditor Opt-In scheme

The Parish Council chose to opt-in to the SAAA External Auditor and retain the existing external auditor.

21.378 Recreation Area Signage

The Parish Council received notification of a number of dogs on the recreation area and a complaint about the signage. The Parish Council discussed moving the dog waste bag dispenser to site of the bin, fixing the gate spring and renewing the signage on both gates.

21.379 Assets of community value

The Clerk updated the council about a conversation he had with Steve Richardson regarding application to make village amenities assets of community value. The Parish Council decided to look into how this could be achieved.

21.380 BT Pole in the Plantation

The pole has been erected in the plantation on Parish Council land, rather than the road. The clerk has contacted BT, but received no response as yet.

21.381 School Trustee Report

The Chair reported back that as Academisation continues, the school buildings will be transferred to the trustees, but the playing field will remain owned by NYCC. The Parish Council discussed concerns that NYCC consider it an asset that could be used for housing.

21.382 Potential Dog fouling solutions

The Clerk provided the Parish Council with a number of potential solutions for the dog fouling problem within the village. It was decided that a number of sites needed to be identified and that villagers needed to be reminded of the fines for allowing your dog to foul.

21.383 NYCC Report.

NYCC Cllr. A Solloway informed the Parish Council that the existing Chief Executive of NYCC has been appointed to the same for NYC, that Craven is due to be merged with Richmondshire and planning decisions will made away from the locality. NYCC is working towards a safe and legal transition of services for April 23, 2023.

North Yorkshire hopes to become an Investment Zone. The Environment agency have declared North Yorkshire in drought conditions.

21.384 CDC Report.

CDC Cllr Pringle echoed Cllr Solloway's concerns over planning at NYC. He also informed the Parish Council of his concerns over highways at NYC.

21.385 Planning Decisions.
None

21.386 **Financial position: -**
The following accounts were approved for payment:-

a) Steven Woodhead – £2380 (Grass cutting)

b) David Williams – £2446.80 (balance of Clerk's salary)

	£
Brought forward	14379.27
Less the above items	4826.80
New Balance	9552.47

21.387 **Date of the next meeting.**
The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, the 26th of October 2022, commencing at 7.30 pm in the village hall (Committee room).