Minutes of the Meeting of Carleton-in-Craven Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday the 26th February 2025 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr. P. Holmes (Chair), Cllr. N Clayton-Stead, Cllr R Lacy, Cllr. J Taylor, Cllr. F Wood, Cllr A Solloway.

25.767 **Public Participation Period.**

No parishioners in attendance.

25.768 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr. Prest had provided his apology to the clerk.

25.769 **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**. None declared.

25.770 **Minutes**

The minutes to the Parish Council meeting held on 29th January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

25.771 **Progress Reports and Ongoing Matters**

25.772 Discussion took place regarding dog fouling in the Parish and it agreed that the situation has worsened. In some cases, owners have initially cleaned up but then left the dog bag which is unhygienic. The Parish Council discussed ideas used elsewhere in the country. It was resolved that the Parish Council use Carleton web and if possible, the Carleton Courier to increase awareness and request villagers be vigilant. Some will have door bell cameras which may capture footage of owners leaving dog mess. This can either be sent to the Environment officer at NYC or be forwarded to the Parish Council to send on.

Dog owners to be reminded that dog bags can be placed in any bin, not just the red, dog bins.

Cllr Taylor suggested new signage. It was resolved that the Parish Council purchase this.

25.773 As the Parish Council has still not received a new quotation, it was resolved that St Mary's PCC contact the clerk at such time that they wish to action this.

25.774 The clerk provided councillors with proposals and costs to trim the hedge at Heslaker amenity area and a large branch on a tree on the Recreation Ground. It was resolved that that branch be removed from the Recreation Ground as per the quotation.

Signed by Chair: _____ Date: _____

25.775 The Clerk provided an update as follows:

- The Recreation Ground inspection will be carried out by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd in April. This has been delayed due to internal issues at Wicksteed.
- The councillor vacancy has been advertised but there have been no applications.
- Mr. N Brown is willing to carry out the financial audit for 2024/2025. The Parish Council resolved that Mr Brown undertake the audit.
- The Clerk requires all Councillors to provide their biographies to her for the new website as well as photographs of the amenity areas.

25.776 Cllr Solloway provided the following update. The new budget for North Yorkshire Council has been agreed at 2.99% plus an additional 2% for adult social care. Overall, this equates to a £14 billion cut in real terms as the rural services grant has also been cut. The forthcoming changes to national insurance (for council staff) has not been funded by central government.

Councillors locality budgets have been reduced by 50%. In considering proposals for funding, Cllr. Solloway will be looking for requestors to at least match the sum being requested.

Funds are now being raised from the tax on second home owners. Waste bins are to be changed with the blue bins phased out and homes being given two smaller bins as replacements to keep glass and paper separate. This will enable NYC to recycle more waste.

25.777 **Planning applications.**

To discuss the following:
ZA24/26343/LBC – Building consent for external works to replace surface materials to courtyard, Carleton Mill, BD23 3EG – NO OBJECTION.

25.778 **Financial Matters.**

The following item was presented for payment:

a) Mr Richard Hey – Works/materials regarding PC notice boards and community board - £450.00

Account balances as at 17th January 2025:
Community account - £19,031.46 (less the invoice above)
Business Premium account - £2,020.13

Signature of Chair:_____ Date: _____

25.779 **Items for future agenda**

To discuss proposed dates for Parish Councillor surgeries in spring/summer of 2025.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be on Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded.

Signature of Chair:_____ Date: _____