

# Scrayingham Parish Council

## Unapproved Draft Minutes of the Scrayingham Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 At 7.30pm in Scrayingham Church

### Attendees:

Mr N Groves  
Mrs S Elsey  
Ms S Flowers (Parish Clerk)  
Mr P Jones (Chairman)  
Mrs L Scott  
Mrs C Stone  
Mr M Stone

### Apologies:

Ms J Devos

## 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2014

To be amended and re-circulated. These will be ratified at the next meeting.

PJ/SF

## Minutes of the meeting held 1 December 2014.

The minutes were agreed.

### Matters Arising

- **Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing further to report. It was noted however, that sign posts are getting turned around and this will be reported to the Highways Agency.

SF

- **Defibrillator**

After further discussions, it was agreed not to go ahead with the purchase of defibrillators for both Scrayingham and Leppington. This was on the grounds of practicality and it was felt the distance from either the hospital or for a first responder to attend was not prohibitive enough to justify the cost. P Jones will advise Mr B Binns of the decision.

PJ

## 2. Financial

### a. Finance Report

As the balance of the Community Fund has reached £7,000, a precept holiday for the period 2014/15 had previously been agreed by the Parish Council.

- b. **Future Banking Arrangements**
- c. **Cheque signatories**
- 4. **Clerk's Salary and PAYE**

P Jones advised that banking controls had now altered and only one signatory was required on the account. He also put forward a suggestion to use on-line banking, which was **agreed by all present**. It was emphasised that checks would still be stringent on the account and statements of the account would be available at the same regular intervals. It was also agreed that a second "sub" account should be opened, from which the Clerk's wages would be paid. Further details will be provided.

Autela Payroll Services have now been appointed to deal with the payment of the Clerk, which will include correct deductions of PAYE and NI.

**PJ/SF**

It was agreed to authorise issue of **cheque no 100086** of **£12** to **The PCC St Peter & St Paul Scrayingham with Leppington** representing the hire of the Church for 19 January 2015.

**Proposed: P Jones**  
**Seconded: M Stone**

### 3. **Annual Return to March 2014**

The Annual Return to March 2014 had now been received from the external auditor. It was noted that no Audit fee was payable this year and the Clerk was thanked for this result.

The External Auditors reported they had no matters giving cause for concern but want an explanation as to the high levels of reserves and also have highlighted that the internal auditor has drawn attention to "weaknesses in internal control".

### 5. **Drainage in Scrayingham Village**

£10,000 of funding has been agreed through North Yorkshire Country Council and Yorkshire Water. However there are now issues with regard to the ownership of the pipe and YW internal contractual matters. It was suggested that it may be possible for the Parish Council receive a grant from NYCC and YW to pass on to the landowner to undertake the work using his own contractors. This suggestion will be explored further.

P Jones and M Stone to continue discussions with Yorkshire Water.

**PJ/MS**

## **6. Planning**

### **a. 14/01311/AMEND – Mr P Stacey**

Non material amendment to approval 07/00586/FUL dated 4/9/07 to allow addition of a plans condition and to add a plan showing removal of the mature pear tree protected by Condition 7 and additional tree planting to front to site at Manor Farm, Leppington considered. It was agreed that RDC should be informed that the Parish Council has no objection to the removal of the tree on the strict proviso that a) the new trees are immediately positioned as planned and b) that there is no subsequent application to change the existing plans as a result of the tree no longer being present.

**SF**

### **b. Rectory Farm, Scrayingham**

It was noted that building work had now commenced at on the site at Rectory Farm, Scrayingham. Full planning permission had been granted for the erection of 2 detached properties and 2 sets of 2 semi-detached properties. However concern had been raised regarding the test bricks proposed for the build, as they were of a darker colour to the rest of the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council should view the test bricks. This was done at the end of the meeting and it was the view of the Parish Council that the bricks were too dark. P Jones to communicate this to RDC.

**PJ**

## **7. Scrayingham Church Hall**

C Stone reported that an Ecology Report had now been undertaken and accepted by the Planners. It was identified that the Church Hall is home to a bat colony and therefore the new purchaser would require a bat licence. It was believed the property is still to go for public auction, possibly within the next few months.

## **8. Broadband**

Letter still to be sent to D Cameron regarding the poor broadband speeds experienced by both villages.

**PJ**

## **9. Footpaths & Bridleways**

Nothing to report

## **10. Any Other Business**

N Groves advised that a member of the community whose impending return from imprisonment was causing concern, given the type and repeat nature of the offences. It was believed that parole conditions should preclude the person's return to reside in the

Parish. N Groves advised he had sought advice from both a Solicitor and the Probation Service. After discussion it was felt the Parish Council would require further information about this issue. P Jones and N Groves to make further enquiries.

**PJ/NG**

P Jones reported the new Leppington sign has now been received. However as this is the incorrect size, a new pole will need to be erected.

**PJ/MS**

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 23 March 2015 at 7.30pm in Scrayingham Church.**

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