

Scrayingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Scrayingham Parish Council Held on Monday 19 May 2014 At 6.30pm Leavening Methodist Hall

Attendees:

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

Mr Gary Collins, Flood Strategy Manager, Yorkshire Water for item 6 on the agenda

Apologies:

Mr N Groves

1. Election of Chairman

Phil Jones (PJ) was re-elected as Chairman, proposed by CS, seconded by JD and agreed by all.

2. Minutes of the Previous meeting

Agreed these were a true and correct record of the meeting held 31 March 2014.

3. Matters Arising

Covered under Agenda items.

4. Financial Report, Audit & on-going Budget

PJ provided the bank reconciliation to 31 March 2014 to the meeting.

It was agreed the following cheques should be issued:

075 – cheque cancelled (incorrect amount)
076 – Leppington Methodist Trust (Village Hall hire) £13.00
077 – Highways Agency – purchase of Leppington Sign £20.00
078 – Clerk's Salary. (It was agreed the Clerk would be paid quarterly). £180.00

Mr G Collins, Flood Strategy Manager, Yorkshire Water joined the meeting at the point and item 4 on the agenda was taken

6. Drainage in Scrayingham Village Hall

G Collins was introduced to the Parish Council and explained the proposed plans to alleviate flooding and pollution problems in Scrayingham.

It was acknowledged that a lot of work had been undertaken to get to this point by all parties in an attempt to rectify the problems. It was likely the funding of the project would be by way of a partnership with Yorkshire Water, North Yorkshire County Council, Environment Agency and the Parish Council. Costings are to be obtained from both Yorkshire Water and for the Parish Council to put the work out to tender.

It was agreed that Yorkshire Water's plan should be accepted subject to satisfactory costings being obtained. *PJ to write to Yorkshire Water to confirm acceptance.*

PJ

G Collins was thanked for his attendance at the meeting and left at this point.

4. Financial Matters, Audit & On Going Budget cont'd

Asset inspections were undertaken on March 15th 2014 and again on May 17th 2014 and an updated asset report was provided to the Parish Council and approved.

PJ provided a copy of the rolling meeting-by-meeting Financial Report which includes ongoing budget items and projected costs. He confirmed that all documentation was available on the SPC Website <http://www.scrayingham.org>

The Annual Return, completed by S Flowers was considered and approved. *This will now go to T Denness for internal audit before submission to the external auditor by 9 June.*

SF

5. Planning Matters

PJ reported that plans have been submitted to RDC by Mr S Wood at Leppington for the demolition of a barn and erection of a barn and the erection of a nursery barn. The plans were agreed in principle subject to clarification on the location of the slurry lagoon.

PJ is to write to RDC to obtain clarification on the sewage removal from Mr Wood's land.

PJ

RDC are to be requested to ensure all planning applications are

submitted to the Parish Council by email.

PJ

7. Scrayingham Church Hall

Nothing further to report.

8. Broadband Proposals

JD gave a brief update on a meeting she had attended recently.

9. Improvements to Village Amenities

A request had been received for a defibrillator to be sited in Leppington. *It was agreed this idea would be explored further.*

PJ/SEF

The phone box in Scrayingham is still to be painted, however the paint is now with GWD and he has promised it will be painted within the next couple of weeks. *PJ to seek update from GWD.*

10. Footpaths & Bridleways

It was suggested that a rolling programme for footpath & bridleway maintenance should be established. *Sue Elsey and PJ to work on plan.*

SE/PJ

JD left the meeting at this point

11. Any Other Business

a. Verges around Scrayingham

A complaint had been made about the cutting of the grass verges around Scrayingham village. *It was agreed this should be investigated further.*

PJ

b. Neighbourhood Watch

North Yorkshire Police had been unable to attend this meeting. *They are to be invited to attend the next.*

PJ/SF

c. Bank Reconciliation

LS queried an article she had read in the "Parish Matters" newsletter produced by Came & Co, the Parish Council insurers. It indicated all cash book entries should be checked by someone other than the employees responsible, at least monthly. SF agreed to look into this and report back.

SF

d. Councillor Attendance at Meetings

Councillor attendance at meetings has been reviewed. If a member fails to attend for a six month consecutive period without prior agreement with the PC, they are disqualified from being a member of the council. *PJ to highlight this point to all PC members.*

PJ

e. Leppington Lane

It was requested that a note be sent to Mr Alf Watson commending him upon the attractiveness of the verges and trees adjacent to his property which he had undertaken over many years at his own expense for all to enjoy. *PJ to write and to place a photo on the SPC Website.*

PJ

12. Date of next meeting

7th July 2014 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.