

Scrayingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Scrayingham Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 1 December 2014 At 7.30pm Leavening Methodist Hall

Attendees:

Ms J Devos
Mrs S Elsey
Ms S Flowers (Parish Clerk)
Mr P Jones (Chairman)

Apologies:

Mr N Groves
Mrs L Scott
Mrs C Stone
Mr M Stone

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2014

As none of those present were present at the meeting held on 1 October 2014, it was agreed ratification of the minutes should be deferred until the next meeting.

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2. Financial Report

- **Annual Return to 31 March 2014**

This item was omitted from the meeting in error. It will be taken at the meeting in January 2015.

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- **Budget Expenditure 2015/16**
- **Precept Request to March 2016**

A budget of £1500 for the period 2015-16 was proposed and agreed.

Proposed: S Elsey

Seconded: J Devos

Given the balance of the Community Fund had reached £7,000 it was proposed that **Scrayingham Parish Council should request a Zero Precept for the period 2015/16**, granting a "precept holiday" for parishioners.

Proposed: J Devos

Seconded: S Elsey

- **PAYE**

P Jones advised that changes to the employment status of Town and Parish Clerks meant that they could not be classed as self employed. This meant that the Parish Council must register with HMRC as an employer and deduct NI and PAYE. **After discussion P Jones was given authorisation to make enquires of third parties who provide outsourced Payroll and PAYE reporting services.**

PJ

It was proposed and seconded that the Clerk's salary for the quarter to December 2014 should be authorised. Cheque no **100085** in the sum of **£180** signed by M Stone and S Elsey issued.

Proposed: J Devos

Seconded: S Elsey

It was further agreed to authorise issue of **cheque no 100084** of **£26** to **Leavening Methodist Trust** representing room hire for October 2014 (receipt no 19) and December 2014 (receipt no 20) signed by P Jones and S Elsey.

Proposed: S Elsey

Seconded: J Devos

3. Planning Matters

It was reported that Ryedale District Council had granted planning permission to Mr Wood for the slurry lagoon. Mr Wood had contacted P Jones prior to planning permission being granted to advise he was commencing work on the slurry lagoon.

P Jones advised he had been contacted by T Denness who said he had been informed that 6 houses were to be built in Leppington as opposed to the 2 that permission had been granted on. The Parish Council were unaware of this and RDC have contacted the developers to clarify.

4. Drainage in Scrayingham Village

P Jones reported on a meeting held with Yorkshire Water (details previously circulated by email). M Stone and P Jones had attended on behalf of Scrayingham Parish Council. The Parish Council will not be involved in contracting the work. It was noted the Environment Agency are now required to give their agreement that a pipe may be run straight into the river Derwent as opposed to the goit. It was also noted that the Derwent Trust may be willing to fund some of the work. It was felt that progress was now being made in this area however further discussions are still required.

5. Scrayingham Church Hall

It was noted that G Winn-Darley has now claimed adverse possession which the Church authorities have accepted. This means the property will now go to Public Auction.

6. Broadband

P Jones to write to D Cameron to express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with regard to broadband speeds.

PJ

7. Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk reported she had been in contact with Nicki Pounder from North Yorkshire Police recently but no further progress had been made in this respect. Residents are urged to remain vigilant to suspicious activity.

8. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported on discussions she had with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service with regard to the installation of defibrillators. A cost of approximately £1500 per defibrillator estimated, they would require a power source and somewhere suitable for it to be placed.

After discussion it was agreed the Clerk should contact local Parish Clerks to ascertain their experience of installing defibrillators.

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9. Village Verge Cutting Cutbacks

Correspondence had been received from North Yorkshire County Council indicating that the grass cutting service is to be reduced. Whilst the County Council has a statutory duty to cut grass for safety reasons, no other grass will be cut. Therefore only 85 SqM will be cut in Leppington and 166 SqM in Scrayingham. It was agreed that Parishoners should be encouraged to cut verges themselves. A notice will be placed on both notice boards advising that this service is to be cut and encouraging the voluntary cutting of verges.

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10. Footpaths & Bridleways

Nothing to report

11. Any Other Business

St Peter & St Paul Church, Scrayingham

J Devos reported on efforts being made to keep the Church in Scrayingham from closure. A community group has been formed "Friends of Scrayingham and Leppington". A Carol Service/Christingle has been organised at Scrayingham Church on

14 December 2014 at 4pm and other community events are planned.

It was agreed to hold future Parish Council meetings in Scrayingham Church to promote its use as a community building.

Parish Council Website

P Jones reported the Parish Council website now had in excess of 2000 hits.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19 January 2015 at 7.30pm in Scrayingham Church.

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