

Scrayingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting

Monday 13th May 2013 at 18:30 hrs. at Leavening Methodist Hall

Attendees:

Newby Groves ('NG')
Phil Jones ('PJ', Chair)
Mrs Linda Scott ('LS')
Mrs Carolyn Stone ('CS')
Mervyn Stone ('MS')
Neil Jacques ('NJ')
Mrs Sue Elsey ('SE')

Councillor Caroline Goodrick ('CG')
Ms Sarah Jacques ('SJ')

Phil Jones thanked all those present for attending the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Phil Jones was re-elected as Chairman, proposed by MS, seconded by SE and agreed by all. Mervyn Stone was re-elected as Vice-Chairman, proposed by PJ, seconded by NG and agreed by all.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting of 08/04/2013 were accepted as correct and duly signed by PJ.

3. Matters Arising

All matters arising were covered as agenda items.

4. Financial Matters & Audit

a) Report

PJ provided a Statement of Accounts and Financial Report, confirming that the first Precept payment had been received from Ryedale District Council in April 2013, following the previous 'Precept Holiday'.

b) Expenditure Items

Hall hire

Cheque No 100071 for £12 was countersigned by MS for provision to LMT for hire of the Hall on 08/04/2013. [Note: PJ provided cheque to LMT after the meeting]

Owl Box

Cheque No 100073 was countersigned by PJ and MS to allow the procurement of two Owl Boxes for the sum of £120, from a local supplier (Minute 11(a) 08/05/2013)

Action 1:

MS to commission work from Mr William Day

Parish Council Insurance

PJ confirmed receipt and enablement of a policy for Parish Council Insurance from Came and Co.

Audit

PJ ran through the audit papers for 2012/13 which were agreed by all and signed off in preparation for submission for Internal Audit.

Action 2:

PJ to submit papers for audit.

Inspection of Assets

PJ reported that an inspection of Parish Council assets had been undertaken and the report was circulated at the meeting. No items were deemed to represent a safety risk at the time, nor required immediate action.

5. Broadband Proposals

Preparation of an Invitation to Tender for provision of local broadband was still underway and was running well behind schedule.

Action 3:

PJ to seek updates.

6. Drainage in Scrayingham

Problems remained in Scrayingham and PJJ undertook to contact Yorkshire Water in this respect.

Action 4:

PJ to liaise continue to liaise with various authorities

7. General Highways Issues

It was noted that the Highways Agency had begun a repair programme following the recession of the bad weather. PJJ had already written to express appreciation to Simon Lythe.

8. Scrayingham Church Hall

Ownership of the land adjacent to the hall was in question and it was the view of the Parish Council that the Church would be well placed to thoroughly research this issue before sale to any third party might be considered.

Action 5:

PJ to monitor situation and report accordingly.

9. Forward Planning

PC comments were forwarded to Ryedale to include in the Ryedale Plan. These included a request for no further development to be allowed in Scrayingham until the drainage problems were satisfactorily resolved. It was also the preference of the council for Site 390 in Scrayingham to be reserved for Residential rather than Commercial development and that the character of the buildings be preserved.

10. Village Improvements

Action 6:

PJ had identified that an authentic shade of red paint had been sourced for the Kiosks and that he would purchase sufficient for Leppington, and if a further amount was required, more could be acquired. A sum of £150 per village was authorised for improvements to the Kiosks.

PJ to liaise with SE and LS over paint.

PJ reported that he had received a quotation from a local builder for provision of stone plinths to bear the village name and neighbourhood watch signs; this proved to be significant and it was felt that the community would not wish to invest a figure of this sum upon what were effectively cosmetic improvements. Members of the PC committed instead to refurbish the existing signs at their own time and expense.

11. Any other business

It was noted at this point that there were no attendees from the Parish for the following Annual parish Meeting, despite the meeting being advertised well in advance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:35 hrs. Dates for future meetings would be placed on the Parish Council Website.