

# Scrayingham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Normal Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 19:30 hrs at Leavening Methodist Hall

### Attendees:

Phil Jones ('PJ') (Chair)  
Newby Groves  
Mrs Carolyn Stone  
Mervyn Stone

### Apologies:

Mrs Linda Scott

*PJ thanked all those present for attending the meeting after a busy day at work, far afield.*

### 1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting, and the Annual Parish Meeting were accepted as correct by all present, and duly signed by PJ.

### 2. Co-option of Councillors

Following discussion at the previous meeting, Cllrs Linda Scott and PJ had spoken with Mrs Linda Livesey, of Leppington, who had expressed an interest in and agreed to serve as a member of the Parish Council. PJ had similarly met with Mr Neil Jacques. PJ proposed that Mrs Livesey should be formally co-opted on to the Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr Carolyn Stone ('CS'). CS proposed that Mr Jacques be similarly co-opted and this was seconded by Cllr Newby Groves ('NG').

*Post meeting note: Unfortunately Mrs Livesey still holds an American passport so is not technically eligible to be a councillor. It was therefore decided in line with previous discussion that Mrs Sue Elsey be asked if she would be prepared to re-join SPC, which she kindly agreed to do. This was agreed by email by NG, MS, CS and PJ. Mrs Elsey's Acceptance form was subsequently endorsed by MS and Cllr Linda Scott.*

#### Action 1:

*PJ to provide the new councillors with the necessary documentation for signature and submission to Ryedale.*

### 3. Non-Agenda Matters Arising

#### Parish Clerk

PJ reported that there continued to be no response to adverts on the village notice boards and on the local community website.

#### Action 2:

*All members to continue to promote efforts to fill the vacancy.*

#### **4. Financial Report, Precept and Expenditure Items**

#### **Action 3:**

PJ provided a financial report which showed a balance in the community account of £5,183.83 which took into account the forthcoming payment of £12.00 to Leavening Methodists Trust ('LMT') for the use of the Hall that evening.

*PJ to arrange payment accordingly.*

A cheque would be countersigned by 2 signatories of the Parish Council and provided to LMT as soon as the cheque book was returned by Tony Denness who was currently in the process of undertaking the annual internal audit.

#### **5. Audit**

#### **Action 4:**

PJ reported that he had provided all necessary documentation to Tony Denness for the purposes of Internal Audit, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.

*PJ to liaise with Tony Denness.*

#### **6. Village Improvements**

#### **Action 5:**

PJ reported that a Structures Licence had been received from Richard Marr of the Highways Department which permits the construction of Grit Enclosures in Leppington. He also advised that BT were in the process of progressing the formal handover of the Telephone Kiosks in both villages to the Parish Council.

*PJ to liaise with BT over telephone Kiosks*

He proposed that a Village Improvement Committee ('VIC') be formed in each village to agree, plan and undertake the project work required to implement and maintain items such as village signs, flower tubs and grit enclosures. PJ proposed that the committee in Scrayingham be formed of Cllr Mervyn Stone ('MS'), NG and Mr Neil Jacques, subject to his agreement. This was seconded by NG. PJ volunteered to work on the committee in Leppington and would seek out other volunteers in due course.

#### **Action 6:**

*PJ to seek volunteers for the Leppington VIC.*

*Post meeting note: A meeting of the Village Improvements Committees would take place on (TBA)*

#### **7. Parish Council Insurance**

#### **Action 7:**

PJ reported that Came and Company had provided an outline quotation for Parish Council Insurance of £265.00 per annum.

*PJ to provide details of telephone kiosks and other Parish Council Assets (when acquired) to finalise the quotation process.*

#### **8. The Localism Bill**

#### **Action 8:**

PJ agreed to contact Councillor Caroline Goodrick who has the responsibility for overseeing planning within Ryedale District Council, to discuss aspects of the Localism Bill.

*PJ to contact Mrs Goodrick.*

## 9. Planning

PJ reported that no planning applications had been received. MS advised that ByZak Ltd had turned up with a large amount of heavy plant at Lock Cottage, Buttercrambe, to commence work on building the Fish Pass and Hydroelectric facility above the weir (work recently approved by Ryedale). All this had been done without prior advice being given over commencement dates to either Les Green at Lock Cottage or the Estate itself who are commissioning the work.

### Action 9:

*PJ to informally advise contacts in the Environment Agency of the lack of consultation by ByZak Ltd.*

## 10. Highways Issues

PJ proposed that in future MS would co-ordinate issues that required liaison with the Highways Department. This was seconded by NG. This would allow a rapid response to be given to any issues arising in road safety and also in the resolution of ongoing problems and remedial work relating to the Bridges at Buttercrambe. MS advised that he had attended a meeting called by North Yorkshire County Council and chaired by Councillor Clare Wood, at Aldby Park, where local landowners had expressed their views over a range of options to fortify the bridge and improve the signage leading up to the bridges in both directions. It was noted that a number of the other local Parish Councils<sup>1</sup> had advised their views to Clare Wood over the proposed width restrictions designed to protect the bridge. The consultation process was ongoing.

### Action 10:

*PJ to monitor and report progress accordingly.*

Post meeting notes:

<sup>1</sup>*These include Stamford Bridge Parish Council*

*\*North Yorkshire Councillor Stephen Shaw has requested attendance at the next Parish Council meeting.*

## 11. Dog Fouling in Scrayingham Village

There was some discussion about dog fouling; it appeared that following some garden improvements there would be less opportunity for the dogs from one property to roam in the village. PJ advised that the best approach under all circumstances, given the protracted nature of the problem, was to use the Dog Warden to resolve any disputes.

### Action 11:

*PJ to contact the RDC Dog Warden.*

## 12. SPC Information

PJ advised that he would be happy to continue to maintain Scrayingham.org free of charge if the Parish Council meet the cost of hosting the website. This was proposed and seconded by CS and MS respectively. It was agreed that PJ would provide a receipt to the council from 123-reg.co.uk who provide the service. The annual cost for this is £29.88.

### Action 12:

*PJ to provide receipt accordingly.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.

*Post-meeting note: The next meeting is planned for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July as Councillor Stephen Shaw has requested attendance to discuss issues with Buttercrambe Bridge.*