

Scrayingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting

Monday 10th December 2012 at 19:30 hrs. at Leavening Methodist Hall

Attendees:

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

Phil Jones thanked all those present for attending the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting of 23/7/2012 were accepted as correct and duly signed by PJ.

2. Matters Arising

Parish Clerk

PJ once again reported no response to adverts on the village notice boards and on the local community website. It was suggested that we might be able to seek assistance from Stamford Bridge.

Action 1:

All members to continue to promote efforts to fill the vacancy. PJ to contact Stamford Bridge

Other matters were covered as agenda items.

3. Financial Report, Audit and Expenditure Items

PJ provided a Statement of Accounts and Financial Report which showed no change from previous, as there was no income through the introduction of the 'Precept Holiday' which had been operating since November 2011.

Following discussion it was proposed by MS and seconded by SE, and agreed that the precept would be re-instated given that SPC would shortly be incurring charges for Parish Council Insurance following the acquisition of the village Telephone Kiosks.

Cheque No 100112 for £12 was countersigned by MS for provision to LMT for hire of the Hall the previous year, on 06/06/2011. Cheque No 100113 for £12 was countersigned by MS for provision to LMT for hire of the Hall on 10/12/2012. [Note:

PJ provided cheque to LMT after the meeting]

PJ reported Mazars audit fees of £132.00 for 2011/12, for which payment was authorised by all present.

PJ also reported that a quotation for £267.00 for Parish Council Insurance had been received from Came and Co. Whilst this appeared to be a common policy adopted by a number of PCs, PJ undertook to seek quotes from other suppliers.

It was nevertheless proposed by MS and seconded by SE that the PC should authorise expenditure up to this amount to allow a policy to be activated, if necessary, at short notice.

4. Village Events

It was a matter of regret that social events that in the past had helped to bind the villages together were no longer regularly taking place. It was resolved that it might be worth looking into holding an event in Scrayingham in the Summer of 2013, and a further event in Leppington the following year. The matter was left for further debate as soundings needed to be taken over which landowner(s) might be prepared to host the events.

Action 3:

PJ to liaise with Scrayingham and Leppington Councillors

5. General Highways Issues

Completion of recent repairs to Acres Lane were welcomed and PJ advised that he had been in touch with Highways to express appreciation for their efforts.

Action 4:

SPC members to monitor road conditions in the parish and report any issues.

PJ reported that he had met with a representative of the Middleton Hunt and that agreement had been reached over a parking strategy that would allow free access to Scrayingham and Leppington villages and would allow passing places to be kept free. The hunt subsequently observed the agreed practices. They also provided details of future events in the Leppington and Scrayingham areas.

6. Broadband Proposals

Provision of a 2MB facility had been agreed in principle and NYnet had moved into the procurement phase of the scheme. There were however delays in completion of the specification that would form the basis of the invitation to tender to suppliers of the scheme. Release of the ITT was reported to be imminent but doubts were expressed over whether this could be achieved.

Action 5:

Parish Council to assist process where possible.

7. Village Improvements Committee (VIC)

PJ suggested that an inaugural meeting of the committees for each Village would take place in January. Newby Groves would lead Scrayingham and Linda Scott, Leppington.

Action 8:

Output from VIC meeting to be reported at the next PC Meeting

PJ had received a quotation from Came and Company for Parish Council Insurance that would include PC assets. The cost for a policy with a £250 excess would be approximately £265 per annum.

Meeting of the Improvements Committee

The committee had not yet met. CS stated that she would be happy to progress a meeting of the Scrayingham Committee. A date still had to be advised for the Leppington Committee - PJ noted that Linda Livesey had volunteered to sit on this committee.

Action 9:

PJ to facilitate meetings accordingly.

8. SPC Information

PJ again advised that he had not had time to produce a receipt in time for the meeting but would undertake to do so as soon as possible. The annual cost for this is £29.88 + VAT.

Action 10:

PJ to provide receipt accordingly.

9. Any other business

Neighbourhood Watch

As there was no neighbourhood watch representative in Leppington village it was an opportune time to facilitate the electronic distribution of police information to anyone who might be interested in reviewing it and passing it on.

Action 11:

PJ to review current arrangements and report accordingly.

Meetings Programme

PJ had been contacted by a councillor asking for a programme of meeting dates for the year to be given. Whilst this had been done previously, it had not been possible to stick to the published routine due to work commitments. PJ reported that he would try to improve the process but that work commitments continued to make this difficult.

Action 12:

PJ to publish dates for 2012/13

Drainage in Scrayingham

MS reported that more problems had been experienced with surface flooding in the road in Scrayingham Village and that he was continually in touch with the various authorities as part of his Highways role within the PC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:10 hrs. A date for the next meeting would be provided after the summer break.