

# Scrayingham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Normal Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 19:30 hrs at Leavening Methodist Hall

### Attendees:

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

Stephen Shaw (Councillor, North Yorkshire)

Sarah Jacques (Parishioner, Scrayingham)

### Apologies:

Newby Groves

*Phil Jones thanked all those present for attending the meeting.*

### 1. Co-option of Councillors

Mr Neil Jacques (NJ) was welcomed as a new member of the Parish Council. PJ also thanked Mrs Sue Elsey for taking on a further term of office as a Parish Councillor, following her co-option at the previous meeting.

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### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

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

### 3. Buttercrambe Bridges and Highways Issues

#### *Action 1:*

PJ welcomed Councillor Stephen Shaw who had requested attendance at the meeting to understand the views of the Parish Council in connection with the Bridges. *SS to advise progress.*

PJ outlined the background behind the issue, indicating that the members of the Parish Council were keen to see the damaged historic bridge repaired, restored and made safe. He also indicated that the Parish Council was firmly of the opinion that steps should be taken to protect both bridges from future damage through implementation of a combination of traffic management measures. PJ added that in forming this view, the Parish Council had liaised with a number of other local councils, including Stamford Bridge and Buttercrambe and Bossall. Stamford Bridge, Westow, Leavening and Acklam for example, had separately been in contact with North Yorkshire to communicate their stance on the matter.

PJ thanked Councillor Mervyn Stone for his efforts over a considerable period of time in reporting damage to the bridge and for providing input over how the problem of repair and fortification might be addressed.

Councillor Stephen Shaw outlined the process that would be followed to progress the restoration of the bridge and to prevent future damage and safety issues. He stated that it was important to take the views of the local landowners and surrounding villages into consideration when determining the correct strategy to progress the future management of the bridges.

An engineer from NYCC had investigated a number of possibilities for future configuration and management of the bridges and surrounding area. It was concluded that a combination of improved and more widely distributed signage and a restriction on the width of the bridge through implementation of bollards and or buttresses would be the most effective solution. A plan giving the options would be circulated to residents within the surrounding area and any views would be taken into consideration.

MS stated that in considering this solution, it was important to take into account that the smaller bridge was damaged by traffic heading in both directions so that any solution should extend to both the North and South approaches. He added that the implementation of a physical width restriction could be accompanied by a reversal of the prioritisation of traffic over the bridge. This would provide more space for vehicles to safely queue to pass between the bridges.

NJ expressed concern that the matter should be dealt with as quickly as possible as a failure to deal quickly with the bureaucracy would be likely to be reflected in long delays in implementation of the project.

Mrs Sarah Jacques reflected the view that it was important that all residents in the area had the opportunity to communicate their opinions on this matter to NYCC.

SS advised that Cllr Clare Wood had confirmed that a budget was available for the project and hoped that it would progress as quickly as possible once consultation had been concluded. He added that the matter would be considered at senior level in NYCC with a decision being expected in early September 2011.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

##### **Parish Clerk**

PJ reported 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.*

#### **5. Financial Report, Audit and Expenditure Items**

PJ provided a financial report which showed no change from previous, there having been no income or expenditure since the previous meeting.

##### **Action 3:**

*PJ to take cheque to LMT accordingly.*

Cheque No 100064 for £24 was countersigned by MS for provision to LMT for hire of the Hall on 07/11/2012 and 11/7/2012

PJ reported that he had concluded the Annual Audit with Tony Denness and that MS had countersigned the papers before sending them to Mazars on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

#### **6. Village Improvements Committee (VIC)**

PJ reported that he had obtained quotes for the provision of materials to construct grit enclosures in Scrayingham. Councillor Scott advised that it would be helpful to include Stuart Wood in their design and positioning as he was usually involved in the spreading of grit with agricultural machinery.

##### **Action 4:**

*LS to liaise with SW.*

BT had advised that despite earlier communication to the contrary, the Leppington Telephone Kiosk was not scheduled for closure. PJ had requested that as and when it did, SPC would continue to be interested in arranging its adoption. BT advised that no progress had been made over the adoption of the Scrayingham Kiosk but that they would be in touch shortly.

##### **Action 5:**

*PJ to liaise with BT.*

PJ needed to facilitate the meetings of informal VIC for each village but advised that as he would be working away for several weeks this might have to take place later in the Summer/Autumn.

##### **Action 6:**

*PJ to liaise with BT.*

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

PJ reported that, given there was still no Clerk and that adoption of the Phone Kiosk had not taken place, there was no requirement at the time to purchase Parish Council Insurance.

#### **8. Planning**

PJ reported that there had been no recent Planning Applications recorded within the Parish. PJ had agreed to contact Councillor Caroline Goodrick who has the responsibility for overseeing planning within Ryedale District Council, to discuss aspects of the Localism Bill and its longer term impact on the Planning Process. This matter was outstanding and PJ would progress accordingly.

##### **Action 7:**

*PJ to contact Mrs Goodrick.*

## **9. Dog Fouling in Scrayingham Village**

It was noted that an improvement had been seen as some residents had taken notice of the need to prevent dog fouling. It was however reported that some fouling was still occurring.

### **Action 8:**

*PJ to contact the RDC Dog Warden.*

## **10. SPC Information**

PJ advised that following SPC's decision to pay for the hosting of the <http://www.Scrayingham.org> website, he 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 9:**

*PJ to provide receipt accordingly.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:00 hrs. A date for the next meeting would be provided after the summer break.