

Scrayingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 23rd July 2012 at 19:30 hrs

Leavening Methodist Hall

Attendees:

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

Apologies:
Newby Groves
Mrs Sue Elsey

Mrs Jan Devos (Parishioner)

Phil Jones thanked all those present for attending the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

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

2. Matters Arising

Parish Clerk

PJ reported no response to adverts on the village notice boards and on the local community website. He added that due to pressure of work he could not continue to undertake the Clerk's role indefinitely and asked all to redouble their efforts to locate a suitable applicant.

Action 1:

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

Other matters were covered as agenda items.

3. Financial Report, Audit and Expenditure Items

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

PJ advised that the necessary preparatory work had been undertaken to complete the Annual Audit and circulated Risk assessment and Asset Register documentation. A Risk Assessment was undertaken and completed in line with audit requirements. PJ advised that the audit papers would be completed as soon as possible but reiterated that pressure from work was delaying the process.

Action 2:
PJ to complete Audit as soon as possible.

Cheques 100067 and 100110, each for £12, were countersigned by MS for provision to LMT for hire of the Hall on 14/05/2012 and 23/07/2012.

PJ reported that he and Sue Elsey had signed BT's Scrayingham and Leppington Kiosk Adoption papers on 13/07/2012, committing the PC to £2, which had not yet been billed.

4. Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee celebrations had been very well-attended and successful in Leppington due to the generosity and efforts of many in the village. A celebration was also hosted by George Winn-Darley at Aldby Park in Buttercrambe for local residents, including those in Scrayingham. PJ advised that he and his family had attended and enjoyed both events during the course of the day.

Action 3:
PJ to place resulting photographs on the Website

5. General Highways Issues

PJ advised that he had again exchanged email with Highways about the state of Acres Lane which was due to be resurfaced on a date not yet provided.

Action 4:
PJ to report on progress.

MS communicated that a concern had been raised by residents in Scrayingham that some vehicles participating in recent hunt meetings had not parked safely and their positioning on verges and in passing spaces could cause safety issues for both hunt participants and others using the roads. It was requested that a letter highlighting this problem be sent to the Hunt.

Action 5:
PJ to email Hunt accordingly.

6. Broadband Proposals

Jan Devos (JD), a resident of Scrayingham, attended the meeting to discuss progress on Rural Broadband proposals. There appeared to be an opportunity for the general area to receive its Broadband early in the scheme and to help ensure this it was urged that residents in the area support the scheme. JD stated that she would deliver scheme documentation to each household in Scrayingham and it was suggested a similar exercise should be undertaken in Leppington. In the meantime there was little progress to report.

Action 6:
Parish Council to assist process where possible.

Action 7:
PJ to post relevant information on the Website.

7. Village Improvements Committee (VIC)

Telephone Kiosks & Insurance

PJ reported that contracts had been signed for the adoption of both Scrayingham and Leppingtons' decommissioned telephone kiosks. The contracts, which committed the PC to expenditure of £2, were signed by PJ, and countersigned by Cllr Sue Elsey. Once the kiosks become PC property they require insurance and PJ advised that he 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.

Action 8:
PJ to formalise insurance arrangement and advise final cost to the PC, prior to initiating the purchasing process.

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.