

Scrayingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Scrayingham Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 18th January 2016

At 7.30 pm in Leavening Methodist Hall

Attendees:

Mrs Jan Devos
Mr Hugo Hildyard
Mr Phil Jones (Chairman)
Mr Dave Livsey
Mr Mervyn Stone

Mrs Eileen Barker
Mr & Mrs Matthew & Diane Wells

Apologies: Mrs Linda Scott

Phil Jones (PJ) thanked all for attending and welcomed Eileen Barker and Matthew and Diane Wells who had attended to participate in discussion related to Scrayingham Church Hall, the agenda item having been requested by Mr Nick Du Plessis.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December and Matters Arising (not elsewhere on the agenda)

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2015 were approved by all.

2. Scrayingham Church Hall

Matthew Wells was invited to speak in relation to recent developments concerning the status of Scrayingham Church Hall.

He outlined that the community body the Friends of Scrayingham (FoS) had met to discuss the future of the Hall following the PCC's decision to no longer offer the property for sale. The FOS had pledged support both in effort and in seeking funding (including a Lottery grant) for an initiative to help restore the Hall as an amenity for the community. This included acting upon issues associated with access and also participating in activities to support ongoing maintenance of the building.

PJ and JD emphasised the importance of ensuring that the available funding would be sustainable over a period of time to safeguard the future of the Hall.

Given the recent interest shown by the FoS in using the Hall as a meeting place and to potentially house the George Hudson history project documentation and displays, the Parish Council were supportive of efforts by the Friends of Scrayingham to retain the Hall and its accessibility as an amenity for the local and wider community.

Proposed: PJ

Seconded: JD

3. Finance, Audit, and Compliance

a) Audit

PJ advised there were no exceptional actions arising relating to the Annual Return.

b) Annual Precept and Budget

PJ presented a proposed budget for FY 2016/17 (attached) totalling £1,400.00 which took into account annual recurrent spending requirements and some potential capital items. It was agreed after discussion that the PC would nevertheless limit its precept application to the 2014/15 figure of £1,300.00 for the coming year.

PJ to complete the precept form and submit to RDC.

c) PC Expenditure

It was proposed and seconded that the following payments were made:

£13.00 to Leavening Methodists Trust for the hire of Leavening Methodist Hall for the meeting.

£37.50 to Autela for administration of Clerks' Wages

Proposed: P Jones

Seconded: M Stone

4. Clerk's and Councillor Vacancies

Cllr Scott had made some enquiries in Leppington and it was agreed that an approach would be made to a parishioner shortly.

PJ to progress

5. Footpaths, Highways and Drainage

PJ to
progress

Routing of land drains on the Leppington Manor Farm building site had caused surface water to overwhelm the existing drainage on the main street and to flow both North and South out of the village. The matter had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by Cllr Scott and Messrs Tracey Kendall, Stuart Wood and Mike Preece. North Yorkshire Highways were contacted and a visit was made by NYCC reps Richard Marr and Simon Lythe who met PJ, MP and SW on 07/01/2016. As the conditions were particularly bad with the village sustaining heavy rainfall, the problem was amply illustrated. Richard Marr inspected the whole length of the village and later agreed to send a contractor to survey it with a view to rectifying the problem. An inspection was made the following day and we were subsequently informed that the work would be scheduled shortly. During the conversation PJ also highlighted the appalling condition of the road surfaces in and North of Leppington which had been due to be treated in 2016 but had apparently been cancelled.

6. Planning

PJ to
distribute
documents

PJ reported that he had received a planning application for the Leppington Manor Farm development and outlined the variances it contained which were considered to be minor. He undertook to distribute the documents accordingly.

7. Village Initiatives

Defibrillator

Further interest had been displayed in the introduction of a defibrillator for Leppington. PJ had spoken to Brian Binns who advised that Stuart Wood had offered to house the device on the basis that there was always someone in at Poplar House Farm. Mrs Stone offered to enquire over the exact pricing of a device for Leppington.

Proposed: PJ

Seconded: MS

PJ to
progress
with SW
and BB.

CS to
investigate
costs

The Queen's 90th Birthday

An event to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday was discussed and it was agreed that this and any setup costs would be discussed by the Friends of Scrayingham who might be able to agree a venue, with the Parish Council providing some funding.

Proposed: MS

Seconded PJ

MS/CS/FoS
to
progress

8. Any Other Business

Drainage in Scrayingham

PJ advised that YW were continuing to go through a long planning process prior to undertaking work.

Broadband

PJ requested that DL or MS obtain details from BT over cable trunking into Scrayingham in order to raise the issue with Kevin Hollinrake's office. DL/MS to advise PJ

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st March 2016, 19.30, at Leavening Methodist Hall.