**Scrayingham Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Scrayingham Parish Council Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Monday 9th May 2022**

**At 18:30hrs in Leavening Methodist Hall**

**Attendees:**

Phil Jones (Chairman) (PJ)

Mervyn Stone (MS)

Hugo Hildyard (HH)

Nigel Prewett (NH)

Jo Booth (JB)

Mrs Jo Green (JG) (Clerk to the Parish)

**Apologies:**

Carolyn Stone (MS)

Stuart Wood (SW)

1. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
2. PJ re-elected as Chairman (Proposed NP, Seconded MS)
3. MS announced his intention to retire as Vice Chairman. PJ accepted and thanked MS for his support and hard work in this post. JB elected as Vice Chairman (Proposed PJ, Seconded NP).
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising**
5. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022 were circulated and approved.

**Matters Arising:**

1. Bank Mandates

A new bank mandate for JG has been completed, approved and countersigned by PJ & MS. JB also to compete a bank mandate form.

b) Dog Bins

Four dog waste bins have been ordered from RDC, two each for both Scrayingham and Leppington, RDC to install and maintain. The cost of this will be £793.06. PJ to liaise with Faye Snowden at RDC on suggested sites and date for installation. JB to liaise with Lacy’s Cottage Riding School regarding placement of bin at south end of Scrayingham, with the other bin being placed near to bridlepath at north end of village. SW to be asked to confirm sites for those at Leppington.

c) S160 Grant for Play Area/Hub

JB reported that the application for this grant had been accepted. However, the original idea for provision of a play area has been postponed as the cost of liability insurance was too expensive.

The money will be used to provide:

* Clearing the ground to the back of the Church and erecting new fencing and adding benches/picnic benches.
* Spring bulbs to be planted throughout the village;
* The pond at Village Farm to be cleaned out, the hedge removed, landscaping with a bench added.
* A George Hudson Wildlife Walk to be created with interpretation markers;
* Lighting to the Churchyard Path to be provided.
* A promotion interpretation panel at Scrayingham Ecological Wastewater Treatment System;

d) Community Grant & Heritage Grant

JB is in the process of applying for both grants, hopefully using some of any funds raised towards the ‘George Hudson Walk’ and ‘speeding signs’ at both ends of the village.

e) Planning Application : Leppington

PJ has written to RDC following concerns of a current building extension in the village causing extra drainage into septic tank putting a strain on existing system. A reply has been received to say this has been looked at, amended and should not now be a problem.

1. **Financial Statement/Audit/Authorisation of Payments & Subscriptions**

a) PJ reported that the current balance of the PC bank account is approximately £6,000/£7,000. A financial statement will be prepared and brought up to date once access to bank statements has been reinstated following submission of new bank mandates. Financial Statements to be issued regularly once this is in place. [PJ/JG]

b) Once dog bins are in place these will be added to the list of assets of the Parish Council.

c) Defibrillators: we need a documented record of the regular maintenance checks carried out. At the moment SW does Leppington and Chris Sheridan Scrayingham. [PJ/SW/JG]

d) Asset Register: regular updates to be made and added to Agenda in the future. [PJ/JG]

e) Approval to pay for the hire of Leavening Reading Room @ £15. Cheque 100227 signed by PJ, counter signed by MS.

1. **Village Improvements**

a) There is still some concern within the villages about the use of the defibrillators and provision of first aid in general. PJ asked JG to arrange another First Aid Course (including use of a defibrillator) with Yor Training to be held at Westow Cricket Pavilion.

1. Website: this is ongoing, and it is hoped to restore the village website as soon as possible. PJ thanked JB for her help with this.
2. **Highways & Drainage**
3. **Highways:**
4. PJ reported that after contacting Highways department there has been no further development with regard to parking in passing place/lay by at Leppington.
5. PJ has looked at the erosion on the bend on the Stamford Bridge to Malton road and will write to RDC.
6. State of road repair in Scrayingham is ongoing.
7. **Drainage:**
8. Ongoing. PJ has not received any further information from NYCC or Yorkshire Water. No plan yet available to look at or take a decision on.
9. MS advised that he had agreed for Yorkshire Water accessing the pipe down the side of his garden enabling them to carry out root grinding to possibly clear the pipe and to insert a protective lining. The pond is also to be re-instated to the back of Yggdrasil.
10. **Queen’s Jubilee**
11. JB reported that arrangements were in hand to hold a celebration to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in Scrayingham on 5th June 2022.
12. **Dates of Next Meeting**
13. The next meetings of Scrayingham Parish Council will be held on:

18th July 2022

12th September 2022

7th November 2022

9th January 2023

6th February 2023

3rd April 20233

8th May 2023

(PC Annual Meeting & Annual Meeting of The Parish).

1. The meeting closed at 19:30hrs