**Scrayingham Parish Council**

**Annual Meeting of the Parish of Scrayingham**

**Held on Monday 9th May 2022**

**At 19:30hrs in Leavening Methodist Reading Room**

**Attendees:**

Phil Jones (Chairman Parish Council) (PJ)

Jo Booth (Vice Chairman Parish Council)

Mervyn Stone (MS)

Hugo Hildyard (HH)

Nigel Prewett (NP)

Jo Green (Clerk to the Parish) (JMG)

K Bradshaw (KB) & T Rodwell (TR)

**Apologies:**

Carolyn Stone (CS)

Stuart Wood (SW)

1. PJ welcomed Karen Bradshaw and Tim Rodwell to the meeting.

2. KB asked why there was no public information available about the Parish Council, why the minutes and finance do not seem to be available to the public and why website was no longer accessible – the website should be a valuable asset to the community, especially to those who are new to the villages. What is the precept allocated to the parish actually spent on?

PJ replied, apologising for the lack of information available at this time, due to a lot of different contributory factors. The Parish Council is aware of these problems and is working towards improving the situation as soon as possible. A new Clerk to the Parish has recently been appointed. PJ is working with JB on the website to get it restored as soon as possible.

PJ also informed KB and on the following:

a) The annual precept amounts to £1,300. This is worked out at approximately £10 per head per voting adult living in the Parish.

b) Recent work carried out to date:

i) Recently purchased 4 dog waste bins for both Scrayingham and Leppington – to be installed

 by RDC, date not known as this time but in the very near future

ii) Bought the BT phone boxes in both villages

iii) Provided defibrillators for both villages

iv) Provided a first aid training course (including use of defibrillators). Another training course is in the process of being booked for the near future.

v) Campaigned for better broadband

vi) Had an eco-study carried out in Leppington (funded by the Government) – a long and detailed report received concluding that it would be too expensive.

vii) Working on the flooding/draining problems in the village, which is ongoing and very

 protracted as funding required and ownership needs to be established.

viii) Parish Council is active in ensuring hedges are kept cut and tidy in the villages and the

 Churchyard is kept tidy.

ix) Fire Service carried out a survey, with recommendations, on ‘speeding’ in the village. PC are looking at erecting warning signs to cut speed, positioned at both ends of the village.

**3. Village Improvements**

a) JB has completed the application for the S106 Grant of £12,000 which is to be spend on several projects for the village, including:

* 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;

JB is also applying for further grants towards further village improvements.

b) PJ suggested that more oak and chestnut trees to be planted - to be grown from acorns/conkers and planted in suitable areas.

**4.** **Queen’s Jubilee**

JB reported that arrangements are well in hand for the celebrations on 5th June 2022. Information to be circulated to every household.

KB thanked PJ for answering her concerns and for the information provided and for the work carried out by the Parish Council.

**5. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Annual Meeting of the Parish of Scrayingham will be held on Monday 8th May 2023 at 19:30hrs

The Meeting closed at 20:15hrs