**Scrayingham Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on**

**08/10/24 19:00hrs**

 **At Westow Cricket Pavillion**

**Attendees:**

Jo Booth (Chair) (JB)

Nigel Prewett (NP)

Ian Wilson (IP)

Stuart Wood (SW)

Caroline Goodrick (North Yorkshire Council) (CG)

George Winn-Darley (GWD)

**Absent:**

Hugo Hildyard (HH)

Phil Jones (Vice Chair) (PJ)

(JB) thanked all for attending the meeting.

1. **Review and approve the previous meeting minutes**

1. Minutes approved by (NP/IW/JB) who were present at that meeting.
2. **Financial Statement/ Audit/ Authorisation of Payments/ Subscriptions**
3. The following cheques have been approved for issue outside of this meeting, when signatories are available.

Hall Hire, Leavening Methodist Trust (£15 for 08/10/24 meeting)

Westow Cricket Club Hall hire for First Aid Course held on 05/09/24. (£30)

Westow Cricket Club Hall hire for Parish Council meeting (08/10/24 £30)

Fee for First Aid Training held on 05/09/24 to (£300 to Yor Training)

1. (JB) has sent the bank details to (HH) in order for him to arrange to become a third bank signatory. (HH) not present, so will get an update at the next meeting. (SW) to also look into becoming a signatory. Barclays have advised that the identity check/ form can be completion on-line, on the phone, or by visiting a branch.
2. Finance update sheet presented to (all) by (JB). Budget carried out for FY25/26 and everything is on track. Finance sheet and budget review have been uploaded to the website. No unexpected payments this month.
3. Approval given by (NP/SW/IW/JB) to request a precept of £1800 again this year. (JB) to submit this request to North Yorkshire Council.
4. Spend of locality grant (£300) from North Yorkshire Council. (CG) confirmed that this must be spent on training. (JB) requested that Parish Councillors look at available training options, and to let her know what training they require. NALC/ TLCA have offered some. (Sent via email to Parish Councillors)
5. **Highways and Drainage**
6. **Scrayingham Drainage Works –** Work outside the new-builds has been completed. Duffy’s have a meeting with Honeysuckle and Primrose cottages on Thursday re: work on their drives. The bottom field towards the goit has been re-seeded. The Haras fencing is staying in place until the grass is established. Duffys are still arranging work at Ydrissil to lay 300ml diameter pipes from road to rear of property, and have a Ground Penetration Survey being carried out to determine the best path for this pipe. (Through or around the garage). (GWD) and Yorkshire Water arranging the goit clean. It may unfortunately be too late to do so due to drilling/ planting already having taken place on the adjacent farmland.
7. **Potholes, gullies and passing places –** (JB) to confirm with Derek from Duffy Construction as to whether they are resurfacing the Scrayingham road or not. There are mixed messages on this.
8. **Buttercrambe Cleanup following Stamford Bridge Works –** (CG) has said that this will not take place until 2025.
9. **Verge and Hedge Cutting –** (JB) has asked Neil Headley to give a quote for doing the road-end hedges and verges again to increase visibility. He has not yet called back. Thanks to (GWD) and team for cutting the hedge at the Evers Lane/ Grange Road end, as visibility was poor here when pulling out of the junction.
10. **Dolegate –** (GWD) raised to (CG) that Dolegate was closed off a week before any work commenced, which was inconvenient/ unnecessary.
11. **Nature/ Environmental**
12. **Bridlepath, Scrayingham –** (IW/ JB) give approval for a one-off tidy up of the footpath. This was also approved at the previous meeting. Quote to be obtained to do this clean-up. (GWD) gave approval as landowner and is to get a quote from Shaun Colliers team for carrying out the work. Other landowners along the route will also need to give approval of this. (GWD) confirmed that there is a grant for hedge to be laid at the Scrayingham end of the bridlepath, so the barbed wire sitting on the floor will be removed as part of that work.
13. **Sandbags –** (JB) obtained some empty sandbags from Duffy’s in case any of the houses in the middle of the village need these for this year. North Yorkshire Council also have some available if collected by the Parish Council.
14. **‘Restoring Nature’ conference** – (JB) enquired as to whether anyone attended, but they did not.
15. **Flooding Depth Gauges –** Highways are to supply a flood depth gauge for the Ford end. (CG) has said that she/ North Yorkshire Council will fund one for the other end (towards Buttercrambe if we price these up and send her the details. (JB) to obtain quote. (GWD) queried as to whether money could not be spent on raising the road instead, but (CG) confirmed that there is no budget to do this.
16. **Footbridge, Scrayingham.** Highways have cordoned off the footbridge at the Ford in order to carry out repairs to it.
17. **Litter –** Thanks given to (GWD) for his team performing litter picking duties in Scrayingham twice a year. (JB) to put a note about litter in the newsletter.
18. **Litter bins –** (GWD) raised that most of the litter seems to be deposited from cars (IW) believed that a lot of it comes from recycling bins being inadequate and overflowing. (CG) confirmed that there are plans for North Yorkshire Council to go back to wheelie bins for recycling waste in the future but this could be 5-6 years down the line.
19. **Training**
20. **First Aid/ AED Training** was well received. Thank you to all attendees.
21. **Other training –** Parish Councillors to let the Chair know if there are any other training requirements.
22. **Assets**
23. (JB) to issue a letter of thanks to Mr and Mrs Hawcroft for **refurbishing the phone box in Leppington**
24. (JB) to purchase more paint for the **refurbishment of the Scrayingham phone box.** (SW) to ask Mr Hawcroft if we could pay him to do the one in Scrayingham too, as he did a very good job. If not, we need to find another person to carry out this job.
25. **Update on potential Scrayingham schoolhouse acquisition as an asset for the community –**
* Builder report has been received, and will be included in the feasibility study report.
* (JB) does not currently have the key in order to have a valuation carried out.
* (JB) has not heard re: the ‘Asset of Community Value’ query.
* (JB) to put together a feasibility study document.
* Discussions were held between (all) present, who were in agreement that we should not fight to have 2x Community Hubs in the village. (All) agreed that it would be better to support a hub at the back of the Church in order to provide that with a source of income to keep it maintained and open. (JB) to sort a meeting with the Parochial Church Council after their next PCC meeting. This meeting to be between PCC, PC, (GWD), and (CG) to see how we can put together plans and a grant submission. (JB) to help to drive forward this Community Hub project.
1. (JB) to arrange for a fuel can of fuel to be stored at (IW), for use when maintaining assets.
2. **Safety**
3. **Neighbourhood Watch –** (JB) raised the question as to whether we want the Neighbourhood Watch to be re-established. (All) voted that there would be no benefit in doing so, and that there would be nobody to run this group. (GWD) mentioned that it would be good to join the ‘Wolds Against Rural Crime’ group (Facebook). Poaching has been an issue in the area recently. (GWD) advised to call 101 for past occurrences, or 999 if you see poaching happening at the time.
4. **Speeding – Several complaints from villagers about residents speeding in the village.** Scrayingham speed limit through the village is 30mph, and this cannot be changed. (CG) - Sometimes this is perceived as faster than this when people are passing but are actually within the limit. (JB) to look at speed management rumble strips if complaints continue, and will put something to this effect in the next newsletter.
5. **Communication**
6. **Poll results issued to Parish Councillors.**
7. (JB) to draft the **next newsletter** covering (First Aid Training, Benches, Defib Cards, Phonebox refurb, Litter, Speeding, Poll results, Community Hub, Footpaths, Flooding work and depth gauges, Finances)
8. **AOB**

a) Bonfire 2nd November 5pm behind Scrayingham Church. Thank you to (GWD) for use of the field and parking area, which has allowed this to take place.

Meeting closed at 21:10