**Scrayingham Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on**

**08/07/24 19:00hrs**

**in Leavening Methodist Hall**

**Attendees:**

Jo Booth (Chair) (JB)

Hugo Hildyard (HH)

Stuart Wood (SW)

Nigel Prewett (NP)

Caroline Goodrick (North Yorkshire Council) (CG)

**Apologies**:

Phil Jones (Vice Chair) (PJ)

Ian Wilson (IW)

(JB) thanked all for attending the meeting.

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

1. Minutes approved by (NP/SW) who were present at that meeting.
2. **Financial Statement/ Audit/ Authorisation of Payments/ Subscriptions**
3. Approval given for the following cheques to be issued. Only one bank signatory in attendance at this meeting, so these will be signed and issued outside of the meeting. (JB/SW/HH granted approval)

* Leavening Methodist Trust (Hall hire for 8th July) – £15
* Verge Cutting Graham Brewster (2hrs @£40) - £80

1. Note received from Leavening Methodist Trust to say that Leavening Reading Room must now be booked through Steve Langton. Hallgarth Farm, 01653 658346 from September.
2. (JB) to pass Parish Council bank details to (HH) so arrangements can be made for him to become an additional bank signatory.
3. (JB) sent the latest bank sheet to all Parish Councillors via email prior to the meeting and made this available on the website. No direct debit/ standing order payments have been made since last review. VAT rebate claim XNV126000112348 has been received from HMRC to the value of £684.38. This reference must now be quoted for future claims.
4. **Highways and Drainage**
5. **Scrayingham Drainage Works –** Open meeting held with Peter Duffy construction and Yorkshire Water on 03/07/24 at Scrayingham Schoolhouse to talk through the planned work and answer any questions that villagers may have. (Councillors present – (JB/ NP/ IW)). The plans will be posted on the PC website and pinned up in the village for people to see. (HH) who is also Church Warden gave approval for these to be pinned up at the back of the Scrayingham Church. (JB) to arrange this. Highways (John Dickens), (CG), (JB) and (NP) to meet on Thursday (10:00hrs) in Scrayingham for further discussions regarding the works; to discuss specifically concerns raised by Mr. Stone of Mullins Cottage re: land water that comes into driveways that end of the village.
6. **Septic Tanks/ mains/ SEWTS –** (SW) asked whether there were any schemes/ funding available to help households to move away from the use of septic tanks and onto mains, but (CG) confirmed that she knew of none available. (JB) confirmed that she had also researched online and not found anything that could help. There are a number of houses in Scrayingham that are still using septic tanks – a poll would need to be carried out to find out what proportion this is, but (all) agreed there was little point in doing this if we could not help to progress a move to mains anyway. It was noted that septic tanks would need to be brought to a legal state upon sale of a property, so over time this issue may be addressed.
7. **Potholes, gullies and passing places –** To be revisited with Highways after the re-opening of Stamford Bridge.
8. **Stamford Bridge - bridge works –** The work is on schedule. (CG) confirmed that Highways would be looking at the necessary repairs/ resurfacing work on Buttercrambe Road after the bridge in Stamford Bridge re-opens. The road will need to be closed during any repair work, but a planned date for these is not yet available as it could not be scheduled until the Stamford Bridge reopening date is confirmed. (JB) noted that EYCC would also be carrying out work on Dolegate, and that the two would need to be co-ordinated to avoid both being closed at the same time. (JB) noted that caravan/lorry/long vehicle signs were now in place, and asked (CG) if these could be made permanent, which is something that she will look into.
9. **Public Engagement**
10. The newsletter issued in June has received some good feedback from residents.
11. We have received so far, half a dozen responses on the survey. (JB) proposed that we let the survey run to the end of July and then take a look at the results.
12. **Public Footpaths**
13. The survey results so far, and feedback on email from residents has highlighted an issue with the state and accessibility of the public footpaths (For clarity, those not on the highway, but permitted access across private land). Unfortunately, the council are unable to assist with any work here, due to the paths being on private land, and any work would fall with the landowner themselves. (JB) to forward the emails to (CG) to send to the department that look after footpaths to see if there is anything that they can assist with.

**6.** **Verge Cutting**

a) Approval given by (JB/SW/HH) for payment to be made as per section (2a)

b) Verges into and out of Scrayingham and Leppington have been cut. (SW) has paid for the ones to be done in Leppington and does not wish to be reimbursed (Thank you SW)

**7.** **First Aid and AED/ Defib training**

a) (JB) advised that two quotes have been received from training companies as follows;

- Fab Training, Driffield. 3hr first aid + defib £390 inc vat

- Yor Training. 2-3hr first aid + defib £300 inc vat.

b) (JB) to obtain dates/ book Yor Training as this is the cheapest quote, and they delivered the training for us last time.

c) (SW) to book Westow Village Hall

**8.** **Scrayingham Schoolhouse**

a) (JB) advised that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) plan to sell the Schoolhouse in Scrayingham in the near future. It is not yet on the market, and there is no date for this. (JB) has taken a look at possible funding/ grants that may be available for the Parish Council to obtain the schoolhouse as a PC asset, so it can remain in use as a community space (Events, training, craft clubs, kids clubs etc). There is a chance that the funding cannot be obtained, but (JB) posed the question as to whether the PC would like to try and obtain this funding. (All) in favour of progressing this.

b) (JB) to nominate the Scrayingham schoolhouse as an ‘Asset of Community Value’, which will give the PC 6 months to investigate proper funding, and speak with Paddy Chandler.

c) (JB) advised that the schoolhouse previously had 3x valuations, all circa £20k (or £25k if the PCC can obtain the strip of land to the back of the building prior to sale). There was also an inspection of the property previously, which quoted approx. £50k worth of building/ repair work required to the property to bring it back to current use. (JB) stated that the building is Grade 2 listed, and previously had been granted planning permission for residential, but this had lapsed some time ago and those previous proposals would need to be changed to pass again, due to new building regulation.

d) (SW/ HH) to sort out a building inspection, and (JB) to ask for another valuation.

**8.** **AOB**

a) None raised.

Meeting closed at 19:54hrs.

(JB) thanked all for attending the meeting.