**Scrayingham Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on**

**02/09/24 19:00hrs**

 **in Leavening Methodist Hall**

**Attendees:**

Jo Booth (Chair) (JB)

Phil Jones (Vice Chair) (PJ)

Nigel Prewett (NP)

Ian Wilson (IP)

**Apologies**:

Stuart Wood (SW)

Caroline Goodrick (North Yorkshire Council) (CG)

**Absent:**

Hugo Hildyard (HH)

**Public Participants:**

Matthew Wells (MW)

Diane Wells (DW)

(JB) thanked all for attending the meeting.

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

1. Minutes approved by (NP/JB) who were present at that meeting.
2. **Financial Statement/ Audit/ Authorisation of Payments/ Subscriptions**
3. The following cheques have been paid;
* Leavening Methodist Trust (Hall hire for this meeting 2nd Sept) – £15
* Payment for defibrillator/ phone box refurbishment paint - £85.34
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.
2. Finance update sheet presented to (all). Budget carried out and everything is on track. Finance sheet and budget review have been uploaded to the website.
3. Approval given by (JB/ NP/ IW) to book internal auditor Carrie Pillow of Elkerlodge for FY24/25 review. (JB) to arrange. The invoice for the external audit fees (PKF LittleJohn) have not yet been received.
4. (JB) requested that Councillors put forward suggestions for spend for this year;
5. (JB) to obtain a quote from Neil Headley to re-do the verges and the edges of the road hedges as (all) in agreement that they need to be redone. The quote and decision to go ahead will be made before the next meeting due to time/ weather constraints.
6. (JB) asked whether rubbish bins were required but general consensus was that this would not solve the litter issues. The litter tends to be thrown from cars or carried by the wind from recycling boxes. (JB) thought that there had been an article about the return of wheelie bins for the recycling rubbish and will ask (CG) if this is something that North Yorkshire Council are looking into. (JB) offered thanks to George Winn-Darley whose team deal with a lot of the litter picking in the area. These thanks will be passed onto him.
7. Public footpaths and the maintenance of, was raised as an issue in the recent survey. The PC will look into the cost of strimming the main bridlepath/ George Hudson Walk Scrayingham to Howsham to make this usable.
8. (All) agreed that we would like to invite George Winn-Darley to join the next Parish Council meeting as we would welcome his input/ views on a number of items currently on our agenda.
9. Fuel for mowing. Matthew Wells has kindly offered a large jerry can. (JB) to purchase fuel for the purposes of asset maintenance.
10. (JB) to look into options for flood measures (depth poles) for the ford and Buttercrambe end of Scrayingham, so that drivers can see the depth before attempting to drive through. There were a number of cars that had to be rescued this year and such devices (that do not need to be over-complicated) may help. (JB) to ask the advice of Highways to see if they know of any such ‘flood indicators’. (PJ) suggested that maybe Beeline could help with Wi-Fi cameras/ webcams.
11. **Highways and Drainage**
12. **Scrayingham Drainage Works –** (JB) has spoken to Derek, the foreman in charge at Duffy’s and progress is currently on-track. Pipe work has largely been laid from road to goit now, and they are covering this towards the lower end of the field and re-seeding it. Along the road, clean water drains are being laid alongside the foul drain. Duffy’s have not yet needed to use the traffic lights and will avoid doing so for as long as they can. (JB) to speak with George Winn-Darley/ Derek/ Yorkshire Water to get an update on the cleaning out of the goit as this has not been mentioned, and will get an update on works that were planned for Ydrissil.
13. **Potholes, gullies and passing places –** To be revisited with Highways after the re-opening of Dolegate.
14. **Dolegate Closure –** North Yorkshire Council issued letters to say that Dolegate will be closed from 31/08/24 for 3 to 4 weeks to allow them to carry out drainage works.
15. **Signs –** (JB) advised that Highways have repaired the signs at the junction of Lowfield/ Dolegate, situated these higher on the pole, and reinstated the Malton sign. They have also cleared up the fluorescent pink paint caused by vandals.
16. (JB) to enquire with Highways as to the intentions/ time-scale for road repairs in Buttercrambe once Dolegate reopens.
17. **Enquiries into the potential Scrayingham Schoolhouse acquisition as an Asset for the Community**
18. The builder has conducted a survey of the building. Awaiting report, which is being fed back to (SW)
19. (JB) has emailed Paddy Chandler re: the nomination for ‘Asset of Community Value’
20. Valuations have previously been carried out on the schoolhouse, but new ones will need to be carried out. (JB) to arrange. This will be required in order to attempt to seek funding.
21. George Winn-Darley to be invited to the next meeting to get his views. He currently kindly allows the use of the land towards the front of the building for events.
22. (JB) to discuss the sale and PC discussions with the Parochial Church Council at their next meeting (no date for this meeting as yet)
23. **First Aid and AED Training**
24. Arrangements have been made for Yor Training to carry out First Aid/ AED training at Westow Cricket Club on 05/09/24 19:30hrs. (JB) to meet them there at 19:00hrs to set up. Reminders have been sent on WhatsApp Groups, the website, and displayed on Noticeboards. Thank you to (SW) who made arrangements at Westow Cricket Club.

**6.** **Asset Maintenance**

a) Scrayingham defibrillator phone box to be refurbished in the near future.

b) Mowing/ Strimming around assets. (PJ) to make arrangements. Thanks go out to all that help with mowing and strimming.

c) Defibs inspected by (SW/JB)– no issues during inspection. Leppington defibrillator was taken for use again following a call to the emergency services, but was unused. No pad replacements required. (SW), although not at this meeting, did say that the emergency services seem to be asking for the defib to be taken to resident’s houses more frequently now when an ambulance is called. (JB) to enquire as to whether any residents need a new defib card, and issue these out. There are a number of new residents that will require these too.

**8.** **AOB/ Public Participation**

a) (MW) raised that an issue in that the footbridge by the Ford in Scrayingham was in poor state of disrepair. (JB) to follow this up with Highways before the weather starts to get worse and may need to be used.

Meeting closed at 19:54hrs.