

**Leavening Parish Council**  
**Minutes of ordinary Meeting held at The Venerable Bede Church,**  
**Leavening on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7:30pm**

Press and public were invited to attend the meeting

Present: Cllrs S McDermott (chair), H Jenkins, S Midgley, M Laughton, N Audsley, S Langton, B Crowder, P Schofield. Clerk: J Pacey.

County Cllr K Duncan.

1. Apologies for absence: R Ashworth
2. Declarations of Interest – None were received.
3. Public session - Mr J Rose-Adams was present as a member of the Fracking Working Group.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the chair.

**Consultations**

5. Since the previous meeting the council has not been consulted on any plans or permissions by NYCC or RDC.

**Finance & Business**

6. The following motion was debated and voted on unanimously by the council:

This Council believes that in view of concerns about:

- the significant risks posed to children and adults in the village in terms of health and safety, as a consequence of increased heavy traffic movements through and around the village, noise and light pollution from exploratory and production work, and an unclear environmental health and safety record,
- risk to the peaceful enjoyment of our property and land.

The Council opposes all hydraulic fracturing activities that affect the people, land and property of the Parish of Leavening, and communicates this opposition to the District and County Councils.

7. The clerk advised the Council about the forthcoming need to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations. The Council agreed that it would need to meet its legal duties and asked the clerk to provide further advice at the next meeting to establish what practical actions need to be taken to comply.

8. Cllr Jenkins proposed the idea of producing a Community Charter for the village. It was agreed this could be explored if there was sufficient interest in the idea amongst residents.
9. To consider financial matters.
  - a) Information from committees. Play Area committee balance stands at £119.94. Events committee balance stands at £4389.
  - b) Financial statements - A spreadsheet showing the transactions for the current financial year was presented and verified against the current bank statement. The current account balance, on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, stands at £3164.13
  - c) A number of cheques were agreed for signature.
  - d) The clerk advised that accounts for the Annual Audit would have to be approved at the next meeting. Cllr Audsley agreed to be the internal auditor.

### **Committees and village matters**

10. The following matters were discussed:

a) Leavening Brow Picnic Site. - A volunteer day took place on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018, where maintenance of the site was carried out. Cllr McDermott confirmed that the entrance gates to the site have been replaced. The Council agreed for the continued need for the picnic site committee and agreed for Cllr Jenkins to be the nominated councillor on the committee.

b) Play Area Committee. A quiz night is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> April to raise funds for the Play Area. Cllr Schofield confirmed that inspections and maintenance continues.

c) Fracking Working Group. Mr J Rose-Adams informed the council about the hearing of the NYCC Minerals and Waste Plan , at which the council presented evidence.

d) Events committee. Cllr Schofield advised that the Events committee have agreed to contribute funds to do some repairs to the surface of the picnic site car park and also to support the village litter pick on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

The Events committee are also looking at options for managing attendance at this year's bonfire, to below 1000 people, to ensure suitable insurance cover for the event. Cllrs Schofield and Crowder to advise at the next meeting.

e) Leavening Cemetery – no update.

f) Highways. A number of issues were raised by councillors.

- The council continue to pursue with the DVLA the issue of abandoned vehicles on Golden Wells.
- **Action:** Cllr Duncan advised that the dangerous hole by the side of the road opposite Busk Hill Farm, was scheduled to be repaired but was not able give a date.

g) Litter Pick - The council agreed to support the forthcoming village litter pick on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

h) Cllr Audsley advised that the school has recently experienced some vandalism on the school field.

11. Speeding in the village. This issue was discussed by Cllrs. Cllr Duncan advised that NYCC have 4 mobile speed indicator signs on rotation in Ryedale. It may be possible to loan one of these, but NYCC would not allow the council permission to put up its own signs.

Action : Clerk to establish the criteria for 20mph signs on the highway

12. Questions to the Chair. – none

Date of Future meetings. The following dates were approved:

14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm followed at 8.00pm by the annual meeting of the parish. Venue:  
Venerable Bede.

2<sup>nd</sup> July 7.30

The Meeting closed at 21.10hrs