

# **Leavening Parish Council**

## **Minutes of ordinary Meeting held at The Venerable Bede Church, Leavening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7:00pm**

Press and public were invited to attend the meeting

Present: Cllrs S McDermott (chair), H Jenkins, S Midgley, M Laughton, N Audsley, R Ashworth. Clerk: J Pacey. Prospective Councillor: S Langton.

1. Apologies for absence: P Schofield, B Crowder
2. Declarations of Interest – None were received.
3. Election of a new parish councillor. The clerk informed the council that notification had been received from Ryedale District Council, on 20/12/17, to allow the vacant councillor position to be filled via co-option.  
A single, expression of interest has been received from Ms S Langton. Following a unanimous vote, S Langton was co-opted onto the council and welcomed by the chair.
4. Public session - no members of the public were present.
5. The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the chair.

The council re-affirmed a previous decision in principle to adopt the telephone kiosk, should the need arise. **Action:** Clerk to contact RDC to ask what the current position is with regard to the threatened closures of kiosks.

### **Consultations**

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

### **Finance & Business**

7. To consider financial matters.
  - a) Information from committees. Play Area committee balance stands at £782.33. Events committee balance stands at £4390.
  - 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 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018, stands at £2850.33
  - c) A cheque for £30 for the hire of the hall (2 x £15) was approved and signed.

### **Committees and village matters**

8. The following matters were discussed:
  - a) Leavening Brow Picnic Site. - A date has been set for the next volunteer day, being the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018. The clerk advised that RDC have agreed to pay £250 for contribution to the site for this financial year. **Action:** Cllr S McD volunteered to inspect the wooden entrance gates for signs of decay.
  - b) Play Area Committee. The clerk advised that the fencing contractor has completed the replacement fencing as part of the refurbishment project. This work is

now complete and the Clerk has approached RDC for their £750 contribution to the project.

c) Fracking Working Group. There are no updates from this group at this time although a meeting is planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Cllr Ashworth advised that agents for INEOS have now made approaches to landowners in the parish asking for permission to undertake geophysical surveys.

d) Events committee. Cllr Schofield nor Cllr Crowder were not able to make the meeting therefore no updates were available.

e) Leavening Cemetery – no update.

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

- The council continue to pursue with the DVLA the issue of abandoned vehicles.
- **Action:** Councillors asked the clerk to raise with highways the dangerous hole by the side of the road opposite Busk Hill Farm, which has existed for over 12 months, with no apparent action from NYCC.
- **Action:** The clerk was also asked to raise these points with County Cllr Keane Duncan.

9. Questions to the Chair. – none

Date of Future meetings. The following dates were approved:

19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm. Venue : Methodist School Room , if available.

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

The Meeting closed at 19.40hrs