

**Leavening Parish Council**  
**Note of Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Assembly of**  
**Electors Meeting held at**  
**Leavening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7:15pm at Venerable Bede**  
**Church, Leavening**

1. **Present:** Cllrs: J Johnston (Chair), N. Audsley (Vice-chair), R. Chambers, S. McDermott, P. Schofield

Apologies: R. Ashworth, L Hampson

**In attendance:** Various parishioners.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

Nothing to declare

3. **Election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

Councilors agreed to re-elect Cllr. James Johnston as Chair following the elections of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 where all members were re-elected to office. The group also confirmed Cllr. Neil Audsley as Vice-Chair. Those Councilors attending supplied and witnessed updated Declarations of Acceptance of Office for submission to Ryedale/North Yorkshire Council.

4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 11 April 2022, were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

5. **Public session:** Councilors welcomed fellow parishioners and opened the annual assembly of electors.

6. **Ryedale Plan: Submitted Sites within the Parish boundary**

Cllr. Johnston presented an overview of the open consultation which was being conducted by Ryedale District Council as part of planning considerations in the new Ryedale Plan. Several locations had been submitted to Ryedale to be considered as "Submitted Sites" which could, at any stage in the future, be considered for development for a number of purposes.

These sites are as follows:

- Site 20 – Oak Tree Stables, York Road, Leavening - residential
- Site 90 – Land north of York Road, Leavening - residential
- Site 133 – Land at Leavening, York Road – residential
- Site 153 – Boundales Farm, Leavening – residential
- Site 287 – Leavening Heights – mixed use

Residents expressed concerns about what this meant for future development of the village. It was brought to the attention of the group that some of these sites has also been submitted on previous occasions and had never been developed. Whilst the assembly recognised that there may be a need for future development, it was widely felt that this should be in consultation with residents and carefully considered in the context of the rural position that Leavening affords. Special note was made that Leavening has very little spare land for development and that these sites themselves sat on land considered as possessing “high landscape value”. The group also noted the future impact of the proposed Yorkshire Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The Assembly was informed that the site assessment process is currently underway and is likely to inform decisions by planning team in September 2022. All residents with concerns or votes of support were asked to submit their feedback via the Ryedale Submitted Sites website. Further details of how to do this would be made available on the PC website. The Parish Council was also asked to consider its response at the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Meeting and feed this back to Ryedale.

**Action: PC to upload further information to the website and agree an official position to feedback to the Parish at the 11 July meeting.**

## 7. Speeding in the village

Cllr S. McDermott presented data that had been gathered from the two VAS signs situated on the entrance to the village on York Road.

Recent data collected indicated that:

- 308 vehicles passed the sign over a period of 3 months travelling between 30 and 40 mph.
- 85% of these were going at 30 mph or less.
- 95% are doing 35mph or less.

Cllr. McDermott stated that whilst there is evidence of speeding through the Village, it was positive to see that the vast majority of trips through the village were within the speed limit. There were some potential anomalies to the data such as capture of cyclists coming down from Leavening Brow or the size of cars.

The assembly discussed the challenges of speeding. Anecdotally, residents felt there was a problem at certain times of the day. The data shows that those going over the limit are likely to be the same people – the recurrence of speeding at specific times demonstrates this. At this stage, overall, the Parish Council feels there is no major problem with speeding – certainly in comparison to other villages in the region with major ‘A’ or ‘B’ roads through them. However, the Parish Council has been made aware of the 20s Plenty Campaign and requested views on the potential of adopting this campaign from the gathered Assembly.

**Action: After a detailed discussion of views, the motion to adopt 20 is Plenty for Leavening for the Village was agreed and the Parish Council will take this forward led by Cllr. McDermott.**

## 8. **Preston Hill Housing Development – Section 106 Funding**

Cllr. P. Schofield gave the assembly an overview of funding that is available for community groups in Leavening. This is part of an agreed Section 106 Clause which was built into the planning considerations for the development of the Preston Hill development. Ryedale has put a call out for applications which can be received via the Parish Council or individual groups directly to Faye Snowden at Ryedale District Council. Contact details are available from the Parish Council and project ideas were encouraged amongst members of the assembly, particularly community groups. The criteria of the use of funding is to “enhance community green space in Leavening”.

The Assembly discussed various opportunities to develop ideas, including the purchase of land for allotments, exercise equipment, development of a shelter on the MUGA, and the replacement of play equipment in the play area.

**Action: Parish Council to agree further consultation with community groups to develop ideas and applications from residents and a number of members of the assembly have agreed to take forward further investigation through their networks.**

## 10. **Updates from local community groups**

The Assembly received updates on activities from a number of village groups/committees including the Events Committee which was planning Platinum Jubilee Celebrations; the Picnic Site Committee which had identified repair issues with the current equipment; the MUGA which was planning to fundraise for additional funds, but was keen to encourage residents to use the facilities, including the Tennis Court; and the Picnic Area Committee which has logged over 100 community hours from volunteers over the past year and had planted over 300 saplings on the site as part of the Woodland Trust, Queen’s Jubilee Canopy. The Leavening Embroidery Group also updated on its regular meetings every Monday (1:30pm) and the Assembly was also encouraged to join ‘Wooly Wednesday’ for further crafting activities.

## 11. **Future Meeting.**

The Parish Council’s next meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7:00pm in the Venerable Bede Church.