

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.30pm held at Escrick and Deighton Social Club

Present:

Councillor E Casling (Chair)
Councillor L Coulson
Councillor S Cunningham
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor M Luscombe
Councillor B Forster
Councillor J Goode
Councillor I Reynolds
Councillor J Reader
Councillor S Smowton

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

7 members of the public

The Chairman thanked the other members of the Council for all their hard work putting together reports and other work that they had done before the meeting.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Councillor A Bowman

2. Public Session

Mr E Hardy had sent a letter to the Parish Council relating to the Public Right of Way and the proposed Garage development which was read out.

Mr N Reader spoke on the subject of road safety in the village.

Mr D Ashton spoke about his disappointment that the neighbourhood watch scheme had not been retained by the village.

The Chairman thanked the speakers and the public session was closed.

3. To Receive an Update from Escrick Playing Fields Association

Mr Jim Dwyer reported that the EPFA planned to keep working on the Playing Fields to improve it further by tidying up the woodland area. A number of trees have been pulled out and will be chipped and used for the paths in the woodland area. Mr Dwyer acknowledged that there is a litter problem which the EPFA are trying to address by getting more litter bins. He reported that there would not be any new equipment this year because of the possibility of the cancellation of the 10K run which, it was stressed, the financial impact of which should not be underestimated. It was planned to put Mr Dwyer's contact details in the Parish Magazine and also on the Parish Council website. The Chairman thanked Mr Dwyer for his contribution.

4. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2013 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

5. To Receive Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from Mr Hardy which had been read out during the Public Session.

The Clerk had received an email from the Clerk at Wheldrake Parish Council regarding a plan they had to get a cycle/walking route established. Details of this email will be put on the website.

6. To Receive Reports

6.1. Police

There has been an increase in incidents of heating oil theft in the area and residents were advised to regularly check their oil tanks and be on the lookout for suspicious behaviour and report it.

6.2. County Councillor

Cllr Casling, in her capacity as County Councillor, reported that there was nothing to report on the Public Right of Way issue which had been ready to go to committee but the meeting had been cancelled as this was the only item. The next meeting would not be until April which would have a significant impact on the

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decision as to whether the 10K run was able to take place because the decision for this had to be made in February or March. Cllr Casling agreed to go back to NYCC about this.

6.3. District Councillor

Cllr Reynolds reported that the Selby District Council Core Strategy was being challenged by Samuel Smiths Old Brewery Tadcaster. One of the elements of the challenge is the designation of Escrick and Appleton Roebuck as Designated Service Villages. This is important as it relates to the future development, or not, of Escrick.

7. To Discuss the Budget

7.1. Street Lighting

A discussion took place about the options put forward in the report put together by Cllr Luscombe.

Cllr Reynolds proposed that Option 3 in the report was adopted and this was seconded. Cllr Luscombe proposed an amendment that Option 4 was adopted. The Council voted and 5 members voted for the amendment and 5 against. The Chairman used her casting vote and voted against the amendment. The council then voted on adopting Option 3. 5 members voted for the proposal and the Chair again used her casting vote.

RESOLVED: To adopt Option 3 from the report submitted by Cllr Luscombe, namely to replace all concrete/timber lighting columns in the village with tubular steel at an estimated cost of £22750 to be repaid over 10 years.

7.2. Freedom of Information Requests

It had been decided that this was no longer a budget issue but the Chair updated the Council Members on the outcome of a meeting with a solicitor from NYCC regarding Freedom of Information requests.

7.3. Localisation of Council Tax Support Grant

Escrick Parish Council had received a recommendation from Yorkshire Local Councils Association that the views of the Parish Council be put forward to Selby District Council regarding the local council tax support grant. Selby District Council had decided not to pass on this grant to parish councils.

RESOLVED: To write to Selby District Council and express the Parish Council's views that they would prefer the grant to be passed on to Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: To remove the sum allocated to Lighting Maintenance from the budget. This was proposed, seconded and approved.

RESOLVED: To remove the sum allocated to the Contingency Fund as it was not necessary because there would be sufficient funds remaining at the end of the current financial year. This was proposed, seconded and approved.

RESOLVED: To create a Democratic Reserve of £2,500 to cover potential further election costs.

RESOLVED: To submit the sum of £13000 for the 2014 Precept. This was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

8. To Receive an Update on the Accounts

8.1. Receipts

A £2384.68 in respect of reclaimed VAT.

1.42 December Interest

8.2. Accounts for Payment

£10.00	Escrick Park Estate	Rent for playing fields
£32.60	HMRC	January
£130.47	L Reader	Salary January
£141.31	L Reader	Repayment for hours over 16 per month (Payment 3)
35.31	HMRC	Re repayment above
£10.00	Escrick and Deighton Club	January Room Hire

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£359.69

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that these should be paid.

8.3. Accounts for Payment

Bank Reconciliation at 2nd December 2013

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				£8,930.43	
Balance brought forward at 2nd December 2013					
Add Receipts for Month					
	VAT Reclaim		£2,384.68		
				£2,384.68	
					<u>£11,315.11</u>
Less Payments for Month	Salary November	100646	£130.47		
	Overtime payment (2) Nov	100647	£141.31		
	HMRC (Oct)	100634	£32.60		
	HMRC (Nov)	100638	£32.60		
	HMRC O/T 2	100641	£35.31		
	Escrick & Deighton Club (Oct)	100636	£10.00		
	Escrick & Deighton Club (Nov)	100637	£10.00		
	Escrick & Deighton Club (Dec)	100648	£10.00		
			<u>£402.29</u>	<u>£10,912.82</u>	
Balance at bank and in hand at 1 Dec 2013					
	Business Money Manager		£7,938.86		
	Community Account		£2,973.96		
			<u>£10,912.82</u>		<u>£0.00</u>
Less unrepresented cheques					
	Tru-Green Grass Cutting 100643	£1,980.00			
		<u>£1,980.00</u>	<u>£8,932.82</u>		<u>£1,980.00</u>
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9. Planning

9.1. Applications Received

13/03611/FUL York Road Garage York road Deighton York, Demolition of existing buildings and erection of forecourt building to include retail shop with ATM, new canopy over re-sited petrol pumps, new underground tanks and creation of new parking and jet wash bays (revised scheme).

The Clerk had obtained an extension for this application until the 8th January 2014 so that it could be discussed at the meeting and the planning working group had put together the assessment form and consultation response for review at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the consultation response, which supports the application with certain recommendations, would be submitted by the Clerk to City of York Council and that a notice would be put in the Parish Magazine advising parishioners that the garage would be closing for a 3 month period if the application were successful. This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

9.2. Decisions

None

10. To Receive an update from the Clerk on issues not otherwise on the Agenda

The Chair proposed that a leaflet be distributed around the village regarding dog fouling. Cllr Reader requested that the wording were amended to include a note about trespassing on private land. Cllr Reynolds offered to have some leaflets laminated to put on lampposts around the village.

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The subject of the overhanging trees in the playing fields was raised and Cllr Reader agreed to ask the workmen who were helping to clear the woodland area to tidy up the trees.

11. Matters for Clerk's attention raised by Councillors and items for the next agenda

Road leading to the surgery

The Chairman reported that the manager of the Parsonage had contacted the other users of the road to arrange the resurfacing of the road. This was yet to be finalised.

Street Light outside Alleyway House

Cllr Forster asked about the progress of this and the Clerk reported that now that it had been decided that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council, Northern Power Grid would be asked to reconnect it and then a claim would be made with the insurer.

Path outside Sangthai Restaurant

Cllr Forster reported that this pavement was covered in leaves and very slippery. The Clerk agreed to contact Deighton Parish Council as this was within their boundary.

Council Computer

Cllr Smowton proposed that he purchase the Council Computer on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Smowton purchases the new Council Computer. This was proposed, seconded and approved.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd February

Meeting dates of further meetings were also set for:

Monday 3rd March

Monday 7th April

Monday 12th May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 27th May – Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for coming and closed the public part of the meeting.