

**MEETING OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 16th AUGUST 2010 IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB**

PRESENT: Mr Steve Smowton (*chair*); Mr Brian Forster (*vice-chair*);
Mrs Sara Cunningham; Mr Peter Skilbeck; Mr Mike Russell;
Mr Bill Reader; Mrs Lilian Coulson; Dr Jon Askham; Mr John Reader

APOLOGIES: Mr Charles Forbes Adam;

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Confirmed as true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The meeting unanimously co-opted Mrs Amy Lamont and Mrs Heather Brothwell onto the Council. The chair welcomed them.

LIGHT AT FOUNTAIN

Clerk is going to unofficially ask Mark Lumby about the tree which obscures the light shining towards the A19. *Action VC*

STREET LIGHTING COLUMN 2 SKIPWITH ROAD, ESCRICK

The cost to replace this damaged column will be in the region of £1,000. The clerk has sought funding from North Yorkshire Highways and Selby District Council and received negative responses. When funds become available the replacement of this column will be a priority consideration.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts are in credit

A/c No 1	£234.71
A/c No 2	£986.87
It was agreed to pay:	
Escrick Village Hall	£10.00
Mrs Cumberland – broadband – July and August	£27.98
Postage	£6.30
Dean Landscapes	£207.39
Greenvale Gardens	£174.51

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/10/15A/PA Manor Farm Skipwith Road ESCRICK - conversion of former farm buildings to 2 live/work units and extension of access track. – ***SDC refused planning.***

The meeting declared open.

Chair welcomed Jenny Hubbard, Town Planning Consultant who submitted the application on behalf of ESCRICK PARK ESTATE.

8/10/246/PA erection of 50kw wind turbine Street Record Wheldrake Lane ESCRICK

Jenny Hubbard answered queries from concerned residents who will have the view from their properties affected by the erection of a wind turbine. It was previously reported that this application was dependent on the conversion of former farm buildings at Manor Farm for live/work units but she reported that this was not the case and the application for a wind turbine was still proceeding. There are three properties which will be directly affected and they are situated within seven hundred metres. The height of the wind turbine is 25 metres with a blade span of 10 metres. The wind turbine will supply enough energy for twelve houses and any excess will be sold to the power companies and she assured the meeting noise will not be audible to the nearest properties. The residents felt the impact on their properties is considerable compared with the benefits of generating small amounts of electricity. Balloons have already been put up to show the height of the wind turbine but the residents in the affected properties reported that they had not been informed about this demonstration. The balloons are going to be put up again and Jenny Hubbard assured the meeting that she will inform the Parish Council and the neighbours when they are due to go up again. She reported that in previous balloon surveys they had been very successful and give a good appraisal of the height for proposed structures. Occupants of the other properties in the area have no objection to this application. The access road to the site was a concern of local residents and Jenny Hubbard will discuss this issue with Mr Charles Forbes Adam and look for an alternative route.

The Chair thanked Jenny Hubbard for attending the meeting.

The meeting declared closed.

The meeting unanimously agreed that no final decision could be given until the balloons have been put up again and felt that an alternative access route to the site should be considered.

Mr Skilbeck declared an interest in these applications.

8/10/40AS/LB application listed building consent for the demolition of outbuildings to facilitate the erection of a hotel spa building The Parsonage County House Hotel Main Street Escrick.

8/10/40AT/CA demolition of outbuildings and wall. The Parsonage County House Hotel Main Street Escrick.

8/10/40AR/PA erection of hotel spa building. The Parsonage County House Hotel Main Street Escrick.

The meeting unanimously agreed that there were no objections on the building visually. We wish to see the business case for the application and feel that there should be adequate parking provided within this application.

Mr Forster and Mrs Coulson will prepare the Council's submissions on these applications which will be appended to these minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

North Yorkshire County Council wrote informing that they are withdrawing funds for the 415 bus service in the evenings. Mrs Casling wrote that the bus route may continue to operate if the provider feels able to do so on a commercial basis. In this time of financial restraints tough decisions do have to be made, no matter how unpopular. The Chair has written to NYCC objecting to this decision and also to MP Nigel Adams requesting his support on this issue.

Clerk to contact Deighton, Riccall, Barlby Parish Councils for their views. *Action VC*

Claire Harron, Senior Planner BNP Paribas Real Estate, is going to give a Public Consultation about the North Selby Mine proposals on Tuesday 16th October 2010 in Village Hall from 4.30pm – 7pm. This is as an initial part of the public consultation on the proposals, the partners UK Coal, Science City York and Peel Environmental for local residents to come and have a look at the proposals.

Clerk to place a notice to be in parish magazine. *Action VC*

The Chair informed the meeting Wheldrake are also having a consultation about this in late September.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Forster reported that the lights at bottom end of Skipwith Road in front of the flats and at the monument are switched on all the time.

Clerk to inform Tarmac. *Action VC*

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th September 2010 at 7.30pm in Escrick & Deighton Social Club