

**MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 2011
IN ESCRICK & DEIGHTON SOCIAL CLUB**

PRESENT: Mr Steve Smowton (*chair*); Mr Brian Forster (*vice-chair*);
Mr Peter Skilbeck; Mr Charles Forbes Adam ;
Mrs Amy Lamont; Mr Bill Reader; Mrs Lilian Coulson; Mr John Reader

APOLOGIES: Dr Jon Askham; Mr Mike Russell
Mrs Liz Casling *North Yorkshire County Councillor and Selby District Councillor*

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Confirmed as true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

POLICE REPORT

The chair welcomed PC 900 Cheryl Power and PCSO Adam Wood to the meeting.

PCSO Adam Wood reported that oil has been siphoned from a house in Main Street and asked the meeting to remind residents to be aware that this kind of theft. A vehicle on Escrick Business Park had the diesel siphoned from its tank.

There was a shed break in at a house along Wheldrake Lane on 15th January, and a chainsaw, strimmer and lawn mower were taken.

Neighbourhood watch has been set up in Hollicarrs lodge park due to recent burglaries.

There have been several parking complaints at the primary school, and a letter has been sent round to the residents and letters have been given to the parents who have been seen driving to the school. The Black Bull pub has given their permission for their car park to be used by the school.

The request for a 20mph sign to be placed along Carr Lane has not been supported by us as it has already been established there is not a speed problem along Carr Lane. Police have suggested using the car park at the school grounds but this is not viable. The Chair requested that the police continue to make regular visits at the relevant times as this has a deterrent effect.

On Sunday 6th February from 11am – 4pm at Selby Police Station, the police are doing free registration for bicycles. If there is a problem getting bikes to Selby the police are looking into bringing the mobile unit to villages possibly to coincide with their mobile “Route 4 you” programme.

Queen Margaret’s School had problems with youths on their site and these youths were apprehended by the Police and the offenders were taken home and reprimanded.

The Primary School had lead stolen and the offenders were caught in Wistow.

The Police are to have a campaign on driving offences such as seat belts and mobile phones. During this period vehicle checks will be undertaken.

The latest Police Report can be found on the web.

<http://maps.police.uk/view/north-yorkshire/selby>

The chair thanked them for attending.

YORKSHIRE WATER

Chair has written to Nigel Adams MP.

A reply has been received from Tom Phillips of Yorkshire Water:

I have contacted many colleagues about the issue to discuss the proposal to re-commission the combined sewer overflow (CSO) on Carr Lane, Escrick. As you have correctly detailed below, making the CSO operational again should provide an escape route for excess flows within the sewer network during rainfall.

I must firstly be honest and admit that all the cold weather in December has had a profound effect on our business as it was 'all hands to deck' to ensure supplies of clean water were maintained throughout what was the busiest period for us that we can remember. As such, my progress at Escrick hasn't been as prompt as I'd normally like. However, we're through the worse of it now (I hope!) so we can hopefully push this to resolution sooner rather than later.

Firstly, Fran Winter (accompanied me during the parish meeting on 13 December) has had the full length of the combined sewer checked from the church and the camera survey showed no subsidence or other structural defects. This was mentioned during the meeting so I thought you would appreciate the update.

It's still my intention to get the CSO operational once more, but in the meantime, we are looking at a cyclical cleaning routine of the length of sewer that connects the combined sewer on Main Street to the combined sewer on Carr Lane. Our solutions technician tells me that we have found levels of fat within that line previously and it would be worth a regular check. I would hope that Fran's work to reduce fat within our sewers might have eliminated this problem, but nevertheless, it's still a worthwhile exercise. This will mean that the sewer has the best possible chance of coping with the flows within.

To date, we have been unable to simply insert a camera into the CSO to confirm the status. As such, it's likely that a 'man entry' job will need to be performed and the gangs that we use for this work are still catching up from the busy cold weather period I mentioned above. Once they have completed this work, I'll let you know what they found - their survey should give us some indication as to what is required to reinstate it and any associated timescales.

He can be contacted either by email or by phone on 07790 617369.

Clerk to send him a reminder before the next meeting. *Action VC*

ESCRICK MINE

The consultation in village hall took place with around 120 people attending. Gemma Hansen has informed the Chair the planning application will probably now be put forward to the planning department towards the end March. When this application has been received a public meeting is to be held. The Headmaster at Queen Margaret's School has offered to host this meeting in their theatre and would like the Sixth Form pupils of the school to attend as part of their school curriculum. Nigel Adams MP has offered to chair this public meeting.

We still await City of York's reply on whether the mine site is green belt. The reply was expected by today's date.

The chair is to send another letter to Mike Slater. *Action SS*

COMMUTED SUMS

Mr Askham had a response from Selby District Council to say they have checked the S106 balance and Escrick have £5760 in the pot. The monies can be spent on any thing that has a direct link to recreational open space, ie: play area, public open spaces, sports facilities. All bids for funding must have full explanation of what the bids are for along with three quotes.

ACTION ON LIGHTS SKIPWITH ROAD CARR LANE

These lights are now working.

ESCRICK PLAYING FIELDS

Mr Askham reported that the Escrick Playing Fields Association is meeting next week to amend the constitution (basically to approve it with the new committee) so then they can finally get the bank acc. transferred over and move forward.

VULNERABLE PEOPLE

The clerk has visited Mrs Vivienne Smith on several occasions during the recent adverse weather and she appreciated the Parish Council's concern for her well being.

SKIPWITH ROAD LAMP POST

The clerk has requested Tarmac Lighting to proceed with this replacement as per their quote. The clerk will keep reminding them. *Action VC*

LIGHT NEXT TO THE BLACK BULL

The clerk to request Tarmac to replace this light. *Action VC*

It was reported that the lights around the village needed cleaning and the clerk to get a quote from Tarmac Lighting for all lights the Parish Council are responsible for in the village to be cleaned. Also to request North Yorkshire County Council lighting to do the lights they are responsible for. *Action VC*



ROAD MARKINGS OUTSIDE ESCRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gary Lumb, the Traffic Management & Development Control Engineer for North Yorkshire County Council replied that to justify such a 20mph speed limit there would have to be a history of personal injury accidents with a vehicle speeding problem. The speed data obtained early this year has suggested that vehicle speeds are low on Carr Lane and the personal injury accident history does not suggest an issue that would require a 20mph speed limit.

Unfortunately parking/obstruction outside schools, in particular primary schools, is a common problem. This is mainly due to children attending the school from outside the village where, the only means of transport is by car and there is the problem of inconsiderate parking by some parents, who still park within the double white line system. I think you are right in suggesting that more enforcement should be undertaken by the local Police.

They are to improve the signage on Carr Lane for the school.

The two existing warning signs for the school and cross roads will be replaced with the sign drawing as below. The junction warning signs will not be replaced as there is no requirement for warning signs to be erected within a 30 mph speed limit. New road markings as shown on the attached plan will be installed both sides of Main Street to complement the school warning signs.

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PARSONAGE SITE VISIT

A visit was made by Mr Forster to the Parsonage with regard to their planning application for a leisure complex and a revised plan for the traffic problem was submitted. This plan was not regarded as adequate, so Mr Forster, Mr Smowton and Mrs Coulson visited the lane over the Christmas period. It was felt that a path could be constructed all the way to the Surgery but it was essential that the boiler house attached to Rectory Cottage be removed to achieve this. It would also greatly improve the safety of this junction. The manager then joined the group and he agreed with this, but no amended plans have been submitted. Mrs Coulson will write to them expressing our views with a copy to the planning department. *Action LC*

MAIN STREET GRITTING

Clerk has requested the main bus route be gritted during icy spells. The clerk has not received a reply and will follow this up. *Action VC*

DOWER CHASE SALT BIN REPLY

Clerk informed the resident this was not viable.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts are in credit

A/c No 1	£3901.97
A/c No 2	£2237.06
It was agreed to pay:	
Escrick & Deighton Social Club	£10.00
Postage	£3.84
Green Vale Gardens	£174.51
Staples Stationary	£69.32
Broadband – January 2011	£14.29

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/10/217A/PA Conversion of existing flat roof of utility room and garage to pitched roof – 1 Northlands Close Escrick - *SDC permission granted*

8/10/250/PA construction of a new sewage pumping station the highway comprising below ground pump well and valve chamber and an above ground kiosk to house essential control equipment to the front of number 29 Street Record Skipwith road Escrick - *SDC permission granted*

Proposed Farm Shop at Hollicarrs was validated on Christmas Eve.

A new application for a smaller farm shop in the same location had been expected to have been presented by today's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The white posts and chain fencing at the memorial fountain have been damaged due to an RTA. The driver's insurance company have agreed to pay for the repairs and have authorised Lewis Tree Surgery to proceed with the repairs.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Forthcoming Elections - May 2011

All Councillors present agreed to stand again on the Parish Council.

Mr Bill Reader is no longer on the conservation committee as due to the government cut backs this committee has been disbanded and there will no longer be any further meetings in Tadcaster.

Mr Forbes Adam has had the trees in Carr Lane tidied up and he would like the Parish Council to honour their agreement to agreed to keep this area tidy. The

chair confirmed that Greenvale Gardens are responsible for keeping this area tidy.

Mr Smowton reported a resident is giving the village six ducks.

Chair had a meeting with Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster at Queen Margaret's School about the cigarette litter and they agreed these are going to be cleaned up. Two litter bins are to be put on the village green.

Queen Margaret's School are to replace the large wrought iron gates.

Mr Forster reported that the road from Main Street to surgery entrance on the A19 is being resurfaced as there seems to be a problem here as there is a dip and Highways are aware of the problems and are aware there is a suspected drainage issue at this point.

The chair will send a letter to Paul Shepherd at Selby Highways with a copy to Yorkshire Water. *Action SS*

Meeting ended 8.56pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 March 2011 at 7.30pm in Escrick & Deighton Social Club