

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 3rd February 2025.

Part 1

24266: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

24267: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr S Allen, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson and Cllr King. Clerk; S Look. Members of the public.
- b. Apologies: No apologies.

24268: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations of interested registered.

24269: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Email received regarding road safety on the A19 and the campaign by Keir Mather MP. It was confirmed that the campaign was targeted at gauging the support for speed cameras in the area. However, councillors reiterated that although they support speed cameras, they should be introduced together with other speed reduction measures such as a 30mph limit further up Skipwith Road past QM school. It was noted that there are currently traffic counters monitoring traffic around the village. Clerk to request further information on who contracted them and a copy of the data generated.

24270: **Public session:**

- a. Member of public explained to councillors the actions he has been taking to register concerns with the police and North Yorkshire Council regarding speeding and vehicle noise through the village, particularly on Skipwith Road. Noted.

24271: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Cllr Cattanach has sent an update on the locality budget funds for 2025-26. On 4th Feb Cllr Cattanach will be attending a members seminar for various updates on North Yorkshire matters. On 14th February there will be a Full Council meeting when the new Council tax rate will be determined and the Divisional Councillors Annual Locality Budgets will be announced. The locality budget is expected to go down to £5000 from £10,000 for our area. Clerk to contact CYC to investigate getting a quote for power to the north bound bus stop near the church on the A19 now that a fusion box has been installed in the vicinity. This would be to enable revisiting getting lighting installed at the bus shelter.
- b. Community Police Support Officer newsletter distributed to councillors. 10 calls registered from Escrick during the month of January; 7 road related, 1 traffic collision, 1 crime theft and 1 burglary. In the division it was noted that there are residential burglaries where vehicles are targeted. A common method of entry is when an offender uses a blow torch on a UPVC door to gain entry via an exposed locking system.

24272: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025.

Finance and Governance

24273: **Finance report:**

a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 31 December 2024:	£3018.47	£41,652.61
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – December expenses	-£18.00	
	Escrick Park Estate; Playing Fields annual rent	-£10.00	
	Unity monthly service charge	-£6.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Ark; Village Maintenance 2024	-£4280.64	
	HMRC: Clerks payroll	-£3.40	
iv.	Internal Transfer	£6000.00	-£6000.00
v.	Receipts:		
	Credit interest		£291.28
	Account balances as at 24 January 2025:	£4700.43	£35,943.89

b. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – January expenses	-£18.00
	S Look – Clerks January salary	As agreed
	R Rowson – Escrick.org hosting	-£19.19

c. Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:

ix.	Nil
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It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

24274: Maintenance issues:

- a. Nothing to report on maintenance issues this month.
- b. Cllr Cattanach has confirmed he will consider partially supporting the Parish Council to replace the fencing around the fish fountain by contributing £600 maximum towards the project due to the potential reduction in locality budget funding for 2025-26. It was agreed to gauge interest from residents to look at any other alternatives to fencing around the fountain such as a box hedge.
- c. Escrick Park Estate have provided information of hedgerow coppicing / management in the parish on their website and on the link www.escrick.com/news/hedgerow-management. There is no comprehensive map of hedgerow management as more intensive one-in-thirty-to-forty-year rejuvenation activities such as coppicing or laying are generally subject to funding availability, conditions, labour, cropping cycles, etc. Similarly, roads and tracks are generally flailed annually for safety, while other hedges are on an approximately three-year cycle, again subject to conditions, cropping, the condition of the hedge, etc, etc. Accordingly, flexibility is a necessary component. Furthermore, one of primary sources of funding for planting, coppicing, laying, etc. is from Countryside Stewardship capital grants for environmental goods, which have very recently been indefinitely halted due to cutbacks.
- d. Discussion took place on safety implications of the damaged tree adjacent to the school pedestrian entrance. It was resolved to write to Escrick Primary school to make them aware of the potential dangers for parents / children using the footpath. The resident who owns the tree has confirmed they will get it cut back Jan/Feb.

Playing Field / Play Area

24275: Playing field update:

- a. Inspections done. Nothing to report. PFA meeting to take place on Tuesday 11th February 2025.

Village Green

24276: Village Green update:

- a. Nothing to report.

Planning

24277: Planning, new applications:

- a. No new applications received.

24278: Planning ongoing:

- a. 2023/0110/FUL - Traves A, Abattoir, Main Street, Escrick, YO19 6JP. No progress on the potential receipt of any S106 funding (should this scheme proceed) for the purchase of new playground equipment at this point.

24279: Planning determinations:

- a. No planning determinations received.

24280: Other planning matters:

- a. Selby Local Plan. There is a recommendation that the submission for the Selby Plan be stopped. To be confirmed later this month.
- b. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. North Yorkshire Council started with the 'call for sites' in April 2024 when they invited landowners, site promoters and developers to submit sites for consideration as allocations in the local plan. These submissions are for a range of uses. The majority are for residential use with additional submissions for employment, retail, and so on. NYC are not consulting on the release of the sites at this stage, although they are making the information available to ensure greater levels of transparency and to allow the community and other interested parties the opportunity to have sight of the submitted sites. A comprehensive consultation will take place later that will seek the views of the community on all sites – at which stage further work will have been completed to give a greater direction as to whether such sites are likely to be recommended for allocation or dismissed. The sites information is available from the [Call for Sites webpage](#). The map allows the viewer to move around the whole of North Yorkshire and see what sites have been submitted for consideration. By clicking on each site, there is a brief description including the location, site size and the proposed uses that have been put forward by the site promoter.
- c. Update received from the new Rural Housing Enabler for the Escrick area. Clerk to request further details on the agenda for a meeting the officer has proposed to have with the Parish Council.

Highways items

24281: Speeding:

- a. No further update at this stage from highways regarding the request for an extension to the 30mph speed limit on Skipwith Road past Queen Margarets School entrance. It was resolved to request assistance from Keir Mather MP to campaign for an extension of the 30mph speed limit on Skipwith Road due to the proximity to a school and dangerous junction close to the blind summit.

24282: Streetlighting:

- a. Damaged T Junction sign on A19 reported to Highways. This has now been fixed.
- b. The damaged post on the central island near the junction of Skipwith Road / A19 has now been fixed. The illuminated bollard has now been replaced by a non-illuminated self-righting bollard. Concerns

raised with NYC that it will not remain as visible when dirty. The Traffic Engineer and Electrical Inspector assessed the site and approved the permanent bollard replacement recently, the beacon is to remain. NYC have reported that the new style non-illuminated self-righting bollards are suitable for this location, given the retroreflective material that is used on these bollards, they are now much more visible to motorists from each direction. Existing internally illuminated bollards are gradually being changed to non-illuminated self-righting bollards across the county as they are more effective. Clerk to report that the inspection cover has been left partially open giving access to the internal wiring and the top section of the lighting pole is crooked.

Other items

24283: **Ways of working:**

- a. No further update at this stage from the maintenance working group.

24284: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Councillors resolved not to respond to the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment for North Yorkshire Local Plan.
- c. Update from the Selby & Ainsty Parish Liaison team distributed to councillors outlining their work with communities, highways responsibilities and maintenance timeframes, planning update including the local plan timeframe.

24285: **Comments from public present on agenda items:**

- a. No further comments.

24286: **Items for the next meeting:**

- a. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 3rd March 2025, 7pm** in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.

Meeting closed at 20.30hrs.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 3rd March 2025