

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 3rd June 2024.

24111: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

24112: **Co-option of a new councillor.** It was resolved to co-opt Andrew Croasdale onto Escrick Parish Council.

24113: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr S Allen, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Croasdale, Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson and Cllr King. Clerk; S Look. Members of the public.
- b. Apologies: Cllr M Allen and Cllr Cunningham.

24114: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

24115: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Email from member of the public regarding various planning matters. Discussed at Annual meeting.
- b. Concerns raised about the volume and frequency of bird scarers, which seems to fall well short of the code of practice recommended by the NFUP. Resolved for Cllr King to contact the farmer to request that the bird scarers are rotated to point away from the village and that they do not start until after 6am at the earliest and stop by 10pm.

24116: **Public session:**

- a. Nothing to report.

24117: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present and no further updates since last meeting. It was resolved to contact Cllr Cattanach for an update on the other meetings he is attending in his division.

24118: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024.

Finance and Governance

24119: **Finance report:**

- a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 6 May 2024:	£2096.74	£40,504.54
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – April expenses	-£18.00	
	S Look – April salary	As agreed	
	B Hopper- Annual Internal Audit	-£110.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Nil		
iv.	Internal Transfer		
		£3000.00	-£3000.00

v.	Receipts:		
		Nil	
	Account balances as at 27 May 2024:	£4968.74	£37,504.54

b. Routine payments to be made:

viii.		
	S Look – May expenses	-£30.15
	S Look – Clerks May salary	As agreed

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

24120: Maintenance issues:

- Raised drain cover on the road outside the primary school. Clerk to report to NYC. Verges have been cut.
- No further update from NYC on the S106 funding to replace the small fence posts surrounding the Dolphin fish fountain.
- CLlr Croasdale suggested improvements that could be made to improve the appearance of the village including improved entrance signs to the village e.g. stone troughs, further maintenance of the village pond and bridge. CLlr Croasdale to contact the VGA regarding the village green suggestions and ways residents can get involved to help with the maintenance tasks. To report back at the next meeting.

Playing Field / Play Area

24121: Playing field update:

- Inspections done. CLlr Fairbairn reported that there is a maintenance issue with the slide that is currently being investigated.
- Playing Fields Association meeting to be held on 11 June 2024.

Planning

24122: Planning, new applications:

- No new planning applications received.

24123: Planning ongoing:

- No further update from Hannah Blackburn in the area planning department regarding the corporate complaint raised in November 2022 with them in relation to 2022/0357/TCA. Hellings House, 73 Main Street, Escrick - the tree work and 2021/1375/HPA.
- ZG2023/0691/HPA. Grove House Skipwith Road. Gas tank relocation. Revised plans have been submitted to NYC. The Internal Drainage Board has been in direct correspondence with the applicant and agreed a plan. Accordingly, strictly on the basis of the works being carried out in accordance with "Site & Location Plan" – Revision C – dated 08.04.2024 – the Board has no objection to the proposal. However, to date no progress has been made to relocate the gas tank.
- 2023/0110/FUL - Traves A, Abattoir, Main Street, Escrick, YO19 6JP.

24124: Planning determinations:

- ZG2023/0691/HPA. Grove House, Skipwith Road. Installation of submerged gas tank in the front garden and replace existing tarmac driveway with permeable materials (part retrospective). APPROVED.

24125: Other planning matters:

- a. Selby Local Plan. No further update.
- b. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. Call for sites issued.

Highways items

24126: Streetlighting:

- a. Street light no.1 (Skipwith Road) is now working. Cllr Allen to report back on the damaged post on the junction of Skipwith Road.

24127: A19 traffic:

- a. Pedestrian safety crossing the A19 at the junction of Skipwith Road. NYC have looked into the possibility of installing a barrier on the pedestrian refuge. They have reported that this would not meet technical approval due to the width of the island. If one could be installed it could reduce the area where pedestrians stand and would obstruct the drivers view of a person with a child or in a pushchair.
- b. Cllr King is investigating installing a high powered solar powered light at the York bound bus stop on the A19. To send details to CYC when received and report back to councillors.

Other items

24128: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates, training information and updated 'Good Councillor Guide' noted.
- b. It was resolved to ask the Village Hall committee if they would like the Kings Portrait for the village hall.
- c. The Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill information noted.
- d. Village Green Association general meeting held on 14th May 2024. Minutes noted.

24129: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. Parish Council 'ways of working' in the future and improvement plans.
- b. No further comments from members of the public present.

24130: Items for the next meeting:

- a. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 1st July 2024, 7pm** in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.

Meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 1st July 2024