

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 6th January 2025.

Part 1

24244: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

24245: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

24246: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations of interested registered.

24247: **Co-option of new Councillor:**

- a. Following the resignation of Cllr Croasdale, democratic services have confirmed that an election has not been called and therefore the vacancy can be filled by co-option. Position advertised.

24248: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. No public correspondence received.

24249: **Public session:**

- a. Concerns regarding speeding on Skipwith Road (to be discussed at item 24260).

24250: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Cllr Cattanach has used his locality budget funds to support Deadpan players by donating £400 towards rehearsal room hire costs. Budget for 2024-25 has now been spent. Cllr Cattanach is now looking at areas he can support in his 2025-26 budget.
- b. Community Police Support Officer newsletter and update distributed to councillors. 11 calls registered from Escrick during the month of December.

24251: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024.

Finance and Governance

24252: **Finance report:**

- a. Resolve to continue to manage the Urban Highway Grass Cutting for 2025-26. Based on the rate of 8p per m2, the available funding for grass cutting of urban highway visibility splays to Escrick parish will be £360.85.
- b. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 20 November 2024:	£4207.28	£41652.61
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – November expenses	-£18.00	
	S Look – Clerks Nov. salary and backdated pay	As agreed	

	Autela payroll services – Aug to Nov 2024	-£75.05	
	HMRC – Clerks Nov salary	-£26.60	
	HMRC- Clerks Dec salary	-£3.40	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Unity weekly service charge	-£6.00	
	S Look – Clerks Nov. salary	As agreed	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
v.	Receipts:		
	Nil		
	Account balances as at 31 December 2024:	£3018.47	£41,652.61

c. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – December expenses	-£18.00
	Escrick Park Estate – Playing Field annual rent	-£10.00

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

24253: Maintenance issues:

- a. Cllr Chambers gave an update on maintenance issues. Mr Rowson and Mr Luscombe have been working on alleviating the flooding on the village green by helping to monitor beck water levels and the potential for damage to the Christmas Tree power supply. Councillors expressed thanks to them and appreciation for taking swift action. Mr Rowson has also continued to run checks on the defibrillator outside the club and it was noted that it had been activated twice over the Christmas period.
Escrick School have been contacted regarding a decaying over hanging tree from a property next to the footpath beside the school which is now in a potentially dangerous state to the users of the path.
- b. Plasmor have agreed to partially support the Parish Council to replace the fencing around the fish fountain by donating £500 towards the project. Total costs will be approximately £2300 (exc VAT). Cllr Cattanach has confirmed that his locality budget has now all been allocated for this financial year. Clerk to request funding of £1200 from the 2025-26 Divisional Councillor budget.
- c. Escrick Park Estate have notified the Parish Council of hedgerow coppicing / management in the parish. Clerk to request a copy of a plan/map. Further detailed information can be found at www.escrick.com/news/hedgerow-management

Playing Field / Play Area

24254: Playing field update:

- a. Inspections done. Nothing to report.

Village Green

24255: Village Green update:

- a. Flooded green reported under maintenance. No further update on the memorial bench proposed.

Planning

24256: Planning, new applications:

- a. No new applications received.

24257: Planning ongoing:

- a. 2023/0110/FUL - Traves A, Abattoir, Main Street, Escrick, YO19 6JP. No progress on the receipt of the S106 funding for the new play equipment yet.

24258: Planning determinations:

- a. ZG2024/0120/S73. Black Bull, 91 Main Street, Escrick. Section 73 application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) of approval 2022/1280/FUL conversion of existing public house with landlords accommodation and lettable rooms to 3 No dwellings with parking to rear. Permission granted.

24259: Other planning matters:

- a. Selby Local Plan. No further update.
- b. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. No further update.

Highways items

24260: Speeding:

- a. Update received from highways regarding the request for an extension to the 30mph speed limit on Skipwith Road past Queen Margarets School entrance. NYC has confirmed that given the presence of the entrance to Queen Margarets and Wheldrake Lane, there may be scope for a short 40mph buffer before the 30mph speed limit, but they don't think we could justify an extension to the 30 given the environment. This will be now taken forward for consultation/legal advertising with many other sites they have around schools. It may take some time to implement. If they do not receive any objections when advertised it will be added to the list to be done.

24261: Streetlighting:

- a. Damaged T Junction sign on A19 reported to Highways. This has not been removed / fixed and is in a potentially dangerous position. Clerk to send a further report to Highways.
- b. Damaged post and illuminated bollards on the central island at the junction of Skipwith Road / A19 is out again. Reported to Highways.
- c. Report of the bus stop sign on the A19 /York Road junction near to Hollicarrs, northbound side that was uprooted and lying next to the carriageway. Reported to Highways and this has now been fixed.

Other items

24262: Ways of working:

- a. Maintenance working group are looking at ways to improve both the aesthetic and safety of the village by identifying areas for improvement. Cllr Cunningham to gauge interest from the working group to continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss / share ideas. To report back at the next meeting.

24263: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Parish Liaison meeting; Selby Town Hall, 30th January 2025. Councillors agreed to report the following concerns; speeding issues and reducing speed limits in the parish, delayed and lack of responses from planning enforcement to queries raised and lack of divisional representation at parish council meetings. Concerns also raised regarding the Black Bull redevelopment as an example of being ignored by planning, it was the first test of the NDP and it was felt by councillors that the parish council were ignored at every stage of the process.
- c. Noted correspondence from Keir Mather MP regarding a report of rats in the parish. No complaints raised by residents direct to the Parish Council.

24264: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. Clerk to send member of the public details of how to report concerns with speeding / speed limits in the parish.
- b. Solar Farm proposals. Concerns raised again about the size and impact on wildlife and agriculture. Resolved to await further information from the developers.

24265: Items for the next meeting:

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

Meeting closed at 20.25hrs.
Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council
Date: 3rd February 2025