

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023.

23125: **Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.**

23126: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

23127: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

23128: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Complaints about the odour allegedly from the Escrick Environmental Services site. See item 23142.

23129: **Public session:**

- a. Member of the public raised concerns about the Parish Council response to planning reference ZG2023/0473/S73, Approach Farm, Hollicarrs, Escrick Road. Section 73 application to vary condition 03 (days on site) of approval 2006/0680/COU Proposed change of use of field for siting of touring caravans granted on 8 September 2006. The member of the public explained the circumstances behind the application and made a request that in future the PC contact applicants to ascertain further details on applications like this.
- b. It was confirmed that the village shop has now opened next to Escrick & Deighton Club. A request was made for councillors to help distribute flyers advertising the shop.
- c. Members of the public expressed concerns about planning reference ZG2023/0476/FUL. Black Bull, 91 Main Street. Conversion of existing double garage into 1 No 2-person house with parking. See item 23135a.
- d. Member of the public explained the details of planning reference 2023/0333/DOC Land Between New Road And Wheldrake Lane, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick. The reserved matters application does not clearly specify the number of pitches and now has an entertainment, games and bar building, a staff accommodation block, a snack bar and ice cream block, a spa treatment and jacuzzi room, a nail bar sunbeds and salon, restaurants. The size of the various buildings is not specified. Concern was raised about the noise implications for nearby properties and the traffic impact. A request was made for the Parish Council to write to NYC, Cllr Vassey and CYC to ask them to check in detail the Reserved Matters application submitted against the approved Outline, and those parts of the application should be rejected where not already approved in the Outline.

23130: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. County Councillor Cattanach not present. No report/update received.

23131: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2023.

Finance and Governance

23132: **Finance report:**

- a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 10 th May 2023:	£12,859.76	£22,269.16
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – April salary	As agreed	
	S Look – Clerks April expenses	-£24.08	
	B Hopper – Internal Audit	-£100.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Mr MG Taylor- Club Electrics funding	-£500.00	
	Queens Staith Leisure - Parsonage room hire	-£20.00	
	NYC – Annual streetlight energy 2022-23	-£1782.50	
	S Look – May salary	As agreed	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
		-£4000.00	£4000
v.	Receipts:		
	NYC - Grass cutting payment for 2023-24		£338.32
vi.	Account balances as at 27 th June 2023:	£5555.66	£26,607.48
vii.	Uncleared previously authorised payments:		
	Nil		

b. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – May and June salary	As agreed
	S Look – Clerks May and June expenses	-£36.00
	NYC Annual streetlight maintenance 2022-23	-£568.16
	Autela payroll April-June 2023	-£54.58

Resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

23133: Maintenance issues:

- a. Update on maintenance issues given by the Chairman. It was noted that there is graffiti in the bus shelters which Cllr Chambers will try to remove. If it reappears the Clerk will produce a notice for display. Posters advertising an event in Naburn have been put up in the bus shelters. They have been removed as they leave marks on the glazing. Clerk to notify the advertisers and to advise them to display posters on our notice boards in future. Cllr Chambers to paint the posts near the fountain over the summer months.
- b. Councillors considered taking any action regarding reported poor condition footpaths have been left in due to recent Factco works. It was resolved to wait until the works are complete and revisit this in September.

Playing Field / Play Area

23134: Playing field update:

- a. Update on inspections sent by Cllr Fairburn. Rabbits have dug up the earth under the ping-pong table. Cllr Chambers and Cllr King to look at filling this in over the coming weeks. The tyre that stops the zipline seat has collapsed leading to an abrupt stop. Clerk to contact the PFA to agree way forward.

Planning

23135: Planning, new applications:

- a. ZG2023/0476/FUL. Black Bull, 91 Main Street, Escrick. Conversion of existing double garage into 1 No 2 person house with parking. Objection comments sent by EPC previously in relation to this site were not taken into account by NYC. Councillors to object to the application. Residents from the neighbouring property confirmed that they will be putting in an objection. The rear elevation of the proposed building will have 7 windows overlooking them leading to loss of amenity and privacy. Concerns were raised that as it will only have one parking space, any visitor parking will be on the Main Street opposite the school entrance. The glass frontage is also thought to be out of character for the village.
- b. ZG2023/0473/S73. Approach Farm Hollicarrs York Road Escrick. Section 73 application to vary condition 03 (days on site) of approval 2006/0680/COU Proposed change of use of field for siting of touring caravans granted on 8 September 2006. The Planning Working Group resolved that the end result of this request will be a change of the agreed terms when granting the original application, which will be to convert the permitted site for touring caravans to a site for permanent / semi-permanent homes. This is a concern given the proximity to the ever-expanding Hollicarrs 'holiday park' and the former North Selby Mine site that is presently going through in the CYC area adjacent to Escrick, with more than 300 pitches. Also, EPC have still not had clarification from SDC/NYC of the status of the proposed Heronby development to enable us to evaluate any additional area occupancy changes in the coming years. Given these factors councillors request NYC give serious consideration before considering granting this request, given the implications for yet more impact on the local infrastructure and the road network. This is a significant deviation from the agreed/accepted original planning application, which had a maximum time of continuous occupancy of 28 days, which EPC still feel is adequate and fair for a touring caravan site.

23136: Planning ongoing:

- a. Clerk has contacted Hannah Blackburn in the area planning department regarding the corporate complaint raised in November 2022 with them. This was in relation to 2022/0357/TCA. Hellings House, 73 Main Street, Escrick - the tree work and 2021/1375/HPA Grove House, Skipwith Road, Escrick - Placement of gas tank in garden (retrospective). Response received from Hannah Blackburn stating that with regards Grove House, the matter has been progressed by the Planning Enforcement team to seek the removal of the tank and as part of this alternative options have been investigated that overcome the reasons for refusal, namely siting and visual impact. Formal action will be considered if this is not possible. Regarding Hellings House, a provisional TPO was served in December 2022 to correct issues with the tree species. The case officer has left the authority, and so this matter has been passed to a different officer to progress. NYC need to determine whether to confirm the order within six months from the date the provisional order was served, taking into account any formal submissions made. They are in the process of undertaking this assessment. Clerk to follow the planning enforcement issue at Grove House up with Connor Stephenson at NYC prior to the September PC meeting.

23137: Planning determinations:

- a. No determinations received prior to the agenda being issued.

23138: Planning working group:

- a. Nothing further to report.

23139: Selby Local Plan and Heronby proposal:

- a. No further update. Clerk has contacted Cllr Cattanach for an update. No response to date.

Other items

23140: Resolved the following committees, working groups and volunteers:

- a. Finance & Admin Committee. Members confirmed as Cllr Chambers, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Hawes and Cllr King. To add Cllr King to the bank mandate. Terms of reference for the committee to be updated by

the clerk. Matters set out in the terms of reference to be incorporated into the PC meeting or prior to the Parish Council meetings if a separate meeting is required.

- b. Planning Working Group; It was resolved for Cllr Chambers, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson and Cllr Fairbairn will continue to be members of the planning working group.
- c. Representation on external bodies:
Village Green Association representative. No representative elected.
Playing Fields Association representative. No representative elected.

23141: Village shop:

- a. Cllr Hawes gave an update on the Village Shop project. The shop is now up and running. Cllr Hawes to give the proprietors the contact details for the Parish Magazine to advertise it. PC to coordinate distributing the flyers. Councillors thanked Eric Hardy for all his hard work and perseverance enabling the shop to open. It was noted that Lilian Coulson is currently helping the shop with planning matters.

23142: Odour complaints near the industrial estate:

- a. An update was given from the Environment Agency on the reported odour allegedly from the Escrick Environmental site. EA Officers have visited the site and identified several non-compliances and have spoken with the operators. A report will be issued to the operators which will be listing actions that they will need to take in order to resolve the problem that is causing the malodour in the area. The officers will be carrying out regular checks to make sure that the operators do not fall behind their commitments to bring their activities back into compliance. The nature of the problem means that the full resolution of the odour issue could take a few months, but the EA would like to reassure the local community that they are aware of the problem and is already taking action to stop this from happening again. Concerns were raised about the potential gases that are being produced. Cllr King to attend a site visit on Tuesday 4th July to clarify points raised by parishioners.

23143: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and general correspondence noted.
- b. Letter noted from Plasmor Concrete Products. Resolved that Cllr King will represent the Parish Council at the Escrick Quarry Community Liaison Group annual meeting with Plasmor to be held at 2pm on Tuesday 12th September 2023.
- c. Interim update received on the Parish Charter complaint raised with NYC. The outcome of the consultation will be published together with an amended draft of the Charter for North Yorkshire Council to consider. It is currently anticipated that this will take place at the Council's Executive meeting on 4 July.
- d. The parish council have received a request to set up an impartial village Facebook page. Councillors agreed that the existing page used by the Parish Council 'Escrick.org notices' is adequate.

23144: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. No further comments.

23145: Items for the next meeting:

- a. It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th September 2023 in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.

Meeting closed at 21:10hrs.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 4th September 2023