

# Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023.

23146: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

23147: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr M Allen, Cllr S Allen, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hawes, Cllr King. Clerk; S Look.
- b. Apologies: Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Hopkinson and Cllr Karbani. Cllr Karbani sent a resignation notice. Notice of Vacancy to be displayed until 25 September 2023.

23148: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

23149: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Complaints about the odour from the Acumen Site. Environment Agency (EA) are investigating and have found several incidences where the operator had not complied with the conditions of their permit. The odour has been caused from unsuitable storage conditions of waste on the site, which is a mixture of residues (fines) from the prior treatment of municipal waste and construction-demolition waste. The Parish Council have asked for clarity on the levels of gas hydrogen sulphide being emitted. The EA have confirmed that the verified data will be possible once the monitoring is complete and their Air Quality team has verified all the data and produced their report. In the meantime, they are sharing data with the UKHSA who have confirmed that although the levels exceed the odour threshold, they are below those associated with being a harm to health. Updates will be published on [Escrick Waste Treatment Facility - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](https://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- b. Village Maintenance request. See item 23154.
- c. Email received about the state of pavements from a recent burst water main on Riccall Road/A19, Escrick and regarding the mud/silt and blocked drains in the area as a result of it. Reported to NYC by the resident concerned.

23150: **Public session:**

- a. No members of the public in attendance. Cllr M Allen raised concerns about an incident where a motorist parked their car in the Church car park directly in front of the car park exit to the churchyard, making access difficult for members of the public with mobility limitations. Clerk to write to the church warden to request that some signage is put up and ask people to park with more courtesy and not block the footpath.

23151: **Updates from other authorities:**

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

23152: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>RD</sup> July 2023 with an amendment to item 23135a to state further comments to be made to object to the application.

## Finance and Governance

23153: **Finance report:**

- a. Noted the annual CIL statement for 2022-23.
- b. Notice of conclusion of audit received. Noted the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 external audit report and completion certificate.

c. Account balances and reconciliation:

		<b>Community account</b>	<b>BMM account</b>
i.	Account balances as at 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2023:	<b>£5555.66</b>	<b>£26,607.48</b>
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – June salary	As agreed	
	S Look – Clerks May and June expenses	-£36.00	
	NYC – streetlight maintenance 2022-23	-£568.16	
	Autela – payroll	-£54.58	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	S Look – July salary	As agreed	
	PKF Littlejohn- Annual Audit	-£252.00	
	Unity – service charge	-£18.00	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
	Nil		
v.	Receipts:		
	Unity- Credit interest		£135.28
vi.	Account balances as at 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023:	<b>£3749.40</b>	<b>£26,742.76</b>
vii.	Uncleared previously authorised payments:		
	Nil		

d. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – August salary	As agreed
	S Look – Clerks July and August expenses	-£106.74
	D Harris – Annual Defib. electricity	-£20.00
	Escrick Park Estate– village green annual rent	-£10.00
	T Chambers – flowerbeds and fountain post paint	-£42.69

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

ix.	Nil
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Resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

## Maintenance

### 23154: Maintenance issues:

- An update on maintenance issues given by the Chairman. Maintenance concerns have been raised by a member of the public with regards to the footpath to Gassy woods (requires strimming), the footpath from Carrs Meadow through to Main St (requires strimming and trimming the overhanging hedges) and the pavement on Carr Lane west of Main St (the trees from are starting to sprout branches that are encroaching on the path). Cllr Chambers has taken action to clear the path from Carrs Meadow to Gassy Wood. Cllr Chambers has also cleaned the bus shelter and removed the advertising posters and has planted some plants at the village sign but has still to paint the posts around the fountain.
- Councillors considered taking any action regarding the reported poor condition that the footpaths have been left in due to recent Factco works. It was resolved to take no further action due to the paths already being in a bad state of repair prior to the works.
- Councillors considered future action to continue tidying up the link path between Main Street and Carrs Meadow. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Escrick Park Estate to request the following areas are cleared; the link footpath from the A19 (opposite the Parsonage) to Skipwith Road and the pathway into Gassy Wood from Skipwith Road.
- Councillors considered responsibility for the tree maintenance on the Estate land between the Coronation Monument and the main school entrance. Councillor Chambers has tidied up the area

recently however councillors agreed for the Clerk to send a request to the Estate to do this area in future due to lack of volunteers.

- e. Clerk to contact Ark, the maintenance contractor to query the hedge cut on Carr Lane (Skipwith Road end) as part of it looks uncut.

## Playing Field / Play Area

### 23155: **Playing field update:**

- a. An update on inspections was given by Cllr Fairburn. All fine. Rabbit holes have been filled. The surface area in the toddler area may need attention next year.
- b. Councillors received an update on the zipwire which has now been fixed.
- c. An update was given on Escrick Playing Fields Association committee. Resolved to look at future involvement from potential new committee members who may get involved further. Update to be given at the next meeting.

## Planning

### 23156: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. ZG2023/0712/FUL. Bell Farm, Riccall Road, Escrick. Erection of a Single Building for the Manufacture of Wooden Sheds and Outbuildings (Resubmission of 2022/0964/FUL. Comments by 7 August 2023. For information only. Comments submitted by PWG. The PC has no issue with the outlined application.
- b. ZG2023/0798/REMM. Land Between New Road and Wheldrake Lane, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick. Reserved matters application including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of approval 2019/0045/EIA Outline application for redevelopment of the former North Selby Mine site to a leisure development comprising of a range of touring caravan and static caravans with associated facilities submission of details relating to condition 5 (colour of caravans) and 12 (landscape). Resolved that councillors would like to reiterate their response to planning consultation 2023/0333/DOC in response to this application: 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. Please could you 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. It was resolved to ensure all objections originally sent to CYC are also forwarded to NYC planning department on this proposed development.
- c. ZG2023/0829/HPA. 5 Southlands Close, Escrick. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. Councillors have no objections to the application providing the planning officer is satisfied that it is accordance with the Escrick Neighbourhood plan Design Codes.
- d. 2023/0110/FUL. Traves A Abattoir Main Street. Residential conversion of existing buildings into 4 No 2 bedroom dwellings, erection of 1 No 3 bedroom and 3 No 4 bedroom dwellings together with associated garages and alterations to an existing building to form a store/garage for Langrigg, together with associated works including an improved access to Main Street. Councillors have no further comments to add to the comments previously made to the planning department.
- e. ZF2023/0476/FUL. Black Bull, 91 Main Street, Escrick. Conversion of existing double garage into 1 No 2 person house with parking. Councillors object in accordance with comments previously made in July.

### 23157: **Planning ongoing:**

- a. No further update from Hannah Blackburn in North Yorkshire Council 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.
- b. ZG2023/0691/HPA. Grove House Skipwith Road. Application to remove existing above ground tank in the front garden. Add a submerged gas tank in the front garden, 3m away from the property, boundary fences and driveways and a minimum of 9m away. Change material on existing hardstanding tarmac

driveway detailed as 'existing tarmac driveway' laid October 2021 (part retrospective). The enforcement investigation is now closed now that new plans have been submitted. Resolved to monitor progress on this and keep on the agenda until complete.

**23158: Planning determinations:**

- a. ZG2023/0637/HPA. The Old School, Escrick Park Gardens, Escrick. The alteration of a window to a door and a replacement door on the east elevation of the School House. REFUSED.
- b. ZG2023/0473/S73. Approach Farm, Hollicarrs, York 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. Permission granted.

**23159: Planning working group:**

- a. Nothing further to report.

**23160: Selby Local Plan and Heronby proposal:**

- a. No further update. Clerk has contacted Cllr Cattanach for an update who has forwarded the request to Martin Grainger. No reply to date.

Other items

**23161: Odour complaints near the industrial estate:**

- a. An update was given at item 23149a.

**23162: Signage/ advertising in the village:**

- a. Councillors considered a request from the village shop for additional signage. It was resolved that the proprietors will need to contact NYC direct for permission.
- b. Councillors discussed policy to casual signs appearing in the village. Concerns have been raised about the increasing amount of advertising posters for products / events that are not actually related to the parish itself. It was resolved that the Parish Council do not support signage due to recent prosecutions within the county for signage attached to highways signs. Signage therefore will need approval from the local authority. Signage on notice boards will be permitted if it related to the parish.

**23163: Defibrillator training:**

- a. Yorkshire Ambulance Service defibrillator CPR training to be held at 11am - 1pm on Thursday 19th October. Sign up form available on <https://www.escrick.org/app/event/firstaid23/>.

**23164: Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and general correspondence noted.
- b. Parish Charter. A Charter for Partnership Working and Understanding between North Yorkshire Council and the parish sector in North Yorkshire. It was resolved that councillors do not support the charter as there is no accountability on it. Cllr S Allen to propose a response and distribute to councillors for approval. Clerk to forward concerns to the new local MP, Keir Mather.
- c. Copy of letter of dissatisfaction sent to Factco from residents of Wenlock Drive, Northlands Close & Southlands Close, Escrick (representing 77% of households on these streets). Noted.
- d. Councillors considered purchasing the Good Councillor Guide publication for any newer councillors. It was resolved not to purchase hard copies as a soft copy is available online.
- e. NYCC: Announcing a new approach to managing speed limits in North Yorkshire. Noted.
- f. Councillors considered whether to support the Affordable Housing Survey for Escrick to be conducted by NYCC at the end of October. It was resolved that councillors do not support the survey without further information. It was noted that the service limit is already at capacity in the Parish with frequent

sewerage issues and more houses would exasperate this. Clerk to reply based on proposed response agreed.

- g. Up for Yorkshire – request to publicise request for volunteer drivers. Noted.

**23165: Comments from public present on agenda items:**

- a. No further comments.

**23166: Items for the next meeting:**

- a. It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.
- b. It was resolved that the Annual meeting in May will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Meeting closed at 20.50hrs.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023