

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7.30pm on MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023.

23205: **Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.**

23206: **Co-option of a new councillor.** No applications received for the vacancy to date.

23207: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

23208: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

23209: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Request received for a bus shelter and light on A19 near Hollicarrs; Councillors resolved to contact North Yorkshire Council to see if it is feasible before exploring funding options.
- b. Concerns raised by resident regarding parking problems near Escrick primary school. See item 23221.

23210: **Public session:**

- a. Member of the public raised concerns regarding the progression of the Selby Local Plan now that the council has merged with North Yorkshire Council and the way NYC are handling FOI requests.

23211: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present.
- b. Update sent by Cllr Cattanach regarding the Selby Local Plan which gives a timeline. In order to fully address the responses to the latest public consultation that took place in late 2022, the Selby planning policy team will recommend that further engagement takes place on a revised Publication Local Plan to fulfil the requirements of Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) prior to its formal submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination. This recommendation will be presented to the Executive Committee on 6 February 2024, which would then need to be approved by Full Council on 21 February. Should councillors approve this decision, consultation will take place on the amended Publication Local Plan early in the spring 2024. Cllr Cattanach continues to oppose Heronby.
- c. Work at North Yorkshire continues to merge the old District and Borough responsibilities into the new Unitary authority with a lot of working groups.
- d. There is still funding available from the Locality Budget and Cllr Cattanach welcomes suggestions from the Parish on projects he could help financially.

23212: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2023.

Finance and Governance

23213: **Finance report:**

- a. Councillors considered and agreed the budget options for 2024-25 and resolved to set the Precept at £22,560.93 (a 2.5% increase). Clerk to contact the grass cutting contractor regarding their quote.

- b. Councillors noted and agreed to the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023 and the rate of pay increase for the clerk w/e from 1st April 2023. Clerks salary to be backdated in line with the National Pay Agreement award as per contract and paid in the December payroll.
- c. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 30 th October 2023:	£3,861.45	£34,926.05
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – October salary	As agreed	
	S Look – Clerks October expenses	-£35.24	
	Ark grass cutting 2023	-£3234.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	PWLB – streetlight loan	-£1467.74	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
		£3000.00	-£3000.00
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v.	Receipts:		
	Escrick VGA – Architect plans reimbursement	£250.00	
	Escrick VGA – Festive lights reimbursement	£288.58	
	HMRC VAT refund		£1870.10
vi.	Account balances as at 27 th November 2023:	£5225.29	£30,796.15

- d. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – November salary and back pay	As agreed
	S Look – November expenses	-£24.00
	Queens Staith Leisure; room bookings at The Parsonage Sept-Dec	-£80.00

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

23214: Maintenance issues:

- No new maintenance issues to report this month.
- An update was given on the request to 37 Carrs Meadow to cut foliage back overhanging on the path between Main Street and Carrs Meadow. The foliage has been cut back to some extent. No further action to be taken at present.
- An update was given on the request to the resident at 10 Woodlands to cut back their overhanging trees / hedges. Resident has been in touch and agreed to take action. Cllr King to put a reminder on Facebook for all residents with overhanging foliage to cut it back so as not to cause an obstruction on the footpaths.
- Councillors considered the options to replace the small fence posts surrounding the Dolphin fish fountain. It was resolved to get a quote for recycled plastic fencing like on the village green and then apply for funding from the Locality Budget.

Playing Field / Play Area

23215: Playing field update:

- Inspections done by Cllr Fairburn. Nothing to report.
- Escrick Playing Fields Association committee to give a full update next month after their meeting which is to be held on 12th December 2023. Cllr Fairbairn to attend on behalf of the PC.

Planning

23216: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. ZG2023/1230/HPA. Limemilns, 18 Dower Park, Escrick. Erection of first floor extension and rear balcony above existing garage. Councillors have no objections to the application.

23217: **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). There has been a slight delay on this application as comments were received from the IDB requiring more information before they can support it. The applicants have spoken to the IDB and have resolved the issues. The planning department at NYC are currently waiting on the updated plans so that they can reconsult the IDB and get the decision issued.

23218: **Planning determinations:**

- a. ZG2023/0951/TPO. 10 Dower Park Escrick. Crown reduce by 20% to 1 No Himalayan Birch tree (T1) protected by TPO 5/1984. REFUSED.

23219: **Planning working group:**

- a. No further updates.

23220: **Other planning matters:**

- a. Update on the Selby Local Plan discussed in item 23211b.
- b. No further update on the new North Yorkshire Council Local Plan for the whole planning authority. Briefing to be held on Tuesday 5th December 2023. Cllr Allen to attend.
- c. Affordable Housing Survey to be distributed to households in the parish on 3rd January 2024 with a deadline for responses 13th February 2024. Each survey will contain a freepost envelope for residents to return and the survey can also be completed online at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/survey/rke

Other items

23221: **Parking issues outside Escrick Primary School:**

- a. Councillors considered if any further action is required by the Parish Council to help with the parking problems outside the school. It was resolved to write to the school to request further communication with the parents and ask them to contact the local police due to the safety concerns raised. Clerk to contact Cllr Cattanach to see if he can offer any assistance on the matter. A reminder has been put in the parish magazine.

23222: **Odour complaints near the industrial estate:**

- a. It was reported that odour from the Acumen site is still present on occasion. Clerk to contact the environment agency for an update on the clear up.

23223: **Factco pole installation proposals:**

- a. Factco have informed the residents at 16, 18 and 20 Carr Lane that they are proposing to install a pole north of the junction of Carr Lane/ A19 (YO19 6UQ). They have since received one objection and have therefore decided not to proceed with the pole installation. This will mean that houses 16, 18, and 20

Carr Lane will not be able to access the Factco full fibre network. Factco will revisit this in the future if opinions change.

23224: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and general correspondence noted.
- b. Councillors noted the NYC Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation.

23225: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. No further comments from member of the public present.

23226: Items for the next meeting:

It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th January 2024 in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.

Meeting closed at 20.45hrs.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 8th January 2024