

Escrick Parish Council

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

Part 1

24171: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

24172: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

24173: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations of interested registered.

24174: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Enquiry about who is responsible for cutting the hawthorn between the playing fields and the A19. The cut has been carried out by a volunteer in the past. Resolved to wait for a response from Escrick Park Estate before deciding on any further action.
- b. Request for EPC to investigate potential improvements to the school parking issues with the involvement of Escrick Park Estate should the proposed two developments connected to the former Abattoir site move forward. It was noted that EPE have been made aware of parking issues at school drop off and pick up times and they have confirmed they will investigate options.
- c. Feedback from residents regarding the Carrs Meadow development proposals noted.

24175: **Public session:**

- a. A member of the public raised concerns about problems crossing the A19 and has contacted NYC direct.
- b. Request made for ducks on the village pond now the water level has raised. Clerk to contact the VGA.

24176: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Boundary review details noted.

24177: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024.

Finance and Governance

24178: **Finance report:**

- a. Clear Councils confirmed as the Parish Council insurance for 2024-25 on a three year agreement.
- b. Clerk confirmed budget/precept setting arrangements for December Parish Council meeting. F&A committee to meet prior to the next Parish Council meeting to consider budget options for recommendation to the council.
- c. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 2 September 2024:	£2949.30	£38107.60
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		

	Escrick Park Estate - INV-0191, Village Green annual rent	£10.00	
	S Look – July & August expenses	-£55.29	
	S Look – Clerks August salary	As agreed	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	S Look – printer ink for T Chambers	-£23.50	
	S Look – Clerks September salary	As agreed	
	D Harris – Defibrillator annual electricity payment	-£20.00	
	PKF Littlejohn – external audit	-£252.00	
iv.	Internal Transfer	£3000.00	-£3000.00
v.	Receipts:		
	Escrick Village Green donation for tree work	£350.00	
	Precept 2 nd instalment		£11280.46
	Account balances as at 1 October 2024:	£5004.99	£46,388.06

d. Routine payments to be made:

viii.		
	Escrick Developments Ltd – Pond pump renovation	-£3846.27
	S Look – September expenses	-£35.99
	Clear Councils – Annual Insurance	-£1362.27

e. 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

24179: Maintenance issues:

- Cllr Chambers has cut back the foliage at the village sign at the south side of the village (the York bound sign has been checked and is fine) and reported a problem with the floatation device on the water in Gassy Woods to EPE. Cllr Chambers has also swept out the bus shelter war memorial on Main Street and checked the grit bins in preparation for winter.
- No update on replacing the small fence posts surrounding the Dolphin fish fountain.
- Update given from the Internal Drainage Board regarding the hedge maintenance on Carr Lane. The IDB have undertaken works on the beck through Escrick recently. This work has been pending for some time. If vegetation cannot be cut often it can become overwhelmed with broad leaved weeds that smother desirable grasses out and can lead to both erosion and bank de-stabilisations thus elevating the flood risk. The cutting back of the bank top hedge is vital as the machine operator cannot see beyond it if it was left to grow out of control and thus the IDB would not be able to maintain the beck.
- Cllr Croasdale reported ongoing issues with overgrown hedges/trees which not only cause inconvenience to residents walking on pavements but also some restrict visibility and safety for motorists. Resolved to contact Highways to arrange a visit to report all concerns and understand their obligations.

Playing Field / Play Area

24180: Playing field update:

- Inspections done.
- Noted the AGM of the Playing Fields Association is to be held on Tuesday 19th November 2024. No new committee members. Concerns raised about the future of Escrick 10K and lack of volunteers to take

over organising the event. It was noted that the majority of the organising is done by an external organisation so it is just the local management that needs managing.

Planning

24181: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. No new applications received.

24182: **Planning ongoing:**

- a. 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. No further update. Clerk to follow up again.
- b. ZG2023/0691/HPA. Grove House Skipwith Road. No progress to relocate the gas tank in the front garden as requested by planning enforcement. Enforcement ref 2024/0186/LWORK. Councillors raised concerns as the property is now up for sale. YLCA have advised to escalate this to NYC rather than contact the agent direct regarding the enforcement issue.
- c. 2023/0110/FUL - Traves A, Abattoir, Main Street, Escrick, YO19 6JP. No further update on the S106 proposals.
- d. ZG2024/0120/S73. Black Bull, 91 Main Street, Escrick. No further update from planning enforcement. Clerk to follow up as development is now complete.

24183: **Planning determinations:**

ZG2024/0670/HPA. 3 Carrs Meadow, Escrick. Erection of single storey rear extension and internal alterations to existing dwelling to create additional living accommodation. Permission granted. Noted.

24184: **Other planning matters:**

- a. Selby Local Plan. No further update.
- b. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. No further update.
- c. Cllr King gave an update on the Escrick Quarry Local Community Liaison Group meeting with Plasmor. Escrick Environmental have now taken over from Acumen. Cllr King was satisfied that the site is being well maintained and noted that plenty of trees have been planted. Funds are available for community projects.

Highways items

24185: **Streetlighting:**

- a. NYC have reported that the damaged post on the junction of Skipwith Road / A19 has now been fixed.

Other items

24186: **Website and PC email addresses:**

- a. Councillors resolved to update the Parish Council website to a gov.uk domain. Resolved to convert to escrickparishcouncil.gov.uk. Clerk to process and apply for £100 grant towards the costs.

24187: **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. Group to meet up and update the PC at future meetings.

24188: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted

24189: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. Concerns were raised by a member of the public that some residents do not take responsibility outside their own properties to keep the village looking tidy.

24190: Items for the next meeting:

- a. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 4th November 2024, 7pm** in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel. The Finance and Admin Committee will meet at 6.30pm on Monday 4th November 2024 to discuss the budget for 2025-26.

Part 2

24191: Confidential business: It was resolved to exclude Public and Press on the grounds that matters for discussion affect individual staff members/ procedures/ legal/ finance issues.

24192: Village Maintenance contract 2025-26:

- a. It was resolved to advertise the village maintenance contract for 2025-26. Councillors reviewed and agreed the contract details. It was agreed to amend the contract to separate the cordon sanitaire section of the village green to continue with a standard cut but priced independently with the proviso that it is on the contract on a rolling month basis. To investigate extending the hedge cut on Carr Lane to the length of the beck. To obtain one quote with the addition of grass collection on the village green to the contract and one quote without to compare the price.

Meeting closed at 21.45

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 4th November 2024