

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024.

24001: **Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.**

24002: **Co-option of a new councillor.** No applications received for the vacancy to date.

24003: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

- a. Apologies: Cllr Hawes.

24004: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

24005: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Report of a streetlight out on the junction of Skipwith Road / A19 back in October (Parish Council light, Skipwith Road, post 1). Clerk has escalated this to the Highways department as it is an intermittent fault that has been ongoing for some time.
- b. Letter from MOP regarding the building work at the former Black Bull (item 23239c).
- c. Freedom of information request in relation to the village shop.
- d. Correspondence from the proprietor of the village shop.

24006: **Public session:**

- a. Concerns were raised by members of the public regarding the ongoing building work at the former Black Bull pub site. A complaint has been made about the lack of communication from North Yorkshire Council planning department. It was reported that bonfires are being lit during anti-social hours. It was resolved that the Parish Council will write back to the planning department to reiterate previous concerns raised. Residents were advised to contact the local MP and escalate a complaint at NYC. It was also suggested that the residents should report the bonfires to the Environmental Health and the NYC enforcement team.
- b. A member of the public spoke requesting a copy of correspondence under Freedom of Information.
- c. The proprietors of the village shop spoke to express concern regarding their contractual arrangements at their premises, the lease and utility services. It was reported to the resident that this is not a parish council matter and it should be taken up with the landlord and the committee for the premises. The proprietors also raised a complaint against the Parish Council with regards to the funding obtained by both the PC and the club committee. It was explained to the complainants that funding was raised to upgrade the electrics at the premises as stated in the applications.
- d. A member of the public expressed concern regarding the Caravan Park development at the former North Selby Mine site. Planning permission was granted in August 2020 (19/00078/OUTM). Concerns raised about the current application 23/01309/REMM that is awaiting decision. This is a reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of redevelopment. The scheme includes a number of additional buildings including swimming pool, spa, ice cream block, salon etc. It was noted that councillors have previously objected to this development and reiterate their concerns.

24007: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present.

24008: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting and the Finance and Admin meeting held on 4th December 2023.

Finance and Governance

24009: Finance report:

a. Account balances and reconciliation:

| | | Community account | Savings account |
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| i. | Account balances as at 27 th November 2023: | £5225.29 | £30,796.15 |
| ii. | Payments made since last meeting: | | |
| | S Look – November salary | As agreed | |
| | S Look – Clerks November expenses | -£24.00 | |
| | Queens Staith Leisure; room bookings at The Parsonage Sept-Dec | -£80.00 | |
| iii. | Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers: | | |
| | Escrick Park Estate- playing field rent | -£10.00 | |
| | S Look- Clerks December salary | As agreed | |
| | Unity – quarterly service charge | -£18.00 | |
| iv. | Internal Transfer | | |
| | | £2000.00 | -£2000.00 |
| | | £3000.00 | -£3000.00 |
| v. | Receipts: | | |
| | Unity bank credit interest | | £228.77 |
| vi. | Account balances as at 2 nd January 2024: | £5963.77 | £29,024.92 |

b. Routine payments to be made:

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| viii. | | |
| | S Look – December expenses | -£19.00 |

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

24010: Maintenance issues:

- No new maintenance issues to report this month.
- Update on replacing the small fence posts surrounding the Dolphin fish fountain to be given at the next meeting. Clerk to get quotes.
- Resolved to allow the VGA to apply for permission from NYC to remove a Cherry tree on the village green and accept quotation. Councillors requested that a suitably sized replacement tree is planted within the next year.
- Resolved to accept the revised quotation for the grass cutting contract for 2024.
- It was noted that the leaves reported on the footpath in front of the Church have now been cleared.

Playing Field / Play Area

24011: Playing field update:

- Inspections done by Cllr Fairburn. Nothing to report.

- b. Escrick Playing Fields Association committee sent an update on Escrick Playing Fields Association including the minutes from their meeting held on 12 December 2023. Copy of the Annual Safety Inspection Oct 2023 received.

Planning

24012: Planning, new applications:

- a. ZG2023/1110/FUL. Post Office Row, 7 Main Street, Escrick. Erection of dwelling and formation of access. Comments by 18th January 2024. Councillors OBJECT to the application. They appreciate the redesign of the dwelling application to a size that may be more acceptable. However, they still cannot see any detailed dimensional drawing that the applicant can be held to account on for this revised application - either for the building or the parking arrangements. Councillors also request all original objections are taken into account by the planning department before deciding on the suitability of this revised application. At this stage EPC are still of the opinion that without further data to satisfy all concerned parties, that this application should be refused. Clerk to also reiterate previous objections by the PC raised for this property on application 2021/1466/FUL.

24013: 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. No further update. It was reported that the fence in front of the gas tank has now fallen down. Clerk to report to the IDB to ascertain ownership/responsibility.
- c. ZG2023/0476/FUL. Conversion of outbuilding to the rear of the Black Bull, Escrick. See item 24006a.

24014: Planning determinations:

- a. No planning determinations received.

24015: Planning working group:

- a. No further updates.

24016: Other planning matters:

- a. No further update on the Selby Local Plan received to date. Next Development Plan Committee meeting to be held on 16th January.
- b. No further update on the new North Yorkshire Council Local Plan.

Other items

24017: Odour complaints near the industrial estate:

- a. Update from the Environment Agency regarding the Acumen site received. Acumen Waste Services have removed the waste fines pile that was believed to be the main source of the odour issue. The last removal activity was carried out w/c 13th of November. During this time the incident hotline received various reports of malodour which were related to the movement of this last amount of waste. However, once this latest activity stopped no more reports were received in the following days. Since September the amount of reports we have received has significantly reduced. No further action to be taken by the Parish Council at this stage.

24018: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and general correspondence noted.

- b. D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024 information noted. The Village Green Committee and Church have been sent the information. As the anniversary falls on a Thursday it was considered that not many people would attend a full village event.

24019: Comments from public present on agenda items:

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

24020: Items for the next meeting:

It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th February 2024 in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.

Part 2

24021: Confidential business:

Resolved to exclude Public and Press on the grounds that matters for discussion affect individual staff members/ procedures/ legal/ finance issues.

24022: Village Shop:

- a. A discussion took place regarding the closure of the village shop. It was noted that although the Parish Council facilitated the opening of the shop by helping the proprietors by putting them in touch with the landlord of the premises and supported them with comms by delivering leaflets for them to the parish, they have no further involvement with the lease or any disputes that may have occurred thereafter. The Parish Council sympathised with all involved.

Meeting closed at 21.15hrs.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 5th February 2024