

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB ON MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2017

Chairman: Cllr R Rowson

Clerk/RFO: Mrs H Guest, 40 Linden Way, Thorpe Willoughby, YO8 9ND

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Part 1

17219: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Cllrs Rowson, Luscombe, Forster, Councill, Coulson, Rees, County Councillor Musgrave, the Clerk and two members of the public.
- b. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Moran, Cunningham, Morley-Jones and M Casling. It was resolved to accept reasons given.
- c. All present were requested to sign the Attendance book

17220: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items - None.

17221: Welcome: Chair welcomed Councillors, Clerk and visitors to the meeting.

17222: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd October and 6th November.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

17223: Comments received:

1. Three patches of grass on Wenlock Drive are not being cut. Chair advised that these areas have been added to the grass tender. Noted that two oak trees along there are being removed by NYCC.
Items received by the Clerk since the last meeting:
2. Street light on the footpath between the A19 and Skipwith Road inoperative. This has now been repaired. Also to note a quote has been requested to go onto the NYCC Parish Lights maintenance programme.
3. Complaint received that the Arriva 415 bus service is not adhering to published timings. Resident advised that the Parish Council has no statutory powers over bus service operators and that the North Eastern Traffic Commissioners office is responsible for the regulation of bus operators - resident directed to their website.
4. Resident reported a wasps nest in ivy growing on a post along Main Street - resident advised that this is a BT Openreach post and that SDC are responsible for pest control on public land.
5. Damage to verge on A19 opposite the Church - this has now been repaired.

17224: To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) County Councillor: Cllr Musgrave reported the following: The former Stillingfleet Mine application will not be heard before February; he has had a meeting regarding the creation of a pedestrian crossing/lights on the A19 near the end of Skipwith Road but not expecting anything to be done in the short term - there is the possibility that this will be looked at in the medium term; Speeding on Skipwith Road has been reported and awaiting speed monitoring equipment to be installed; Waste & Minerals - expecting the public examination and opportunity to make comments in the spring with a presumption in favour of being able to extract minerals - the sheer volume of the

site and decades of use means it is anticipated that a huge volume to be extracted. Yellow lines on Skipwith Road - safety concerns have been highlighted regarding parked vehicles near the junction with the A19 - Cllr Rowson to write to Highways to ask for these to be considered.

b) District Councillor: Dist Cllr L Casling reported via email immediately prior to the meeting regarding the condition of pavements in the village, which have a build-up of moss. She is looking into options, but established that they will not be resurfaced and that cleaning may damage the surface further. Following a previous inquiry from the Parish Council, she reiterated that SDC could not respond to planning comments from individual Parish Councils - Councillors pointed out that the question originally asked did not request a response, just that Planning Officers do not seem to take into account the comments made by the Parish Council in their decision-making process.

c) Police - Various items received via the Community Messaging Service. Residents recommended to register with this service to obtain Police updates:

<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org/>

d) Other - None.

At Chairman's discretion, the Village Maintenance item (no 17233) was discussed at this point in the meeting. It is reported below so that numbering remains consistent with the published agenda.

County Cllr Musgrave left the meeting at 8.08pm.

17225: Planning:

1. **Applications:** None.

2. **Decisions:**

a. 2017/1046/TPO: Fell and remove 1no oak at 5 Dower Chase, Escrick. Refused.

b. 2017/0782/FUL: Proposed conversion and extension of existing garage into a residential dwelling at Hawthorn Cottage, 24 Main Street, Escrick. Refused.

c. 2017/1064/TPO: Thin 1no oak at Mancroft, 7 Skipwith Road, Escrick. Approved.

3. **Consultations/Other:**

a. Proposed Plasmoor Quarry site: It was considered that an application was unlikely to be submitted before the M&W plan comes out which allocates the sites.

17226: RFO reported on closing balances and recent payments.

a) **Account balances**

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| 1. Current account balance as at 29th November | £2,309.94 |
| 2. Savings account balance as at 29th November | £15,923.54 |

b) **Payments made since last meeting under Clerk's delegated powers**

None.

c) **Payments to be made**

1. To note payment of Clerk's salary.

d) **Receipts:**

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| 1. Playing Fields Association (donation for repairs/maintenance) | £1,378.33 |
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e) **S106 balance:** Information received that there is a credit balance of £604.80 due to Escrick Parish Council which needs to be used, or it will be returned to the developer. Advice from SDC that it should be used 'as soon as possible'. During discussions, there were a number of suggestions made and options to be brought to the January meeting for discussion/resolution.

f) Budget - as part of the budget discussions, it was decided to add grass on verge at front of Parsonage to the grass cutting requirements. It was resolved that the precept to remain the same at £19k. There was a further discussion regarding reclamation of VAT for purchases made for village groups - it was resolved to contact HMRC to ensure the Council is doing things properly.

g) Notification received of external auditor appointments for the 2017/18 financial year - no change to the current auditors.

To resolve whether to accept the report and payments made.

17227: Councillor Vacancy: The vacancy has been advertised. No expressions of interest received.

17228: Neighbourhood Plan:

1. Working Group reported that progress is being made and that 3 companies have been identified as consultants. The discussions regarding these companies was moved to the Confidential session.

17229: Battle's Over: (Item deferred from last meeting) Next year, it will be 100 Years since the end of the First World War: this is a tribute to the sacrifices made by our soldiers and fires are to be lit across the country as 'beacons of light' in remembrance on the 11th November 2018. The Parish Council has already expressed an interest in this event and now to resolve membership of a Working Group to progress the events to be held on the day. This item carried forward.

17230: Street Lighting: To resolve any action on the following:

1. It was resolved to utilise Parish Council reserves to pay for mounting a light on an existing electricity post at the bus stop outside the Business Park.

17231: Autumn Village Tidy-Up: Cllr Councill reported that the Village Tidy Up had been a huge success and thanked those who attended.

17232: Grass Cutting quotes: It was resolved that the Finance & Admin Committee look through the quotes and bring to next meeting.

17233: Village Maintenance (discussed earlier in the meeting, but reported below).

1. Recent feedback on village appearance/maintenance was noted and it was resolved to create a working group to consolidate and deal with these.
2. It was noted that Deighton Parish Council have been advised that the Sycamore tree just north of the Skipwith Road junction on the A19 will be crown-lifted after Christmas by City of York Council.
3. Footpath north of the Church on the west side of the A19 (outside the Sang Thai) - it was noted that Deighton Parish Council are currently seeking quotes to have this cleared as soon as possible.

Cllr Rowson has had a walk-around problem areas with a resident.

It was resolved to split the list of items into two: Maintenance and Street Cleaning, then contact relevant people.

NYCC have provided a login to a portal so that the Council can check up on maintenance issues.

Cllr Musgrave suggested that there should be a differentiation between maintenance and improvements.

Cllr Rowson has tried to ask SDC how many scheduled road cleans do they have in Escrick per annum, but wasn't able to establish a figure. It was resolved that he will write to ask for this information.

17234: St Helen's Lottery Funding - Cllr Rowson advised that funding has been approved and work to start next year.

17235: Escrick 10k - Cllr Rowson reported that nobody has volunteered at present to become the Chair of the 10k and that under consideration is to use professional race organisers because it is a lot of work comparative to the amount of money that gets raised. Noted.

17236: Playing Fields Association - update from the PFA AGM. Main committee roles have remained. Playground inspections are to be electronic via an app. Noted.

17237: Correspondence received:

- a. News items received by email forwarded to Councillors.
- b. NYCC street light improvement programme - this to replace current lights with LEDs in those lights for which NYCC is responsible.
- c. Various advertisements received.

17238: Letters/Emails Sent or Action Taken Since Last Meeting: Nothing additional.

17239: Minor Items (for information only).

17240: Comments from public present on agenda items – Note: decisions cannot be made on items brought to this stage of the meeting. None.

17241: Items for the next agenda.

17242: Dates of future meetings (all meetings are to be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Escrick Club) were noted:

2018 - 8th January, 5th February, 5th March, 9th April and 14th May (APM & ACM).

8.57pm: Closure of Part 1 meeting.

Part 2

17243: 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.

17244: Tree Maintenance: This discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

(Moved from public session) **17228: Neighbourhood Plan:**

It was resolved that subject to the results of a meeting with one of the consultancy firms next week, the Planning Working Group were given delegated powers to select a consultancy firm.

9.20pm: Closure of Part 2 meeting.

Signed **R Rowson**

Chairman, Escrick Parish Council

Date : 8th January 2018