

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB ON MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2018

Chairman: Cllr R Rowson

Clerk/RFO: Mrs H Guest, 40 Linden Way, Thorpe Willoughby, YO8 9ND
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Part 1

18106: Apologies/Attendance:

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

18107: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items - none received.

18108: Welcome: Chair welcomed Councillors, Clerk and visitor to the meeting.

18109: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd September 2018.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

18110: Council received comments on agenda items or other questions/comments from electors present - None received.

18111: Reports received, for information only, from:

- a) County Councillor - None.
- b) District Councillor - None.
- 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.

18112: Planning: It was resolved to submit the following comments:

1. Applications:

a. 2018/0978/HPA - Erection of two storey rear extension at Bridge House, 12 Carr Lane, Escrick. (Extension of time for comments granted until 5th October). No objections, but to consider any comments made by neighbours. PWG to draft response.

2. Decisions:

a. 2018/0184/HPA: Single storey extensions to existing dwelling, extensions to garage and external alterations at The Old School, Escrick Park Gardens, Escrick. Application withdrawn. Noted.

3. Other:

a. NY/2016/0251/FUL - Stillingfleet Mine Waste Sorting Centre - No updates.

b. North Selby Mine redevelopment: Public consultation event held on 24th September at Escrick Village Hall. Councillors who attended reported that the proposal is to create up to 300 plots on the site to accommodate a mix of touring caravans, static caravans, chalets and glamping pods. The existing concrete base is to be removed and it is envisaged that a small shop/laundrette will be built. Extra vehicle movements are likely to be spread over the day. The planning application is due to be submitted no earlier than November and the site, once completed is to be sold or leased. Concerns were expressed by some Councillors that the current village facilities would not be sufficient for 300 extra families.

c. Consultation on plans to make exploratory shale gas well pads a Permitted Development Right. Deadline 25th October. (From last meeting). It would appear that this is a technical consultation and therefore not within the remit of the Parish Council.

d. Consultation on plans to bring shale gas production into the National Strategic Infrastructure Project regime. Deadline 25th October. (From last meeting). Again, understood that this does not fall within the remit of the Parish Council.

18113: RFO reported on closing balances and recent payments.

a) **Account balances**

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| 1. Current account balance as at 26th September 2018 | £4,573.27 |
| 2. Savings account balance as at 26th September 2018 | £19,848.26 |
- Noted transfer of £3,000 from savings account to current account.

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

None.

c) **Payments to be made**

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| 1. Came & Company (insurance) | £1,620.76 |
| 2. PKF Littlejohn LLP (external audit) | £240.00 |
| 3. Autela Group Ltd (payroll) | £46.80 |
| 4. Noted payment of Clerk's salary. | |

d) **Receipts:**

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| 1. SDC (precept - 2nd half - not shown on above balances) | £9500.00 |
| 2. NYCC (grass cutting credit) | £315.77 |

e) **Other:**

1. External Audit - now complete with no matters raised. Notice of Conclusion of Audit publication date: 27th September 2018.
2. Mid-year expenditure position noted.
3. Information from Northern Powergrid that EAC (Estimated Annual Consumption) of electricity has increased - this in line with the additional street lighting. Noted. It was resolved to accept the report and payments made.

18114: Neighbourhood Plan: NDP survey - approx 440 surveys delivered: 31 hard copy responses received and 71 responses were completed online, which is a response rate of just under 25%. The majority of respondents cited the A19 as their top concern. The NDP team and their consultants are now working on interpretation and analysis of results and expect to report back to Cllrs in November, then a public meeting in December. Noted.

18115: Bus Shelter Lease: No further updates.

18116: Highways:

1. Strategic approach - Current issues discussed and considerations/actions resolved as follows:

- The Neighbourhood Plan contains a lot about highways, though isn't really a vehicle for resolving highways concerns.
- Traffic lights at the end of Skipwith Road - it is understood that this would cost roughly £100k; one possibility could be for the PC to fund via a public works loan. If spread over 20 years, this would increase the precept on a Band D property by £15 to £20 per annum; a design and feasibility exercise would be needed to get firm costs; anticipated that Cllr Musgrave to advise costs at the next meeting; consideration that match funding with NYCC might be requested; to be discussed further at next meeting.
- Due to high number of highways issues, to consider whether to ask an independent consultancy to review the highways issues raised. Cllr Rees to establish if NDP funds could be used for this purpose. Cllr M Casling volunteered to obtain an informal view as to whether an assessment would be appropriate.
- Consideration should also be given to wider highways changes, for example the improvements to the York ring road will make the A19 more attractive to through traffic routing to the North East.
 2. Problems caused by primary school parking. Cllr Calvert requested the agenda item, but was unable to attend. Deferred to next meeting.
 3. Parsonage Hedges: NYCC's response to the problem of overgrowing hedgerows from the Parsonage was that hedges are within limits. Parsonage have not responded to requests made to date.
 4. Main Street Bus Stop: NYCC's response to clarifications regarding parking restrictions at the Main Street disused bus stop was that parking there is fine, as the road markings allow it.

18117: Battle's Over: Beacons of Light - Ongoing - the VGA has finalised plans for event on 11th November - details on Parish Council website.

18118: Firework complaint: A complaint was received about fireworks. The Parish Council have no power to implement the restrictions requested, but resolved to contact local venues to ask them to inform the Parish Council if events are to include fireworks and this information can be published on the Parish Council website.

18119: Playing Fields Sunday League request: A request was received to use the football pitch at the playing fields for Sunday league football. It is understood that the PFA have no objections, but that acceptable parking arrangements need to be put in place. It was resolved that the Parish Council had no objections. It is understood that the League should have insurance cover, so the Parish Council would have no liability. A suggestion was made that there may be a better location, but enquiries need to be made.

18120: Maintenance Issues: Updates on the following were received:

1. Repairs/reseeding to grassed areas around village - None.
2. Autumn clean-up - no volunteers have come forward.
3. Any other maintenance issues - None.

18121: Correspondence received:

- a. News items received by email forwarded to Councillors.
- b. SDC Chairman's Charity Variety Concert is to be held on 16th March 2019.
- c. Citizens Advice annual report and donation request.
- f. Various advertisements received.

18122: Letters/Emails Sent or Action Taken Since Last Meeting: Nothing additional.

18123: Minor Items (for information only).

18124: Comments from public present on agenda items – Noted: decisions cannot be made on items brought to this stage of the meeting.

1. Highways - perhaps a bypass could be considered around Escrick, which would avoid the issues being experienced on the A19?
2. Primary school traffic - should the primary school do something to facilitate dropping children off on school property, rather than parents having to park elsewhere and walk the children into school?

18125: Items for the next agenda.

18126: Dates of future meetings were noted (all meetings are to be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Escrick Club:

2018 - 5th November and 3rd December.

2019 - 7th January, 4th February, 4th March.

8.39pm: Closure of meeting.

Signed **R Rowson**

Chairman, Escrick Parish Council

Date : 5th November 2018