

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB ON MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2019

Chairman: Cllr R Rowson

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

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Part 1

19073: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Cllrs Rowson, Cunningham, Coulson, J Reader, Rees, Bartle, Moran and District Cllr N Reader. No members of the public.
- b. **Apologies:** Council received apologies from Cllr Luscombe and resolved to accept reason. Clerk also absent.
- c. Attendance book unavailable due to absence of Clerk.

19074: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items - None.

19075: Welcome: Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

19076: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of the last meeting.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.
- c. Additional item (not on agenda):
Election of Vice Chairman of the parish council.
 - a) Councillors elected Cllr J Reader as Vice Chairman for the remainder of the year.
 - b) Vice Chairman signed acceptance of office.
 - c) Chairman countersigned Vice Chairman's acceptance of office.

19077: Council receipt of comments on agenda items or other questions/comments from electors present. *(For information only)* – None.

19078: Reports received, for information only, from:

- a) County Councillor: Not present. An email update had been provided regarding A19 scheme and CIL funding
- b) District Councillor: Cllr N Reader provided a brief update, explaining he was still awaiting appointments to various committees to complete.
- c) Other

19079: Planning: The following was resolved:

1. **Applications:**
 - a. 2018/1434/HPA - Demolition and extensions at 1 Northlands Close, Escrick: PWG have been advised by a resident that replacement scheme proposals are due to be submitted. It was resolved that comments be delegated to PWG to respond prior to July's meeting, as per Planning Working Group terms of reference.
2. **Decisions:**

a. 2019/0158/HPA: Proposed extension to kitchen/utility area at 6 Escrick Park Gardens. Approved. Noted.

3. **Other:**

a. NY/2016/0251/FUL - Stillingfleet Mine Waste Sorting Centre: No updates at present. Noted.

b. North Selby Mine redevelopment: It was resolved that the PWG to respond to consultation under delegated powers on additional highways information, reiterating points previously made that haven't been adequately addressed. PWG to send comments to Clerk for submission.

c. Brickworks clay extraction: No updates at this time. Noted.

19080: Highways:

1. Vehicle activated speed signs and new NYCC policy: NYCC scheme allows Parish Councils to buy and install a sign for a little over £3000. Signs can be shared between villages to share costs. Each location costs ~ £500 for a mounting post, and sign can be moved between different locations. It was resolved to request that a highways officer visits Escrick to evaluate the feasibility of locations on Skipwith Road (both directions, both ends) and Carr Lane (both directions, past the village green). Cllr Rowson to progress.

2. A19/Skipwith Road project: Consultation progressing as planned. Noted.

3. Signs to slow down motorbikes: It was resolved to approach NYCC regarding signage to influence biker behaviour. Cllr Rowson to progress.

4. During discussions, various other highways issues / suggestions were raised. The Chair reminder Cllrs that the NDP already had a workstream to consider other highways issues. Noted.

19081: Locality Scheme Projects: No specific projects identified by Councillors. Resolved to include a notice in the Parish Magazine and be mindful in NDP workstreams of the potential use of locality funding.

19082: Meeting with PFCC: It was resolved that the meeting was not required

19083: Neighbourhood Plan: Cllrs Rees reported that he is meeting consultants this week and also Appleton Roebuck Parish Council who have already implemented an NDP. Noted that Cllrs Rees will present a set of milestone dates/objectives for July's meeting, with the expectation that policy development will conclude by end November.

19084: RFO reported on closing balances and recent payments.

a) **Account balances**

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| 1. Current account balance as at 29th May 2019 | £13,149.87 |
| 2. Savings account balance as at 29th May 2018 | £26,825.24 |

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

None

c) **Payments to be made:**

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| 1. Grays Solicitors | £56.40 |
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d) **Receipts:**

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| 1. NYCC - Grass cutting grant | £315.77 |
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e) **Other:**

1. Payment of Clerk's salary noted.

F) **Npower** – At the chairman's discretion an agenda item was added to provide an update on the disputed Npower invoices. The PC had formally complained about the excessive increases applied to both electricity charges and admin charges. Npower

had agreed to credit the account to the original rates until the point that the account with Npower was closed. It was **resolved** to accept their offer. Cllr Rowson to notify Npower.

19085: Policies:

1. Standing Orders: It was resolved to accept revised Standing Orders.
2. Planning Working Group Terms of Reference: It was resolved to accept revised document.

19086: Maintenance Issues:

1. Request from resident for improvements to grass cutting arrangements in one area: Cllr Reader proposed that a pragmatic solution was that he would cut the area concerned personally. Resolved.
2. Updates received from Cllrs Moran and J Reader: Feedback had been provided by a resident regarding a significant number of hedges/foilage encroaching pavements, in particular, a bush on the north entrance to Wenlock Drive was obstructing the view of traffic presenting a danger to motorists. It was resolved that Cllrs Moran and Reader would between them speak to the residents concerned. For the hedge on Skipwith Road near the bridge, Cllr Rowson would speak to our grass cutting contractor to get this added to the existing contract and request this is done along with the other hedges covered by the PC contract.

19087: Councillor Training/Refresher session: Deferred.

19088: Correspondence received:

- a. News items received by email forwarded to Councillors.
- b. Various advertisements received.

19089: Letters/Emails Sent or Action Taken Since Last Meeting: Nothing additional.

19090: Items for the next agenda. None.

19091: To note dates of future meetings (all meetings are to be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Escrick Club: 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December. Then in 2020: 6th January, 3rd February, 2nd March.

19092: Comments from public present on agenda items – Note: decisions cannot be made on items brought to this stage of the meeting.

Closure of Part 1 meeting.

19093: 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.

19094: Bus shelter lease: Cllr Rowson provided an update that a letter had been sent as agreed at the last meeting, but feedback from the residents of Rudding House has not yet been received.

19095: Clerk's salary matters – Deferred.

19096: Main Street Lighting Complaint -

Cllr Rowson explained that the complaint had three main components:

- That the PC had not clearly consulted with the village regarding the plans to address dark spots, particularly as there was an impact on the precept to pay for these;
- That the PC had not properly considered the impact upon the Conservation Area of improving the lighting, and queried if the councillors had the skills/knowledge to properly undertake such consideration;
- That the PC had not specifically consulted the complainants, who live near but not immediately in-front/behind the new light.

The Chair had sought the guidance of planning officers at Selby District Council as the planning authority for Escrick. Officers have advised that the installation of the lights by the Parish Council is allowed under Part 12 (Development by local authorities), Schedule 2 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). Based on the Part 12 there is no additional restriction when in a Conservation Area. Usually this would occur where the local authority creates an Article 4 direction which would remove certain 'Permitted' rights. In this case there is no Article 4 present and there is no stipulation in the regulations restricting rights in a Conservation Area.

North Yorkshire County Council have also provided an extract of their lighting policy which makes note that there is no automatic assumption that heritage style lighting should be installed in conservation areas, and that often the daytime visual impact of a simple steel column can be less imposing.

NYCC also clarified that their lighting policy/standards is to be interpreted to referring to when NYCC will fund additional lighting. Parish Councils are permitted to install lighting over and above the criteria in this policy.

The Chair shared with Councillors a copy of the survey and survey results from 2016. Cllrs agreed that it was clear that this consultation referred explicitly to increasing the Parish Council precept and the option to spend this on additional lighting.

It was noted that the Parish Council had received numerous complaints about dark areas in the village over many years.

It was noted that since the complaint had been made, the Chair had received a counter complaint from another resident of Main St insisting that the light should be retained and that they felt the street was dangerous without it.

The Chair put to a vote that the light should be removed. The resolution was not supported.

It was **resolved** that the NDP project should develop a policy on lighting provision as part of the NDP. The NDP project has access to relevant third-party expertise; has ongoing liaison with SDC planning officers; and is ultimately subject to ratification by public referendum therefore should address the key concerns regarding both expertise and consultation.

It was resolved that Cllrs Rowson & Rees would reply to the complainant setting out the PC's position.

8.55pm: Closure of Part 2 meeting.

Signed R Rowson
 Chairman, Escrick Parish Council
 Date: 1st July 2019