

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2019

Chairman: Cllr R Rowson

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

19024: Apologies/Attendance:

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

19025: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. None received.

19026: Welcome: Chair welcomed Councillors, Clerk and visitor to the meeting.

19027: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of the last meeting.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

19028: Council received comments on agenda items or other questions/comments from electors present. *(For information only; clerk to make notes of comments; no answers or discussion at this meeting)*

Items received ahead of the meeting: All items listed on agenda.

1. Member of the public reported that the vehicle activated speed signs (VAS) on the A19 don't seem to be working. NYCC are responsible for the signs so Cllr Rowson had liaised with NYCC. The reply indicates that the signs are solar powered and do not have sufficient battery back-up to work 24 hours a day. They have been observed to be working during daylight.

19029: Reports received: for information only, from:

- a) County Councillor - None.
- b) District Councillor - None.
- c) Clerk - Following attendance at Chairs/Clerks meeting at SDC on 18th February 2019.

Information already circulated from the Clerk regarding the election process to be taken as read.

19030: Planning: Comments resolved on the following:

1. Applications:

a. 2019/0128/HPA: Proposed two storey side extension, front entrance canopy and alterations to existing detached house to create additional living accommodation plus a single storey detached garage at Rudding House, 36 Main Street, Escrick. Planning Working Group to draft response: proposal does not cause any concerns, subject to any comments from neighbours.

2. **Decisions:** None.

3. **Other:**

a. NY/2016/0251/FUL - Stillingfleet Mine Waste Sorting Centre: Updates from Chair. The application is no longer due to be considered by committee in April, as NYCC are seeking further legal advice. Stillingfleet PC have contacted Escrick PC asking if Escrick PC would be prepared to pay contribute towards the costs of appointing legal advisors for the Parish Councils. It was resolved to retain the current position (agreed at September 2018 meeting) not to incur legal costs on this issue – as Councillors felt that this could set a precedence, and would be unlikely to raise issues not already identified by the advisors appointed by Samuel Smith's Brewery.

b. North Selby Mine caravan/leisure park development – A draft response had been prepared by Planning Working Group and circulated with the agenda. Resolved for the Clerk to send to both Selby District Council and City of York Council.

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

19031: Highways:

1. Vehicle activated speed signs: update from Cllr Musgrave – as Cllr Musgrave was not present this was deferred to next full Council meeting.

2. A19/Skipwith Road project: Cllr Cunningham had obtained a set of detailed application criteria from Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, which has been circulated with the agenda. In summary a loan would require approval from the Secretary of State; the local council association (YLCA) provides the application forms; as the loan would require an increase in precept to cover the repayments, a public consultation would be required for at least a one month period and template wording has been provided for this; a full Council resolution and supporting budgets are also required. During discussion, it was agreed to work on the basis of a 25-year fixed rate loan which would incur an annual payment of approx £8055 for the proposed £150k loan. Timeframes were discussed, but these would be subject to outside factors; other contributions of funding to be looked into; any work by NYCC is likely to start approximately 3 to 6 months following the order. It was resolved to commence the public consultation on this basis.

Post meeting note: Following guidance from the Selby District Council Democratic Services Manager, this process is to be put on hold until after the pre-election Purdah period.

3. Additional Street lights: Already resolved and budgeted to purchase two each financial year. It was resolved that the locations for additional 2 x streetlights should be on Main Street between the benches at the junction of Carr Lane/Main Street and the Black Bull, then on the corner with Farriers Close. The cost is currently £1250 per light, but this may increase from the start of the next financial year. It was resolved that Cllr Rowson order these from North Yorkshire County Council before the potential price increase.

19032: Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Rees was absent, but Cllr Rowson reported on his behalf that we are now into phase2 and that Cllr Rees is organising 5 work streams - this is to be deferred until the next meeting when Cllr Rees will be present.

19033: RFO reported on closing balances and recent payments.

a) **Account balances**

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| 1. Current account balance as at 27th February 2019 | £7,566.26 |
| 2. Savings account balance as at 27th February 2018 | £17,316.74 |

b) **Payments made since last meeting under Clerk's delegated powers** - None.

c) **Payments to be made:** None.

d) **Receipts:** None.

e) **Other:**

1. Noted payment of Clerk's salary.
2. Chairman added future discussions items as follows:

- a. April meeting to be a meeting of the F&A to discuss financial position in preparation for the paperwork required for the traffic lights loan application.
- b. Invoice due from Npower for streetlighting electricity - not yet received.
- c. Escrick Club have been asked for an invoice for meetings held/to be held and Clerk to chase this. To report to next meeting.

19034: May 2019 Elections: Clerk advised Councillors as to procedure (see 'Reports' above). Collection of completed forms to be arranged, and the Clerk will deliver to Selby District Council on behalf of Councillors.

19035: Maintenance Issues: Cllr Reader reported that visibility to the south when exiting Carr Lane onto Skipwith Road is dangerous as a result of bushes planted in the visibility splay. Resolved that Cllr Reader approach resident. If this does not resolve the issue, it can be reported to North Yorkshire County Council. Grass cutting is about to start. Cllr Rowson to find out a definite point of contact at the grass cutting company, then Cllr Moran to be the main point of contact with them, except for the Playing Fields paddock which will continue to be managed by Cllr Reader.

19036: Football Pitch Request - Cllr Reader reported that he had obtained cost estimates for the possibility of a football pitch sited on the area behind the cricket pavilion: A basic option could cost up to £4k, a better version with good drainage would cost around £14k, a premium option for blended pitch solid would cost £18k+. Parking might be an issue, but an area could be established in the vicinity. The options have been reported back to Escrick FC who are leading the initiative. It was reported that they are investigating grant funding options, such as Sports England. The role of the Parish Council with regard to the initiative was queried. The Chair noted that the expectations are that Escrick FC would lead the initiative, handle fund raising and cover the costs of the scheme, but it is likely that the Parish Council would need to be the leaseholder as grants often require such an arrangement.

19037: Commemorative Bench Request - The PC has received a request from a resident to install a bench or tree in memory of a long term resident - Cllr Luscombe reported that this will be brought to a meeting of the Village Green Association later in March.

19038: Historic minutes - several parties have expressed an interest in these. Cllr Rowson has scanned the historic Minutes from 1894 to 2004 and it was resolved that these be put onto the website. He now has the later ones to fill the existing gap and will scan and add these to the website. There may be other items which could be added in due course.

19039: Parish Council Vacancies: The vacancies have been advertised - no further interested parties. Existing Councillors were invited to fill in the election documentation.

19040: Tour de Yorkshire: Nothing further has been received.

19041: Correspondence received:

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

19042: Letters/Emails Sent or Action Taken Since Last Meeting: Nothing additional.

19043: Items for the next agenda.

1. Following the last meeting, concerns had been raised with the Chair regarding the process for responding to planning applications. Cllr Rowson asked that Planning Working Group, and Cllr

Rees as Chair of the 'Neighbourhood Development Plan' (NDP) project, review the role of the Parish Council in Planning Applications, how does NDP fit into that and what would be the nature of our responses. Proposals to be brought back to a future meeting.

19044: Noted dates of future meetings (all meetings are to be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Escrick Club: 1st April (F&A Committee meeting), 13th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December. Then in 2020: 6th January, 3rd February, 2nd March.

19045: Comments from public present on agenda items – Noted: decisions cannot be made on items brought to this stage of the meeting.

1. A street light on Main St near the bridge is partially obscured by a nearby bush. Cllr Luscombe to liaise with the resident concerned.

8.32pm: Closure of Part 1 meeting.

19046: 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.

19047: Bus shelter lease: Cllr Luscombe reported that further information was still awaited.

8.40pm: Closure of Part 2 meeting.

Signed **R Rowson**
Chairman, Escrick Parish Council
Date : 13th May 2019