

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Chairman: Cllr R Rowson

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

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Part 1

16091: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. **Attendees:** Cllrs Rowson, Morley-Jones, Coulson, Cunningham, Forster, the Clerk and four members of the public.
- b. **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Lamont, Luscombe and Casling.
- c. All present were requested to sign the Attendance book.

16092: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items - none received.

16093: Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors, clerk and visitors to the meeting.

16094: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th July 2016.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

16095: Council received comments on agenda items or other questions/comments from electors present.

The Clerk's report on items raised was noted as follows:

1. Wasps nest at the bottom/A19 end of the Playing Field - pest control were requested to remove.
2. Grass cutting contractors omitted to cut strips on Carrs Meadow with the small mower: Clerk contacted contractors to ensure this is not missed on future cuts.
3. 'No Cold Calling' sign removed from the lamp post outside No 1 The Glade during the upgrade programme has been replaced.
4. Complaint received that contractors had sprayed weedkiller on garden plants - contractors advised.
5. Complaint received that drains along Main Street were smelling. Resident to contact Environmental Health for advice.

Items received from the public present at the meeting:

6. A Hazlenut tree at the junction of Skipwith Road and the A19 has very low branches, particularly during wet weather. It was established that the tree is outside Escrick Parish Council boundary. Clerk to contact Deighton Parish Council to report. Suggested also that the tree may be within the Conservation Area with a TPO attached.
7. A complaint from a resident in Carrs Meadow that there is a terrible smell, possibly from the abattoir and/or drains. Another resident stated that when it rains, the overflow goes into the dyke near Carrs Meadow and that blood has been seen in the dyke. Resident advised to report the matter to the Environmental Health officer at Selby District Council as the Parish Council has no authority to address this issue.

8. A resident commented that now the memorial in the church yard has been cleaned up, much of the writing was difficult to see. Cllr Rowson advised that restoring the lettering would cost in the region of £2000, this would be on top of the approximate cost of £1500 to clean the memorial. Councillors raised the issue that this amount was not budgeted for and that the Parish Council has limited funds. The issue to be added to the budget meeting for discussion/resolution.

9. A resident asked for clarification regarding a payment towards legal fees on the agenda. The Clerk advised that it concerned legal advice regarding the bus shelter war memorial.

10. A resident raised a concern regarding the Silver Birch trees near the Jubilee Benches at the junction of Carrs Lane and Main Street. The trees were quite big and blocking light from nearby residencies. It was established that the trees were in the Conservation Area. Cllr Rowson to look into this and report to next meeting.

11. A resident commented that workmen, some from Escrick Park Estate are parking on grass verges, rather than on paved areas so that they were close to their area of work: this is causing damage to the verges. Resident advised to report the matter to the Estate straight away if it is one of their vehicles, with a Vehicle Registration Number and premises address to allow the Estate to deal. If not an Estate vehicle, obtain details and either contact company concerned or inform Clerk.

12. A resident informed that a large tree on The Glade has very low hanging branches, particularly in wet weather. The tree is not within the Conservation Area. Clerk to seek quotes to remove lower branches and report to next meeting.

13. Information received that music at an event at Escrick Park Estate could be heard after midnight by residents. Cllr Rowson to query this with the Estate.

14. Noise issues with cats eyes on the A19 previously reported: it is understood that these are to be removed/replaced - Cllr Rowson to seek advice of County Councillor.

16096: To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) County Councillor - None.
- b) District Councillor - None.
- c) Police: The following were noted:
 - i) Community Messaging service to email residents with local crime updates - requires residents register for these.
 - ii) Request for email addresses of Cllrs so that bi-monthly newsletter can be sent out. Clerk provided these but Cllrs have choice of whether to 'opt out'.
 - iii) Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) AGM to be held on 19th July (forwarded to Cllrs). Cllr Rowson to ascertain whether Escrick is still registered with the NHW.
 - iv) NHW members guides and window stickers available.
- d) Other representatives - None.

16097: Planning: The following were noted:

1. Applications:

- a. 16/01594/FUL: Two storey side extension, single storey side and front extensions following demolition of existing detached garage and domestic outbuilding at Chelsea Cottage, York Road, Deighton. This application is for a home within Escrick, but falls within the parish boundary of Deighton. Submitted no objections.

2. Decisions:

- a. 2016/0646/TPO: Application for consent to reduce by approximately 30% 1no. Holly Bush under TPO 16/1989 at Auchendoris, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Approved.

3. Consultations:

- a. **SDC Par Park Strategy update:** to move to Oct/Nov meeting as deadline is 12th December. Cllr Rowson to add the information to the website.
- b. **SDC's Planning Service Review:** Following forum held in June, final report due to be available after 5th September.

- c. **City of York Local Plan Preferred Sites Consultation:** The northern part of Escrick falls within CYC boundary as part of Deighton Parish Council. The document does not include any proposals for Deighton Parish. Planning Working Group advised that comments are submitted that the Parish Council supports the Plan in principle and that it supports the changes which remove Green Belt land from proposed development under the current strategy.

16098: RFO reported on closing balances and recent receipts/payments.

a) **Account balances**

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| 1. Current account balance as at 31st August 2016 | £1,878.83 |
| 2. Savings account balance as at 31st May 2016 (3 monthly) | £20,955.16 |

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

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| 1. Burrows Davies (memorial cleaning) | £1,364.40 |
| 2. Selby DC (VG waste collection) | £34.80 |

c) **Payments to be made**

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| 1. MJ Backhouse (pest control) | Awaiting invoice |
| 2. CH Guest (salary/overtime - Jul/Aug) | £1,565.37 |
| 3. Escrick Club (donation towards defibrillator electricity costs for next two years) | £40.00 |
| 4. Escrick Park Estate (Village Green rent) | £10.00 |
| 5. Guest Walker & Co (legal expenses) | £600.00 |
| 6. Cllr Luscombe (reimbursement for notice board lock replacement) | £10.99 |
| 7. Came & Co (insurance - Long Term Agreement) | £1,187.30 |

d) **Receipts:** None

e) **Internet/telephone banking:** It was noted that Clerk now has access to telephone banking, but not internet banking which is still awaited.

It was resolved to accept report and payments made.

16099: Resignation of Cllrs Reader and Reynolds: The resignation of two Councillors was noted. Clerk has informed Electoral Services and vacancy notices have been displayed. Clerk advised that since preparation of the meeting agenda, information was received from SDC that the Council can go ahead and co-opt members into these positions.

16100: Co-option of Councillors: No interest has been expressed at this time. It was resolved that Councillors seek interested parties and request that they contact the Clerk.

16101: Grass Cutting: Contractors have carried out safety cuts on the A19 near the Parsonage exit at a cost of £40. The cost to continue cutting this for the rest of this year will be £70 and £140 for next year - to be added to the invoice. To include the whole strip outside Parsonage would cost £100, £140 and £280 under the same terms. It was resolved that the safety cut should be added to the grass cutting programme.

16102: Making best use of time at Parish Council meetings: During discussions, it was suggested that a number of issues could be dealt with under delegated powers instead of waiting for meetings. It was resolved to continue holding meetings monthly, rather than bi-monthly, although Councillors were asked to ensure that they prepared for meetings in order to speed up proceedings.

16103: Maintenance of Fish Monument: Cllr Rowson updated the Council on costings and funding to refurbish the monument. A quote of £575.85 has been received to refurbish the posts and chain around the Monument. The cost of bringing the fountain back into use is still being sought. A

request has been made through Cllr Casling for a donation to cover the cost of the posts/fencing out of the North Yorkshire Locality Budget. Noted.

16104: Lighting issues: Cllr Rowson and Clerk updated Council on status of lighting upgrade programme. Clerk has informed Northern Powergrid of the change to LEDs. Additional lighting requirements throughout the village were discussed and NYCC to be asked for advice regarding brackets to extend the lights outwards where trees may be obscuring them. It was resolved to add a light on the ginnel between Skipwith Road and the A19 - Cllr Rowson to liaise with the Estate regarding ownership/permission.

16105: Council Policies: Ongoing review of policies/procedures update by Clerk. Deferred to next meeting.

16106: Community Speed Watch: Community Speed Watch: Escrick to be considered for this scheme which allows residents to address speed concerns. Cllr Rowson to request more detailed information and bring to next meeting.

16107: Highways issues: To resolve any action on the following:

- a) Speed Concerns on A19: To note residents complaint to Highways regarding the excessive speed of vehicles passing the Escrick Estate entrance.
- b) Cllrs Rowson and Casling to report on site meeting with Highways regarding speeding through the village.
- c) Relevant road closures added to website for the information of residents.

16108: Correspondence received:

- a. Upkeep of planters at the north/south aspects of the village: Cllr Rowson to speak to potential volunteers and report to next meeting.
- b. News items received by email forwarded to Councillors.
- c. Various advertisement received.

16109: Letters/Emails Sent or Action Taken Since Last Meeting:

- a. Eastern CEF Safari Cinema: interest expressed, awaiting details.
- b. To note that the war memorial at the Church has now been cleaned.

16110: Minor Items – none.

16111: Items for the next agenda

- a. **SDC Par Park Strategy update:** Deferred to Oct/Nov meeting as deadline is 12th December.

16112: Dates of meetings for 2016/17 were noted (all meetings are to be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm (with the exception of 8th May 2017 meeting) at Escrick Club:

2016 – 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December.

2017 – 9th January, 6th February, 6th March, 3rd April, 8th May (APM & ACM).

9.22pm: Closure of Part 1 meeting.

Signed **Cllr R Rowson**
Chairman, Escrick Parish Council
Date : 3rd October 2016

Part 2

16113: 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.

16114: Minutes (Part 2)

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of last Part 2 meeting.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

16115: Update on legal items.

9.29pm: Closure of Part 2 meeting.

Signed **Cllr R Rowson**
Chairman, Escrick Parish Council
Date : 3rd October 2016