

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017

Chairman: Cllr R Rowson

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

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Part 1

17021: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. Apologies received from NYCC/SDC Cllr L Casling.
- b. Present: Cllrs Rowson, Forster, Cunningham, Morley-Jones, Rees, Moran, M Casling, Councill, Lamont, Coulson, Luscombe, the Clerk and 2 members of the public.
- c. All present were requested to sign the Attendance book.

17022: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items - None.

17023: Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors, clerk and visitors to the meeting.

17024: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th January 2017.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

17025: Council received comments from the public as follows:

Items received by the Clerk since the last meeting:

1. Report received that the grass at Gassy wood is in need of cutting - reported to Escrick Estate.
2. Resident raised the issue of vehicles parking on visibility splays near the Skipwith Road junction whilst work is being carried out at nearby properties. Raised with Escrick Estate in the first instance, but understood that some of the vehicles may not be connected to them. It was discussed that the vehicles were causing ruts in the grass and causing damage. Further information that the drivers of two workmen's vehicles were spoken to at the time and it was ascertained that both were carrying out work on behalf of the Estate - Chairman to pass this information onto the Estate office.

Items received at the meeting:

3. Comment received that the footpath from the northern wall of the church past the Sang Thai restaurant was covered in leaves/debris and had caused a resident to slip and fall. As this area is within Deighton Parish, Clerk to ask them to report the issue.
4. Low hanging branches from a large tree just north of the Skipwith Road junction is causing line of sight issues for drivers and obstructs pedestrians. Again, this is within Deighton Parish and Clerk to pass this on.

17026: To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) County and District Councillor. Clerk gave report from Cllr L Casling:
She has asked for the road near the Escrick Business park to be cleaned and also for the licence terms to be revisited. There is no movement on Plan Selby at present. There was a meeting regarding the CYC Local Plan on the 26th January, but the issues for mainly for noting - the introduction of the Ministry of Defence sites was included and she will be keeping an eye on

developments. She commented on the budget discussions and the Parish precept rise - Chairman to inform her that the information is on the Parish website.

- c) Police - none.
- d) Other - none.

17027: Planning: The following were resolved:

1. Applications:

- a. 2016/1505/HPA: Single and two storey rear extensions at Oak Tree House, 19 Dower Park, Escrick - no objections.
- b. 2016/1506/HPA: Proposed new outbuildings including a greenhouse and summer house at Glebe Cottage, York Road, Escrick - no objections.
- c. 2017/0005/FUL: Erection of 1No dwelling in the garden of Runmidd, 40 Main St, Escrick, with shared access from Main Street, relocation of existing garage and minor alterations to existing dwelling. The original application was amended by the removal of outbuildings: this application deals with the outbuildings. PWG delegated to compile a response for submission by the Clerk under delegated powers.

2. Decisions:

- a. (Received after agenda preparation) 2016/1320/HPA: Single storey extension, new outbuildings including a new greenhouse and summer house and internal alterations at Glebe Cottage, York Road, Escrick. This application was amended and approved.

3. Consultations:

- a. **NYCC - Countryside Access Service** - Public Consultation (deadline 19th March) - deferred to March meeting.
- b. **SDC Gambling Policy**: It was resolved to make no comments.

17028: RFO reported on closing balances and recent payments.

a) Account balances

- 1. Current account balance as at 1st February 2017 £2,954.90
- 2. Savings account balance as at 1st February 2017 £11,333.40
- 3. Noted transfer of £2000 from Current to Savings account.

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

Noted that previously authorised payment of £345.10 for additional insurance cover has been revised to £247.54 for the remainder of the year - paid under delegated powers.

c) Payments to be made

- 1. Park Lane Playgrounds (roundabout refurbishment) £840.00
- 2. H Guest (salary and backdated home office allowance) £528.00
- 3. H Guest (travel allowance Jul 16 to Jan 17) £140.40
- 4. Escrick & Deighton Village Hall (re: 20th January) £10.75
- 5. Escrick Club (Apr - Dec 2016) £70.00
- 6. Escrick Club (Jan - Mar 2017) £30.00

d) Receipts: None.

e) Grant funding information received: It was resolved not to progress this at the present, but Cllrs to inform Clerk if they would like the document to be sent to local groups.

f) Training/associated expenditure: It was resolved not to fund training on Neighbourhood Planning at this time.

17029: Parish Council Role Vacancies: The following was resolved with regard to the vacant roles within the Parish Council:

- 1. Vice Chairman: It was resolved to wait until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May to fill this vacancy.

2. Finance and Admin Committee: It was resolved to appoint Cllr Kevin Moran to fill this vacancy.
3. Planning Working Group: It was resolved to appoint Cllr Tudor Rees to fill this vacancy. Additional areas requiring representation (at Chairman's discretion):
 - Village Green - Cllr Luscombe already representing.
 - Playing Fields - Cllr Rowson already representing, but to raise at May meeting.
 - Defibrillator - Cllr Rowson carrying out the checks at present, but to raise at May meeting.
 - Community Speed Watch: Mr Eric Hardy leading, Cllr Rowson as PC liaison.
 - Website - Cllr Rowson already representing.
 - A19 issues - Cllr Rowson already representing.
 - Bus Shelter War Memorial - Cllr Morley-Jones to lead.
 - Dolphin Fish Fountain - understood that resident leading, but as no recent activity noted, Chairman to confirm whether this is still in progress.
 - Tree Maintenance - Cllr Coulson already representing.
 - Street Lights - Cllr Rowson to bring proposals for additional lights to full Council.
 - Street Cleaning - Cllrs Morley-Jones and Council organising events.

17030: Neighbourhood Plan - Deferred to March meeting.

17031: Battle's over - a nations tribute to WWI on 11th November 2018: In discussions, it was resolved that Clerk inform organisers of our interest and Councillors to look at possible theme, location and arrangements. To raise at next meeting.

17032: Energy advice for Eastern CEF villages - Not for profit organisation offering advice to Escrick residents. Cllr Cunningham to reported that free advice sessions can be offered and she is to pass details onto the Escrick Tea Shop and Yorkshire Country Women's Association - Noted.

17033: A19 Safety: Following informal meeting, it was resolved to request a Pelican Crossing due to the raised foot traffic and increased hazards crossing the A19 in recent years. A site meeting is to be arranged and results fed back to the next Parish Council meeting.

17034: Escrick Playing Fields Association:

1. Request from third party to use playing fields to host 'boot camp' fitness sessions. It was resolved that the early morning sessions would be detrimental to nearby residents and likely not allowed within the terms of the lease.

2. Request for tree maintenance - playing fields trees overhanging nearby gardens. It was resolved that the Chairman is to establish exactly which trees are causing a problem and Cllr Coulson to seek to combine the work with other proposed tree works, then bring proposal back to full Council.

17035: 10k run and Village Green: It was noted that the Village Green Management Group will be the organisers of this year's event, with all funds raised going towards the pond renovation works. The VGC are to organise insurance - the Parish Council will have no liability in this respect.

17036: Escrick Spring Clean 2017: Cllrs Morley-Jones and Council reported that the events will be on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March from 2pm to 4.30pm each day. A 30 minute break mid-way is planned with tea/cakes/biscuits to be served. Cllr Morley-Jones has printed flyers which will be delivered to households by Cllrs, will be published on the website and sent to the Parish Magazine for publication. Under the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign, Selby District Council are to make a donation of refuse sacks and 660 litre bins, which will be removed at no cost, as well as hi-viz vests, gloves and 30 litter picking sticks. The Parish Council will donate up to £50 for room hire for both days to cover

the organisation and refreshments. A survey has been added to the back of the flyers so that interested parties can indicate if they will be available and also any areas they believe may be in need of attention. Suggested areas so far include pathways, drain covers, general litter. Resolved.

17037: YLCA: White Rose Update: Noted items on YLCA Governance changes, Audit arrangements, Transparency Code grants and electronic banking.

17038: Community Speed Watch: At Chairman's invitation, Mr Eric Hardy, member of the public and Speed Watch coordinator, briefed the Council as to the current state of play. Due to short daylight hours, the current activities have been limited to times when there is a high volume of traffic and therefore, no opportunity for drivers to drive at speed. It is hoped that with the onset of lighter mornings and evenings, the times can be extended into the less busy hours of the day.

17039: Bus Shelter War Memorial - Deferred to next meeting.

17040: Highways issues:

1. Bus stop light on A19 near to Business Park does not work well and nearby footpath covered in debris. Noted that there is actually no light and that footpath debris has now been cleared. It was suggested during discussions and resolved that Escrick Business Park/Park Court tenants be asked if they would be willing to pay for installation of a light if the Parish Council arranges installation and adopts it thereafter. Any response will be reported to the next meeting.

17041: Correspondence received was noted:

- a. News items received by email forwarded to Councillors.
- b. Apple technologies for charities at reduced cost. Item forwarded to village charities.
- c. Parish Nursing Service linked to Kings Church in Selby offering physical and spiritual care. Item added to website and poster onto notice board.
- d. North Yorkshire Fire Service information regarding new laws coming into effect on 1st March regarding mobile phone use whilst driving - poster for notice board.
- e. SCAMchampions: initiative by the PCC to assist vulnerable residents avoid scams.
- b. Various advertisement received.

17042: Letters/Emails Sent or Action Taken Since Last Meeting: Nothing additional.

17043: Minor Items – None.

17044: Comments from public present on agenda items (note that no new items may be brought to the Council at this point in the meeting) - None.

17045: Items for the next agenda

17046: Dates of future meetings were noted (all meetings are to be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Escrick Club:

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

9.35pm: Closure of meeting.

Signed **Cllr R Rowson**

Chairman, Escrick Parish Council

Date : 6th March 2017