

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council Annual meeting held in Escrick & Deighton Club at 7.30pm on MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022.

22001: **Welcome: Chair welcomed Councillors and member of public to the meeting.**

22002: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr Chambers, Cllr Coulson, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr J Reader (Chair), Cllr Rees and. Members of the public. County Councillor Musgrave. District Cllr N Reader. Clerk; S Look,
- b. Apologies: Cllr Rowson.

22003: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

22004: **IPV Flexgen Ltd:** Presentation given about a potential solar farm on land within the Escrick Parish Council boundary. The Managing Director from IPV Flexgen explained the proposals as well as the benefits of solar energy. The proposed site is approximately 2.2km to the east of Escrick village. Construction traffic will be lightweight. Biodiversity enhancements will be made through the planting of new trees and hedgerows. Public consultation will be on 10th March 2022.

22005: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Request to put white lines on the access road to Glebe Farm, Escrick Surgery, church Car park and the Fat Abbott to ensure motorists know it is a two-way road. Clerk to request white lines are repainted and new ones as requested.
- b. Email regarding 2021/1375/HPA Placement of gas tank in garden (retrospective) Grove House Skipwith Road Escrick. To discuss in 22016f.
- c. Email requesting any update on Escrick Sidings. No further update.
- d. Objection letter to planning application reference 2021/1466/FUL. Noted.

22006: **Public session:**

- a. Item 22016e. 43 Main Street, Change of use. Request by member of public for the Parish Council to add comments about previous loss of a village shop and feedback as part of the NDP supports the need for a village shop. Request made for councillors to support the retention of 43 Main Street as a commercial property.
- b. Member of the public spoke in objection to planning application reference 2021/1466/FUL Post Office Row, 7 Main Street, erection of dwelling. Noted inaccuracies of the plans and considerable impact of neighbouring property privacy. If planning officers intend to approve the application, a request was made for conditions to be put in place with regards to future permitted development rights to protect privacy.
- c. Further comment made regarding the white lines near the parsonage reporting that a white line between the Fat Abbot and the car park would be helpful.

22007: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. District Councillor N Reader; Nothing to report due to SDC meeting cancellations due to Omnicron. Regarding Local Government Reform, there is going to be a reduction in the number of Councillors that are going to make up the new Unitary Council. A number of wards will be merged but based on existing ward boundaries.
Application for community funding has been put in for the Jubilee Community Garden. Next year Cllr Reader will have a further £3000 in funding available to share amongst the parishes within the ward.
- b. County Councillor Musgrave reported that the Local Government structural change order is in front of parliament now to confirm that the election will take place in May. New council will take over North

Yorkshire County Councils and the Selby District functions at the end of March 2023. Local Plan has been impacted for the LGR and the final stage consultation will happen in June/July 2022.

Cllr Musgrave will be standing for election in another area in May and councillors thanked him for his support over the years.

Noted the Heart of Yorkshire fund is open and available for funding applications for community projects. Conservation Area review is still being finalised and was due to go to executive on 3rd March but it has been delayed.

- c. Police report. No report received.

22008: Minutes:

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on 6th December 2021.

Finance and Governance

22009: Information Commissioners Date Protection

- a. It was resolved to authorise the direct debit in order to pay GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018. Data protection fee renewal is £40 per year – Action required by 05/03/2022.

22010: Finance report:

- a. It was resolved to note the following account balances and reconciliation and accept payments to be made:

		Current account	Savings account
i.	Account balances as reported at last meeting (as at 1 st December 2021):	£6,451.66	£23,194.24
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – Nov Salary	-£	
	S Look – Clerks Nov expenses	£21.42	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Ark annual grass cutting	-£3556.80	
	Autela payroll Oct-Dec	-£50.40	
	HMRC – clerks’ salary	-£35.60	
	Eon Festive Lighting electricity	-£2.55	
	Unity bank service charge	-£18.00	
	S Look – Dec salary and 1hr overtime	-£	
	S Look –Clerks Dec expenses	-£18	
iv.	Receipts:		
	Credit interest		£1.43
	Internal bank transfer from savings to current a/c	£3000.00	-£3000.00
v.	Account balances as at 26 th Feb 2022:	£4,929.61	£20,195.67
vi.	Uncleared previously authorised payments:	Nil	

- b. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	Escrick Park Estate- Escrick Playing Field rent	-£10.00
	S Look – Jan salary and 2 hr overtime	-£
	S Look –Clerks Jan expenses	-£18.00

- c. Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:

ix.	Nil
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Highways

22011: Highways: Skipwith Road

- a. The gateway scheme for Escrick has been ordered in mid-October. No firm date has been given for the installation but this is progressing. NYCC Highways Officer is following this up.

22012: Ongoing highways issues:

- a. Overgrown hedge at The Parsonage has now been cut back. No further action.
- b. NYCC have placed an order for disability access / dropped kerbs in the village in June 2021. Highways have just appointed a sub-contractor to undertake the work but no dates have been issued yet.
- c. Highways have reported that they do not think that moving the 30mph sign on the corner of the A19 and Main Street near the fountain will have a significant effect on its visibility. It is also a secondary sign. Councillors would like to pursue this with NYCC and get it moved. Clerk to follow up.

22013: Bus stops:

- a. CYC have confirmed that they are not rolling out any additional bins out across the city as they have ample coverage and their bin rounds are at capacity. Agreed no further action.
- b. CYC have confirmed they have made a request to Arriva to change the bus fares. Arriva's view is that because the vast majority of passengers boarding at the Escrick A19 stop are not City of York residents, the 'All York' scheme should not apply to it. They will revisit this decision in future years if any other structural changes are being made to the ticketing scheme. Councillors thought by moving the bus stop into CYC, Escrick passengers should also get the 'All York' fare. Clerk to relay this to CYC and seek clarification about what contract arrangements were put in place by CYC made with Arriva.
- c. Cllr Rowson to meet with CYC streetlighting to confirm full plans for the proposed new lighting at the bus stop on the A19.

Streetlights

22014: Streetlight, Main Street:

- a. An order has been placed for a baffle plate on the streetlight outside Littlemead on Main Street.

Maintenance

22015: Maintenance issues:

- a. Cllr Reader reported that the grit bins have been filled but not to capacity due to previous grit theft.
- b. No update on the 'Appearance and environment' initiative.
- c. Report of a damaged boundary fence from a resident of Carrs Meadow. It was noted that the fence was installed in 1995. Foliage to be cut back on the village green side but the Parish Council agreed that they will not be fixing the fence.
- d. Awaiting quotes for tree work on the village green next to the damaged fence reported in item 22015c. Resolved that the Finance & Admin committee will receive and consider the quotes. Agreed that the Parish Council will fund it rather than the village green committee due to their lack of fundraising activities lately due to Covid.
- e. Wheldrake Junior Football Club reported problems with the moles on the playing field and the uneven ground. Resolved that Cllr Reader will arrange to hire a roller at a cost of approximately £50 for a day to flatten the ground. PFA have already made arrangements to use a mole catcher contractor. It was noted that the teams using the pitch on a Saturday morning are made up of predominately Escrick players and also the mole maintenance would have to be dealt with regardless of the football club using it.

22016: **Planning, new applications: To resolve comments on the following applications.**

- a. 2021/1466/FUL. Post Office Row, 7 Main Street, Escrick. Erection of dwelling and formation of access. Councillors considered that the proposals contained in the planning application are unsuitable for approval in their current form and therefore object at this stage. Request made that a number of changes are made and further information needs to be contained within the application to enable fair consideration and evaluation of the proposed new dwelling and a suitable outcome.
- b. 2021/1460/HPA. The Old School, Escrick Park Gardens, Escrick. Single-storey extension to former school house in Conservation Area. Councillors have no objection in principle. They would welcome the Conservation Officer's consideration of the materials to be used and the detailed design of the elevations and windows to ensure that the proposed elevation better reflects the character of the Conservation area.
- c. 2021/1485/HPA. Field View, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Conversion of garage into home office. Councillors have no objection in principle to the change of use of the garage to a home office and store, nor to the design details shown on the plans for this building, subject to the following: concerns raised that the proposed office use should be restricted to usage ancillary to the use of the dwelling house, and does not become a business where additional workers and / or visitors may disturb neighbours and thus cause an amenity problem. Request made that a condition is imposed on any consent granted restricting the use of the 'home office' to this function only, as described by the applicant.
- d. 2022/0015/HPA. 15 Carrs Meadow, Escrick. Internal alterations and the erection of a single storey extension to the rear to provide additional living accommodation. Councillors have no objection in principle. This is a small plot but it was noted that the replacement living accommodation is single storey and sits on a similar footprint as that it seeks to replace. Councillors requested the Conservation Officer's consideration of the materials to be used and the detailed design of the elevations and windows to ensure that the proposed elevation reflect the character of the Conservation Area.
- e. 2022/0014/COU. Saddlers Cottage, 43 Main Street, Escrick. Change of use from a hair and beauty salon to residential dwelling. Councillors resolved by a majority vote to object to the application. The development is unauthorised development within the Conservation Area. Councillors support the retention of local shops and businesses to provide local services to the community where feasible, or their replacement, and do not want the property to lose its commercial status.
- f. 2021/1375/HPA. Grove House, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Placement of gas tank in garden (retrospective). To note that the planning working group resolved to object to the application on the basis of its location. It was resolved that Cllr Chambers will visit the applicant to explain the reasoning behind the Parish Council objection and reassure them that the Parish Council were not responsible for displaying the PC comments on a post outside the property.
- g. Additional planning application received on 7th February and therefore not on the agenda:
2021/1484/HPA. Field View, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Rear single storey extension. Planning working group to agree a response by email.

22017: **Planning determinations: To note determinations made since last meeting.**

- a. 2021/0967/FUL. Escrick School, Carr Lane Escrick. Removal of low level (approx 1000mm high) dilapidated and unsecure timber fencing along the A19 and Carr Lane and replace with 1800mm high metal weldmesh fencing, installation of automated vehicle and pedestrian entrance gates, works are to improve site security and pupil safeguarding. Permission granted.
- b. 2021/1046/TPO. Broadacres, 22 Main Street, Escrick. Application for consent to remove 2no Sycamore tree (T1 & T8), 1no Crab Apple tree (T2), 4no Purple Leafed Cherry Plum Trees (T4, T5, T6, T7), 1no Holly tree (T9) and 1no Spruce tree (T10), reduce overall height 3.6m aboveground level to Leylandii hedge (H1), reduce canopy height in line with low level leylandii height to 1no Holly tree (T11) and to remove front section to the front of the beech tree to Laurel hedge (H2) within the conservation area and crown clean canopy of 1no Beech tree (T3) covered by TPO 1/1993. Permission granted.

- c. 2021/0909/HPA. Runmidd, 40 Main Street, Escrick. New front entrance door to existing dwelling including alterations to existing single storey roof, window and door openings, internal layout and the removal of existing chimney. Permission granted.

22018: Planning working group

- a. No further update from the planning working group.

22019: Planning, Neighbourhood Plan:

- a. Cllr Rees gave an update on the NDP. Selby District Council will be carrying out and managing a formal public consultation from 21st Feb.

Other items

22020: Village shop:

- a. Village shop update given. Progression has been made and the group are now working with the electricity board to scope out the site. The potential proprietors are coming back to measure up to ensure the premises is suitable.

22021: Queen's Jubilee Celebrations 2022:

- a. Cllr Cunningham reported that the organisers are meeting again on Tuesday 8th February and plans are progressing.
- b. To formalise responsibility for the jubilee garden going forward and entering into a peppercorn lease of the land from the estate and agree liability for the mature trees at the March Parish Council meeting. Noted volunteers should then be covered by the PC's public / employee insurance, subject to following the correct process (risk assessments etc).
- c. Agreed to apply for grant funding for the Jubilee project from the National Lottery, Selby AVS and other organisations on behalf of the volunteers. Cllr Rowson to sign the AVS grant application on behalf of the Parish Council.

22022: Current perception of Parish Council being seen to represent local issues and opinion:

- a. To consider the survey designed by Cllr Hawes and agree next steps at the March Parish Council meeting.

22023: Councillor conduct:

- a. Concerns raised about the planning working group not working effectively together. To consider ways this can be improved at the March Parish Council meeting. Clerk to send the Planning Working Group Terms of Reference to councillors. To consider a new member to the planning working group at next meeting to replace Cllr Bartle.

22024: Resignation of Councillor:

- a. Noted that Cllr Bartle has resigned as a Councillor in January. Notice of vacancy published. To advertise vacancy when notified to do so by Selby District Council.

22025: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose Updates and general correspondence regarding the Queens Jubilee. Noted.
- b. Selby District Council Taxi Licensing Policy Consultation 10 January – 21 February 2022. Noted.
- c. Selby District Council Gambling Policy Consultation 10 January – 21 February 2022. Noted.
- d. Update received from the office of Nigel Adams MP regarding the Yorkshire Water investigations into the flooding issues raised in Escrick. Noted.
- e. Update from Selby District Council on the May elections. Noted.

22026: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. No comments from member of the public present.
- b. To note the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 7th March 2022. Clerk to follow up on the Conservation Review for the next meeting. Cllr Rees to report on a Pop-up Post Office proposal at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 21:45

Signed: Cllr John Reader

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 7th March 2022