

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB ON MONDAY 9TH APRIL 2018

Chairman: Cllr R Rowson

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

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Part 1

18001: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Cllrs Rowson, Luscombe, Cunningham, Forster, Rees, Coulson, County Cllr Musgrave, Dist Cllr L Casling and the Clerk.
- b. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Moran, Morley-Jones and M Casling. It was resolved to accept reasons given.
- c. All present were requested to sign the Attendance book.

18002: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items - None.

18003: Welcome: Chair welcomed Councillors and Clerk to the meeting.

18004: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th February and the F&A Meeting held on 5th March 2018.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

18005: Comments on agenda items or other questions/comments from electors present - None.

18006: Reports received:

At Chairman's discretion, the District Councillor was received first:

a) District Councillor: Cllr L Casling commented on the PC's questions regarding A19 HGV issues. She advised that the A19 outside the Business Park was regularly cleaned by the company moving HGVs in and out, but she has asked SDC to increase road sweeping in the area. Regarding planning considerations, she advised that because she is on the Planning Committee, she could not discuss individual plans, but pointed out that each planning application is determined on its' own merits with cumulative impact not taken into account at SDC level - a more strategic view would be taken by NYCC level. During discussions, it was agreed that the volume of traffic on the A19 had increased over the years and that Highways are asked to comment upon applications which might affect the roads, but that their power affect planning is limited. She confirmed that if residents perceive that planning conditions relating to the tip are not being adhered to, NYCC would be the body to deal (as NYCC are the planning authority for minerals and waste sites). She further advised the Council that she does not intend to stand as a District Councillor at next year's elections, after serving as a Councillor for 20 years.

Cllr L Casling left the meeting at 7.45pm.

- b) County Councillor: Cllr Musgrave stated that:

- The proposed waste sorting centre for the former Stillingfleet Mine site application was due to be brought to the NYCC April Planning Committee meeting, but this was cancelled and it will likely be brought to the next meeting in May.
- He noted efforts by the Parish Council to improve safety on the A19 over time and reiterated the comments made by the District Councillor regarding planning applications are determined on their own merits locally, but that strategic planning is dealt with by NYCC.
- The Minerals and Waste Plan is being developed by NYCC and City of York Council and concerns were expressed by Councillors that comments on such things as HGV movements do not seem to be taken into account. The Local Plans also take a strategic view of their area and the impact that development might have.
- He had no knowledge of any plans to improve the A19, but said that he has been lobbying for safety improvements through Escrick (a number of ideas have previously been put forward by the Parish Council, including a pedestrian crossing, traffic lights at junctions and a lower speed limit). Highways have previously suggested high friction tarmac, but this would be very noisy for residents living nearby.
- Councillors stated that a number of residents have raised the issue as to whether users at the tip are complying with planning conditions - has this been looked at, or is there an intention to do this. Cllr Musgrave stated that he has asked for clarity about the responsibility of NYCC and the Environment Agency for inspection and enforcement - if applicants do not comply, their planning permission can be removed.
- There is a 7.5 ton weight limit on Skipwith Road, except for access: Councillors noted that HGVs larger than this are using the road and were concerned that it is being used as a short cut, then how might this be checked/enforced? Cllr Musgrave advised that NYCC Highways (area 7) have the power to stop vehicles and enforce the weight limit.
- There has been quite a lot of speed monitoring on Skipwith Road recently and it was noted that 49 drivers have been caught speeding in the first 10 weeks of the year.
- The issue of parked vehicles at the A19 end of Skipwith Road was raised and that HGVs are mounting the pavements to avoid these - it was noted that yellow lines have been requested previously by the Parish Council, but that Highways deemed these not to be necessary.
- Cllr Musgrave also advised that he had asked whether it was feasible to improve the junction of the A19/Skipwith Road and was told that it could be done, but that there was not enough money in the budget at this time. He agreed to take this matter forward to find out what the costs would be.

Cllr Musgrave left the meeting at 8.14pm.

c) Police - Various items received via the Community Messaging Service. Residents recommended to register with this service to obtain Police updates:

<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org/>

d) Other

18007: Planning: The following were resolved/noted:

1. Applications:

a. 2018/0184/HPA: Single storey side extensions, garage extension and loft conversion at The Old School, Escrick Park Gardens. (Extension of time approved until 13th April). Resolved that this was supported in principal, but concern that suitable materials are used to match those existing at the property.

2. Decisions:

a. 2018/0040/HPA: 17 Dower Chase, Escrick - Proposed first floor rear extension over existing garage. Approved.

3. **Other:**

a. NY/2016/0251/FUL -Stillingfleet Mine Waste Sorting Centre: Now been deferred (as per County Cllr report above) update from Cllr Musgrave. It was resolved that the last Parish Council response was still valid and that no further comments were necessary.

b. SDC Local Plan Additional Sites Consultation: No response.

c. SDC Consultation on Council owned Trees: Comments invited on proposed policy for tree management. Cllr Rowson to draft a response and circulate prior to submission, to include requesting acknowledgment that others can maintain trees on behalf of SDC.

18008: RFO reported on closing balances and recent payments.

a) **Account balances**

1. Current account balance as at 3rd April 2018	£1,070.14
2. Savings account balance as at 3rd April 2018	£12,927.62

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

None.

c) **Payments to be made**

1. Autela Group (payroll)	£46.08
2. YLCA (annual subscription)	£302.00
3. To note payment of Clerk's salary.	

d) **Receipts:**

1. Bank interest	£2.31
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e) **S106 balance:** There is a credit balance of £604.80 due to Escrick Parish. It was resolved to fund recycled plastic tables for the Playing Field. Cllrs Rowson and Coulson to complete form and submit to SDC.

f) **CIL balance:** Statement received for 6 months to 31st March showing a nil balance.

g) **EVGA Accounts:** Receipt of EVGA accounts was noted.

h) **Intermediate Review:** It was noted that Escrick Parish Council has been selected for an 'Intermediate Review' at external audit. 5% of Councils are randomly selected for this each year.

i) **PWLB:** It was noted that lighting loan repayment of £1,467.74 is scheduled for 1st May. It was resolved to accept the report and payments made.

18009: Councillor Vacancy: Any interested parties to make themselves known for the existing vacancy - None.

18010: Standing Orders: It was resolved to approve new Standing Orders.

18011: Neighbourhood Plan: Working Group reported that the Grant Application has been completed and response awaited. Amendments requested to the contract have been made and resolved that Cllr Rowson sign this and send to contractors.

18012: Highways:

1. Concerns continue to be received regarding safety issues of HGVs delivering rubbish to the old brickyard site behind the Business Park. (See County Councillor report above).

2. Speeding on Skipwith Road: Cllr Rowson reported that a VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) would cost £1200 - £1500 + erection. NYCC currently have a time-share type of scheme where the Parish Council can utilise a VAS for 6 weeks, 3 times per year and are currently consulting upon an improved version of this scheme. It was agreed to defer making a decision on VAS until the outcome of the NYCC consultation was known.

3. NYCC Consultation on Vehicle Activated Signs: Councillors approved the draft response to NYCC's consultation. Chair to submit

4. Cllr Luscombe noted that many villages use 'village gates' and floral displays to influence driver behaviour on approach to villages, and suggested similar might be possible for Escrick. It was resolved that Cllr Luscombe research other options and bring to the next meeting

18013: Battle's Over: Beacons of Light - Cllr Luscombe stated that the VGA would be happy to have something temporarily on the Village Green; It is understood that Queen Margaret's are planning a service in their chapel and it is anticipated that St Helen's church bells will ring at 7pm to mark the occasion.

18014: No Cold Calling Zones: Cllr Rowson reported that NYCC Trading Standards will implement a scheme if the Parish Council are prepared to deliver letters to residents. If no objections are received, cold calling signs will be installed on lampposts, although it was noted that these have no legal standing - the ones which do are the ones people put in their windows. It was resolved that window stickers are to be requested from NYCC and the next input to the Parish Magazine will advise residents to contact the Parish Council if they would like one.

18015: Litter Bins on A19 Layby: Correspondence was received regarding the accumulation of litter and request for rubbish bins. During discussion, it was established that there is a spare litter bin at the End of Carr Lane and Carrs Meadow. It was resolved that this will be relocated into the layby and Clerk to advise SDC once done.

18016: Street Lighting:

1. To receive any update on the installation of the light near the Business Park bus stop – this is now complete.
2. Location of additional lights: Two are planned on Carr Lane: One between Carrs Meadow and Main St, and one between The Glade and Halfpenny Close.
3. It was resolved to use NYCC for minor maintenance of lighting.
4. Migration to NYCC's electricity contract: Since NPower charge 15p per KWH and NYCC charge 12.5p per KWH and notably lower fixed costs, it was resolved to move to the NYCC contract.
5. It was resolved to extend Clerk's delegated powers to allow for the payment of electricity invoices over the current payment limit of £1000.

18017: General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): It was noted that this is due to come into force in May and requires the Council to appoint a 'Data Protection Officer'. Clerk has booked a place on a training session and will report to the next meeting.

18018: Dog attack: A dog attack has been reported in Gashouse Woods. It is understood that this was an isolated incident which occurred on private land, therefore the Parish Council has no authority to deal. It was resolved to monitor the situation.

18019: Carr Lane trees: A complaint has been received regarding trees on Carr Lane appearing to be dangerous. Chairman reported these to the owner, who advises that these have been looked at by a tree surgeon and not deemed to pose a danger. No action.

18020: Correspondence received:

- a. News items received by email forwarded to Councillors.
- b. British Heart Foundation request to provide training statistics - Chair responded.

- c. Police and Crime Commissioner has approved £3m worth of improvements to North Yorkshire Police's control room.
- d. SDC request that they be notified of planned events in order to minimise disruption from their capital works and potential traffic disruptions. Information passed onto Estate and Queen Margaret's School.
- e. Escrick Estate events list for the year received - for website.
- f. Various advertisements received.

18021: Letters/Emails Sent or Action Taken Since Last Meeting: Nothing additional.

18022: Minor Items (for information only) - None.

18023: Comments from public present on agenda items – None.

18024: Items for the next agenda.

18025: The dates of future meetings were noted (all meetings are to be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Escrick Club:

2018 - 14th May (APM & ACM), 4th June, 2nd July, 13th August, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December.

2019 - 7th January, 4th February, 4th March.

9pm: Closure of meeting.

Signed **R Rowson**

Chairman, Escrick Parish Council

Date : 14th May 2018