

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Escrick Parish Council held in the Escrick Club on Monday
18 February 2013 at 7.00pm

Present Councillor E Casling, Chair
 Councillor J Cattenach
 Councillor K Ellis
 Councillor I Reynolds

Mr J T Deans, Interim Clerk
Richard Besley, Electoral Officer, Selby District Council

5 members of the public

As a consequence of the vacancies which have risen in all of the seats on Escrick Parish Council as a result of an oversight relating the declarations of acceptance of office and pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 Section 91, the following persons have been appointed to act as parish councillors by Selby District Council until 30 May 2013 or until a sufficient number of parish councillors have been elected or co-opted and taken up office, whichever shall be the later; Elizabeth Casling, John Cattanach, Keith Ellis and Ian Reynolds.

1 Election of Chairman

Cllr E Casling was proposed and seconded. There being no further nominations, Cllr Casling was elected Chairman.

2 Receipt of Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Casling's signed and endorsed Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman was received.

- 2.1 It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk of Kelfield Parish Council, Mr J T Deans be appointed as temporary interim Clerk to the Council until a new Council is elected and taken up office.

3. Apologies and Declarations of Interests

- 3.1 There were no apologies received

It was proposed from the chair, seconded and agreed unanimously, that Item 9 on the agenda be brought forward for discussion at this point.

9 To Receive a Report on the Election of Escrick Parish Council

Richard Besley, the Electoral Officer at Selby District Council outlined the procedures for the election of councillors to Escrick Parish Council.

- a) The Parish has an electorate of 790 and of those 160 are postal voters.
- b) The notice of vacancies has been published and the following timetable set;
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| Close of nominations | Friday 1 March 2013 |
| Closing date for the withdrawal of candidacies | Wednesday 6 March 2013 |
| Registration for postal vote | Wednesday 13 March 2013 |
| Issue of polling cards | After 6 March 2013 |
| Counting of votes | After 10.00pm on election night |
- c) The cost for the election to the parish is estimated at £1,200.00 net for printing and £2,000.00 plus overall.

Approved as a correct record on 20/3/13

- d) After discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously 'that Poll Cards be issued in the event of an election being called' and 'that the issue of Poll Cards be delayed until after 6 March 2013 in order to avoid unnecessary costs'.

4 Position of current Parish Council

Due to an oversight Declarations of Acceptance of Office were not signed and received by the Council at its first meeting nor thereafter, thereby rendering all members of the Council ineligible to perform the duties of a councillor.

This did not come to light until December 2012 and the Monitoring Officer at Selby District Council informed. Resultantly he declared all seats on the Council vacant and called an election.

The Clerk of the Council has since resigned.

Following this the four Councillors named above were appointed by the District Council to act as parish councillors until 30 May or until a new council is elected or co-opted, whichever is the later.

5 To consider decisions made on behalf of the Parish Council since May 2011

Following a perusal of the minutes and having been proposed and seconded, it was resolved 'to receive, note and endorse the decisions contained in the minutes as listed below, which set out all the decisions taken on behalf of the Parish Council over the period from May 2011 to January 2012;

9 May 2011, 27 June 2011, 26 September 2011, 7 November 2011, 12 December 2011, 30 January 2012, 19 March 2012, 14 May 2012, 25 June 2012, 3 September 2012, 15 October 2012, 17 December 2012.

6 Police Report

None received

7 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and to decide further action as necessary

7.1 North Selby Mine

Application to build an Anaerobic Digester. Cllr Casling reported that she had attended a meeting at Wheldrake to represent the views of the Parish, at which objections to the application were formulated.

7.2 Dog Litter Bin

A quotation has been received from Selby District Council as follows;

- a) 56 litre Dog Bin £168.59 + VAT – Fitting by SDC is £24.61 + VAT
- b) 60 litre Dog Bin £197.21 + VAT – Fitting by SDC is £24.61 + VAT
- c) Each bin is made up of the Bin + Fire Vent + Post

To order, write or email to SDC stating bin size required and location map for siting of dog bin.

On being proposed and seconded, it was agreed that this item be deferred.

7.3 Path outside No33 Skipwith Road

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that this matter be left in abeyance.

7.4 Designated Service Village Status

Objections to Escrick being reclassified as a Service Village have been submitted to Selby District Council by Escrick Parish Council, Cllr I Reynolds and Cllr E Casling.

7.5 New Lighting Column in The Glade

The meeting was informed that an insurance claim was ongoing through the motorist's insurers and it was agreed that the matter be reviewed at the next meeting.

7.6 Festive Lighting

It was reported that there was no increased usage from the previous year.

7.7 *Skipwith Road Junction with A19*

The Area 7 Highways Officer R Marr had met on site with Cllr Casling and promised to look at the accident data for the junction. Cllr Casling requested that he should also review the position of the bus stop.

It was noted that there has also been a reduction in speed of 3% at the matrix signs.

A suggestion was made that rumble strips be located in advance of the signs in order to slow motorists down prior to reaching the signs.

10 **Accounts**

10.1 *To receive information on the Current Bank Balances*

It was reported that the balances in HSBC Bank accounts were £2,730.37 and £2,936.99 respectively. Noted.

10.2 *To approve the following Invoices for payment*

Staples – Stationery	£79.60
BT – Broadband services Dec/Jan 2012	£39.79
Escrick and Deighton Club – Room Hire	£10.00

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously the above accounts be paid.

11 *Planning Applications*

11.1 To consider planning applications received

None

11.2 *To receive a report from Cllr I Reynolds re application in respect of No3 Skipwith Road, Escrick*

Cllr Reynolds reported that he had submitted the following comments to Selby District Council on behalf of the Parish Council;

'I am responding to the above on behalf of Escrick Parish Council. Cllr Casling and I, along with Cllrs John Cattenach and Keith Ellis, have been appointed to administer Escrick Parish Council as an interim measure.

The Parish Council are opposed to this application principally on the grounds that the proposal is considered to an over-development of the site and constitutes back land development.

It is further considered:

1. The original planning permission for the ancillary accommodation was "personal" which had lapsed and was recently renewed. It is clear that the current proposal is not simply an extension to ancillary accommodation but is effectively the creation of an independent dwelling. The footprint of the existing ancillary accommodation is 58.9m² (634sq ft) based on gross external measurements. The proposed dwelling has a footprint of 126.35m² (1,360sq ft) on a gross external basis. This is much larger than many of the detached bungalows within the village.
2. It is also considered that the scale and massing of the proposed dwelling create an overbearing situation for adjoining properties. The height of the proposed roof has been considerably raised and the impact on adjoining properties is significant.
3. The current access to the property from Skipwith Road is not considered suitable for use with an additional dwelling and no other means of access is shown. As far as the Parish Council is aware there are no rights of vehicular access over the private lane to the north and west of the proposed dwelling. This in fact already serves a number of other dwellings.
4. Existing residents have been contacted over this proposal and have raised concerns about any future traffic having access to the lane, albeit tht the present proposal is to use the existing access to the property known as 3 Skipwith Road.
5. It is considered that the proposal is a long-term attempt to create a new dwelling. Approval of this planning application is considered to be contrary to policy, and in no way can it be considered as a simple application for ancillary accommodation.

The Parish Council would request that the above comments are taken into account before any decision on this application is made.

Clr Ian Reynolds On behalf of Escrick Parish Council.'

12 Communications Received

There were no communications

13 Date of Next Meeting

To be decided

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.13pm.