

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 1st September 2014 at 7.30pm held at Escrick and Deighton Social Club

Present:

Councillor B Forster
Councillor J Goode
Councillor S Smowton
Councillor A Bowman
Councillor L Coulson
Councillor S Cunningham
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor M Luscombe
Councillor E Casling
Councillor I Reynolds

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

3 members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Councillor J Reader (apologies were received during the meeting)

2. Public Session

Jim Dwyer of the Escrick Playing Fields Association spoke about the playing fields and the future plans for them. He reported that the playing fields were currently in good condition, there was a bit more weeding to do and replacing the gate at the Escrick Park Gardens entrance. Jim reported that he had been approached by some teenagers about the possibility of getting a pump cycle track built. The Parish Council was broadly supportive of this but it would need further investigation into issues such as the insurance liability and the change to allow cycles into the park as they are currently not permitted. Jim advised that Mr Charlie Forbes-Adam had been consulted and he too was supportive but wanted to be involved in any decisions that were to be made. Jim agreed to get more information and report back.

Mr Ringwood asked about the change of use of the cottage at the Parsonage which he had heard was to become a "Gastro Pub" and whether the Parsonage had sought permission to do this. Cllr Coulson agreed to check that the planning permission in place is correct for the intended use.

Mr Hardy raised the subject of the school gates access issue again and suggested that now that the headmaster had left and an interim head had taken over, it might be a good time to open up discussions again. It was pointed out that it had previously been minuted that Cllrs Coulson and Forster would arrange a meeting with the new head. They had tried to arrange this but had then not succeeded prior to the summer break. It was agreed that they should resume attempts to arrange this meeting.

3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the previous meetings

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th July 2014 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Finance and Admin Sub-Committee meeting held on 24th July 2014 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To discuss and approve a method of consultation with the village on the Street Lighting Loan

At the recent Finance and Admin sub-Committee meeting, the level of consultation with the village had been discussed as concern had been raised that this had not been done to an acceptable level.

The Finance and Admin committee had decided that a consultation should take place via the website, notice board and parish magazine. The sub-committee agreed to receive a quote from NYCC for street lighting work and then consult the village.

Cllr Smowton also proposed that a leaflet be published explaining the street lighting issue. Cllr Smowton agreed to take responsibility for drafting this, with the help of Cllr Luscombe.

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RESOLVED: That a leaflet/information sheet would be put together and distributed to the entire village as well as put on the notice board and website, informing the village of the decision to take out a loan to pay for the street lighting and asking for their comments. This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

5. To discuss the Emergency Plan and agree the way forward

Each member of the Parish Council should suggest any people with specialist skills they knew to be approached to put their names on the list.

RESOLVED: That the members of the Parish Council would put together a list of suitable people for the Emergency List. This was moved, seconded and agreed.

6. To discuss and approve the Budget Outturn 2013-14 and year to date expenditure 2014

RESOLVED: That the Budget Outturn 2014-14 and year to date expenditure 2014 be approved. This was moved, seconded and approved.

7. To receive Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from North Yorkshire Police regarding a recruitment drive for Special Constables. It was agreed that this be put on the notice board. However, on further inspection, the closing date for applications was prior to the meeting/minutes but this would begin again in the new year and the Clerk will put this notice on then.

The Clerk and the Chairman had received emails from a member of the public regarding the recent and forthcoming events held at Escrick Park Estate. The Chairman had expressed to the Estate office that it was out of order that the Parish Council had not been informed about the forthcoming event which is a Family Volkswagen Rally weekend. Further emails from the Estate office sought to reassure the village and Parish Council that everything was in hand for this event and that the music would be lowered at 10pm and turned off completely at 11:30 at the latest. The Clerk agreed to forward this email to the residents who had voiced their concerns.

A letter informing the Parish Council that North Yorkshire County Council were to put no waiting restrictions on Main Street near the entrance to the school and on the corner of Escrick Park Gardens between the hours of 0800 and 1700, Monday to Friday. The Clerk agreed to get the details of this scanned and put on the website.

8. To receive an update from the Clerk on issues not otherwise on the Agenda

8.1. To receive an update on the insurance quote for additional cover

This has now been sent to Came & Company.

8.2. Request for bins at the bus stop near Brickworks Cottages

Despite a further email, no help had been forthcoming from the owners of the business park. The Clerk had asked Selby District Council whether they would empty the bin if one was moved from Main Street, on the old bus shelter side of the road as this was no longer used. Selby District Council replied that for a fee of £30, they would move the bin and then empty it.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk request that Selby District Council move a litter bin from outside the old bus shelter on Main Street to the bus stop near Brickworks Cottages, for a fee of £30.

8.3. Update on the price of a dog dirt bin

The Clerk provided some prices for this but the issue of where it would go, given that the land in question was private land and who would empty it was raised. It was decided not to take this any further.

RESOLVED: That the issue of providing a bin for dog dirt near the path next to the dyke on Skipwith Road not be taken any further. This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

8.4. Update on the fencing along Carr Lane, near the bridge

Cllr Casling reported that this had now been done.

9. To consider further consultation within the village regarding planning issues relating to CYC and SDC development sites

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That the Parish Council, via the Planning Working Group, had been tasked to investigate the approximate cost of employing an independent planning consultant before looking into whether any residents would be willing to help to meet this cost. This was still outstanding as due to holidays, Cllr Coulson and the Planning Working Group had not had chance to take this any further. The Planning Working Group would report back at a future meeting.

10. To discuss potential uses of the old bus stop on Main Street

Various suggestions were put forward; a book exchange, information on the history of the village among others. Cllr Cunningham reminded the Parish Council that with everything else that was going on in the village at the moment, it should merely try to maintain the bus shelter in its current state rather than spending any money on it. The Chairman agreed but said that funding may be available for this type of thing, depending on what was decided, and that the Parish Council would not need to spend anything on this.

11. Reports

11.1 Police

There had been a request for any suspicious vehicles working on overhead cables, where the vans were not properly marked as legitimate contractors, should be reported to 101 as there had been a number of cable thefts recently.

11.2 County Councillor

None

11.3 District Councillor

Cllr Reynolds reported that the District Council had been working with Sustrans to try and get the old Escrick station area of the cycle path restored to how it should have been originally.

12. Accounts

A refund of £25 had been received in respect of a returned cheque.

9.2 Accounts for Payment

£418.46	Ringway	Streetlight maintenance
£67.40	Pam Harrison	Internal Audit
£130.47	L Reader	Salary August
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£32.60	HMRC	August
£32.60	HMRC	September
£10.00	Escrick Park Estate	Village Green Rent
£1,218.62	Came & Company	Insurance Renewal (due 1st October)
£10.00	Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire 1/9/14
£2,050.62		

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that these should all be paid, with the exception of the Ringway invoice because the Clerk wanted to clarify with Ringway what this was for.

9.3 Statement of Current Balances

Bank Reconciliation at 1st September 2014

Balance brought forward at 7th July 2014

£5,967.00

Add Receipts for Month

Refund of unpaid item charge

£25.00

£25.00

£5,992.00

Less Payments for Period

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Salary June	£130.47	
Charge for unpaid item	£25.00	
Salary July	£130.47	
Came & Company - unsigned cheque	£45.82	
Escrick and Deighton Club July Room Hire	£10.00	
Printing (Housing Questionnaire)	£274.07	
	<u>£615.83</u>	<u>£5,376.17</u>
Balance at bank and in hand at 1st September 2014		
		<u>£5,376.17</u>
Community Account	£433.67	
Business Money Manager	£4,942.50	
	<u>£5,376.17</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Less unrepresented cheques		
HMRC Jun	£32.60	
HMRC Jul	£32.60	
	<u>£5,441.37</u>	<u>-£65.20</u>
Difference	<u>£5,441.37</u>	<u>-£65.20</u>

13. Planning

13.1. Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications

2014/0700/HPA Proposed double garage and workshop with storage over, About Thyme, Hollicarrs Close, Escrick, YO19 6EF

This had been dealt with by the Planning Working group and no objections had been made.

AOD/14/00231 Submission by Environmental Management UK Ltd and North Selby Mine Waste Ltd.

This was delegated to Cllr Luscombe to investigate and respond.

2014/0771/COU Change of use from B1, B2 and B8 (Industrial, Storage and Distribution) to Car Showroom, Unit C, Escrick Business Park, Riccall Road.

The Planning Working Group had dealt with this and had responded that they broadly supported it but subject to the planners being satisfied that any new vehicles be parked inside the showroom and not outside as parking places would already be in short supply outside the building.

2014/0814/FUL Proposed Erection of new detached dwelling and double garage, 1 Wenlock Drive, Escrick, York

Cllr Coulson had had a brief look at this application and the only comments made were that as a lot of trees and bushes were being removed down that stretch of road due to all the developments going on, that a request be made that some of these be replaced when the development was complete.

10.2 Notices of Decision

None

14. Matters for the clerk's attention raised by Councillors and items for the next Agenda

Cllr Coulson raised the issue of the Parsonage making preparations for the new "Gastro Pub" by clearing some of the bushes so that hard standing for parking could be put down. She asked whether it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to speak with the management of the Parsonage to ascertain what they were doing and to maintain the contact with the hotel management. Cllr Bowman agreed to speak to the manager.

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Cllr Forster raised the issue of the banks alongside the dyke being very overgrown and they would normally be cut by now by Ouse and Derwent River Board. The Clerk agreed to email them and ask whether they would be doing this.

Cllr Forster also mentioned dog mess and asked whether he would be able to put down flags reminding owners to clear up their dog's mess. The chairman had heard about some biodegradable fluorescent spray paint that had been successful in helping to remind dog owners about this and agreed to see whether she could get some for Cllr Forster.

12. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting would be 6th October 2014 at 7.30pm at Escrick and Deighton Club.