

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 3rd February 2014 at 7.30pm held at Escrick and Deighton Social Club

Present:

Councillor E Casling (Chair)
Councillor L Coulson
Councillor S Cunningham
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor M Luscombe
Councillor B Forster
Councillor J Goode
Councillor I Reynolds
Councillor J Reader
Councillor S Smowton

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

4 members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Councillor A Bowman

2. Public Session

Mr E Hardy asked whether the Parish Council could provide an authoritative view on the possibility of bringing gas into Escrick. The members replied that it had been investigated a few years ago but it was highly unlikely that this would happen.

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

Some minor amendments were made to item 3, to amend the word "several" to "a number of" trees and to include the word "financial" relating to the impact of the cancellation of the 10K run. Item 7.1 was amended to include the word "estimated" relating to the cost of the replacement of the street lights and in item 9.1 North Yorkshire County Council was corrected to City of York Council.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2014 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To receive Correspondence

Mr E Hardy's letter regarding the format of the agenda and meetings was mentioned but it was decided to cover this under item 7.

A letter from Dr Belbin regarding the double yellow lines on Main Street. The subject was discussed and the Clerk agreed to write and thank Dr Belbin for his letter and advise him that the Parish Council did not think there would be any benefit to having the yellow lines removed as they were originally put in place due to requests from local residents and the local businesses. It was suggested that perhaps the possibility of having the yellow "bus stop" road markings removed could be investigated.

An email from Michael Dyson, Selby District Council Chairman requesting a donation to his nominated charities, was read out. It was felt that it was not the right time for the Parish Council to be donating funds to charity.

A letter regarding the Funding Event that the Easter Community Engagement forum was read out. A total of £25,000 would be available to local groups or associations to apply for. Applicants for funding could be promoted at the forthcoming meeting on 12th March 2014 at the Riccall Regen Centre at 17:30. The Clerk agreed to forward the notice to all Councillors, the Village Green Association, the Playing Fields Association and to put it on the website.

An email from Mrs Mary Cartmell was read out thanking the Parish Council for pursuing the matter of the road to the doctor's surgery.

A letter from Mr N Reader was read out relating to the subject of road safety that he raised at the last meeting's public session. Some councillors felt it was worth asking a representative from the Highways department at North Yorkshire County Council to come and address the next Parish Council meeting so that the Parish Council or members of the public could ask

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questions as to why nothing could be done about the A19/Skipwith Road junction and road safety in the village in general. The Chairman agreed to follow this up.

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

5.1 North Selby Mine Site Planning Meeting

The planning meeting was held on Thursday 23rd January where the application was approved in principal. The decision is still to be referred to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Kinane Town Planning are still involved in opposing this application.

5.2 Public Right of Way

A P & R sub meeting has been planned for March where the decision on this will be made.

5.3 Alleyway Street Light

The clerk reported that whilst the lamp had been reconnected, it had been noted that it was still too high up and still in need of cleaning although Northern Power Grid had already been asked to do this and clearly had not. The clerk was still waiting for the full invoice for this before proceeding with the insurance claim for it.

5.4 Election Invoice

The clerk reported that the invoice from Selby District Council had now been received for the sum of £2151.18.

5.5 Memorial to Bill Reader

Councillor Luscombe reported that he had investigated the cost of tree seats and found that they ranged from £130 to £180. Cllr Luscombe proposed that the Village Green management committee take this item forward.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and approved that the memorial to Bill Reader be organised by the Village Green management committee, subject to approval from the Parish Council on any financial commitment.

5.6 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Casling reported that a volunteer had been forwarded to her.

5.7 Lighting Report and FOI Report on the Website

The clerk reported that both these documents had been added to a section called "Documentation" under the Parish Council section on the website.

5.8 Letter to SDC regarding Local Support Grant to Parish Councils

The Clerk reported that this had been sent by email.

5.9 Dog Fouling Leaflet

This had been distributed.

5.10 Surgery Road

The resurfacing of the Surgery Road had been complete but Cllr Forster reported that the lighting had still not been reconnected.

5.11 Letter to Deighton Parish Council regarding path outside Santhai

The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to Helen Guest, Clerk to Deighton Parish Council who had contacted City of York Council. A reply had been forwarded which confirmed that City of York would look at this. Helen Guest would follow this up and report back.

5.12 Escrick Playing Fields update

Cllr Reader reported that the work on the playing fields had been done and Cllr Lamont agreed that it looked really good. The whole had been tidied up and was looking much better. There was still some chippings to be put down but it was now possible to get access to cut the hedge all the way round.

5.13 Update on the trees at The Parsonage

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The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to the Parsonage chasing up this issue but a reply had not yet been received.

6. To discuss an amendment to the Website

A suggestion had been made by Richard Rowson to add the ability for people to be able to subscribe to email alerts. Richard was seeking approval to add this feature. Everyone agreed that this would be a useful addition to the website.

7. To review the agendas and meetings process

A discussion about the format of the agenda and meetings took place. It was decided to continue with the format of the agenda used for the current meeting with the Public Session near the beginning of the meeting and section 5 included to provide an update on any items not otherwise on the agenda.

8. Reports

8.1 Police

Possible attempt theft of caravan- Temple Hirst

At approx 1230hrs 29th January, a white Ford Transit was sighted reversing up to a caravan parked on a driveway at Temple Hirst. When confronted the occupant got back in the vehicle and drove off towards Carlton. The male is described as stocky build, mousy coloured hair, aged mid 30's to 40. Please remain vigilant and ensure caravans are secured with hitch locks, wheel locks etc. Please report anything suspicious to North Yorkshire Police on 101

Suspect Vehicle

Police are asking for you to keep observations out for a Silver 5 Door Saloon Peugeot 306 XRDT, registration N424KWT. This vehicle is suspected to be used in vehicle crime in North & West Yorkshire. If this vehicle is sighted please phone the police on 101 with details

It was agreed that these details would be put on the website.

8.2 County Councillor

EC to provide details of this

8.3 District Councillor

Cllr Reynolds reported that the decision had not yet been made whether to pass the money on to Parish Councils. ???

9. Accounts

9.1 Receipts

None

9.2 Accounts for Payment

£32.60	HMRC	February
£130.47	L Reader	Salary February
£10.00	Escrick and Deighton Club	February Room Hire
£2151.18	Selby District Council	Election Costs
£299.99	S Smowton	New Laptop for Clerk
£60	Escrick.Net	Setting up new laptop
£2,684.24		

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that these should be paid.

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9.3 Statement of Current Balances

Bank Reconciliation at 2nd February 2014

Balance brought forward at 6th January 2014			£10,912.82	
Add Receipts for Month			<u>£0.00</u>	
			<u>£10,912.82</u>	
Less Payments for Month				
Salary January	100651	£130.47		
Overtime Payment (3) January	100652	£141.31		
Escrick Park Estate Rent Playing Fields	100649	£10.00		
Tru-Green Grass Cutting	100643	£1,980.00		
Balance at bank and in hand at 3rd January 2014		£2,261.78	<u>£8,651.04</u>	
Community Account		£712.18		
Business Money Manager		<u>£7,938.86</u>		
		<u>£8,651.04</u>		<u>£0.00</u>
Less unrepresented cheques				
HMRC (Dec)	£32.60			
HMRC (Dec O/T 2)	£35.31			
HMRC (Jan)	£32.60			
HMRC (Jan O/T 3)	£35.31			
Escrick & Deighton Club (Jan)	£10.00			
	<u>£145.82</u>	<u>£8,505.22</u>		<u>£145.82</u>
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10. Planning

10.1 Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications

2014/0035/FUL Change of use from ancillary school office (C2) to residential staff accommodation (C3) including internal and external alterations with glazed panel/door to secure entrance porch for Queen Margaret's School, Escrick.

The assessment form stating no objection had been sent round the members.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and approved that the response of "no objection" be submitted.

10.2 Notices of Decision

13/03611/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of forecourt building to include retail shop with ATM, new canopy over re-sited petrol pumps, new underground tanks and creation of new parking and jet wash bays (revised scheme) for Jos. Richardson and Son Ltd.

The decision was APPROVED. Cllr Reynolds agreed to call Mr Richardson and ask when work was likely to start.

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

Cllr Forster asked whether anything more had been done about the yellow lines on Skipwith Road, at the end of Dower Chase. The issue had been put on hold previously and no further update was available.

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12. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 3rd March 2014 but it was decided that this would be the next Finance and Admin meeting and the next full council meeting would be on 7th April 2014.