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

Present:

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

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

2 members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Councillor J Reader Councillor J Goode Councillor S Smowton

2. Public Session

Mr Hardy commented that he was disappointed that his letters on street lighting had not been circulated to all councillors as requested but only to Cllr Smowton, who had been tasked with dealing with the responses and reporting back to the rest of the Council.

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

Cllr Forster requested one amendment to section 12 to clarify that the school mentioned was Queen Margaret's School.

RESOLVED: The above amendment and the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th October 2014 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To receive correspondence

A poster had been received regarding free Highway Code training. This would be put on the website.

A notice about Pumping Stations had been received. This would be put on the website.

An email had been received from Walgrave Parish Council in Northamptonshire, asking whether they can use our Website policy document for their own website. There were no objections to this, pending agreement from Richard Rowson, who wrote them.

A further letter had been received regarding the lighting survey.

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

5.1. To receive an update on the dog mess

The Clerk had contacted the estate as requested but they had felt that dog bins would require emptying and they did not want to have posters put up on the land in question. The Chairman agreed to continue to pursue the spray paint option discussed previously.

6. To receive an update on meeting with SDC regarding communcation and consulation with the village regarding planning

Cllr Casling reported that along with Cllrs Coulson and Bowman, she had attended the meeting and the outcome of this was that Selby would be putting together their own site allocation plan in which they would discuss the distribution of houses in each village. In addition, she said that the judicial review had been won by Selby District Council and Escrick was now a Designated Service Village. It was felt that any communication or consultation with the village should be postponed until after SDC had completed their formal consultation.

7. To discuss the safety of the A19 Island Crossing

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Cllr Casling reported that there had been problems getting a response from Highways at North Yorkshire and therefore there was nothing yet to report on this issue.

8. To receive the results of the Street Lighting Survey

The Parish Council received 10 replies to the Street Lighting Proposal. 8 were in favour and 2 were against, with a variety of other subjects raised in the replies such as switching them off overnight to save money and two parishioners keen to improve the standard of pavements at the same time. Although the quantity of replies was low, the document stated that it was the Parish Councils intention to upgrade the lights so it was primarily an invitation to disagree with that view if that was how parishioners felt. The further response received on the day of the meeting was broadly supportive but mentioned that the writer did not want to see the character of the village changed by too many lights.

RESOLVED: That the Finance and Admin sub-committee, on behalf of the Parish Council, would go out to tender for the work to replace the street lights as previously agreed was proposed, seconded and approved.

9. To approve the payment of the Village Green Fencing Invoice

The Village Green committee had a quote for the replacement of part of the fencing around the village green. This was made out to the Parish Council and a donation to cover the cost of this would be made by the Village Green committee and the VAT would then be reclaimed by the Parish Council. The invoice was for £2,164.26 (£1803.55 ex VAT).

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approve the payment of the invoice for the Village Green fencing was proposed, seconded and approved.

10. Reports

10.1. Police

None.

10.2. County Councillor

Cllr Casling reported that the Eastern Community Engagement Forum, of which she was Chairman, was redoing their Community Development Plan and handed out some survey forms in order to help with this.

10.3. District Councillor

Cllr Reynolds had nothing to report, given that the information about the Judicial Review had already been announced.

11. Accounts

The Clerk reported that following a discussion with Ringway, the invoice should now be paid.

11.1. Accounts for Payment

£418.46	Ringway	Streetlight maintenance	
£130.47	L Reader	Salary November	
£32.60	HMRC	November	
£30.00	Selby District Council	Relocation of litter bin	
£10.00	Escrick and Deighton Club	Room Hire November	
£2,164.46	British Recycled Plastic	Village Green Fencing	
£2,785.99			

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

11.2. Statement of Current Balances

Bank Reconciliation at 11th November 2014

Balance brought forward at 6th October 2014

£10,156.88

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Add Receipts for Month				
			£0.00	
			£10,156.88	
Less Payments for Period				
New printer/scanner		£98.92		
L Reader	Salary October	£130.47		
HMRC October		£32.60		
Village Hall Committee	Village Hall Hire	£10.00		
Littlejohn LLP	External Audit Fee	£120.00		
		£391.99		
Balance at bank and in hand at 6th October 2014			£9,764.89	
Community Account		£821.72		
Business Money Manager		£8,943.17		
		£9,764.89		£0.00
Less unpresented cheques				
Escrick and Deighton Club	September Room hire	£10.00		
		£9,774.89		-£10.00
Difference		£9,774.89	-£10.00	

12. Planning

12.1. Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications

12.1.1. 2014/1053/HPA Proposed single storey rear extension for 10 The Glade, Escrick

The Planning Working Group had reviewed this and the following response had been drafted: "The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application, subject to the planning officer satisfying herself that the amenity of the neighbours in the adjoining bungalow will not be compromised and adversely affected."

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council respond as above was proposed, seconded and approved.

12.1.2. 2014/0498/OUT Post Office Row, 7 Main Street, Escrick

Withdrawn

12.2. Notices of Decision

12.2.1. 2014/0949/TPO Application for consent to remove 1no. ornamental Cherry tree under TPO 1/1993 for Lindum House, 16 Skipwith Road, Escrick

Granted

12.2.2. 2014/0951/TPO Application for removal of 1no. Willow tree under TPO 1/1993 for The Birches, 29 The Glade, Escrick

Granted

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

Cllr Reynolds had spoken to the owner of the petrol station and work was to start early in the new year and they would be taking on the Post Office now.

Cllr Lamont reported that she would be stepping down from the Playing Fields Committee.

12. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting would be 1st December 2014 at 7.30pm at Escrick and Deighton Club.