

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 7th July 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

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

Approximately 30 members of the public

### **1. To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Councillor I Reynolds

Councillor J Reader

### **2. Public Session**

Mr Rees spoke on behalf of a number of residents of Dower Chase and Dower Park regarding the potential development proposed by the Estate north of the village around the garage.

Mr Rees summarised the group's concerns into three areas, the need for such a development, the impact on the traffic along the A19 and the impact on amenities and services. The group also had concerns regarding Parish Councillors' conflicts of interest regarding the potential development site and had developed a flyer to further communicate the deadline for responses with the rest of the village. The group also mentioned that they are prepared to offer financial support should the Parish Council appoint an independent Planning Consultant to assist with the development issues.

Cllr Casling responded to the issue of conflicts of interest by saying that she had been through all the Councillors' conflict of interest forms with Selby District Council and the only councillor with a possible pecuniary conflict of interest in the potential development was Cllr Reynolds who was not present at the meeting. She concluded by saying that whilst it may appear that other councillors may have a conflict, she assured everyone that none of them do on this issue.

Mr Ringwood spoke about the Localism Act under which York City Council had a duty to co-operate in cross boundary issues such as this development would constitute.

Mrs Cartmell thanked the Parish Council for the flowers at the brick signs at either end of the village. Cllr Casling had provided the wooden tubs and her parents had provided the flowers and are responsible for watering them.

Item 6 was discussed at this point.

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

The Clerk requested that the sum of £275 was added to the Accounts for Payment on the previous month's minutes as this had been omitted. This was approved.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2014 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

### **4. To receive Correspondence**

The Clerk had received an email on the subject of dog fouling in the village near the beck. The writer requested that some bins could be put up in this area. The Clerk was asked to investigate some prices for a bin of this type.

An email from a conservation group offering help with clearing wooded areas, fencing, path laying and pond creating (at a price) was circulated and noted.

An email had been received via the website thanking the Parish Council for sending round the Housing Development Survey questionnaire.

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An email had been received from a couple who are to move into the village asking for planning advice. The Clerk is to advise them to contact SDC for planning advice.

The Clerk had received an email from the Chairman of the Board of Governors at Escrick Primary School regarding the recent consultation document. The school are to be advised that any response they make be made to CYC, not the parish council.

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

#### **5.1. To receive an update on the insurance quote for additional cover**

The Clerk reported that whilst the cheque for the additional cover had been sent to Came & Company, this had been returned as it was not signed! The Clerk would get the cheque signed and send it again.

#### **5.2. Email re late night music**

The Clerk had put a notice in the Parish Magazine as requested.

#### **5.3. Request for bins at the bus stop near Brickworks Cottages**

No help had been forthcoming from the owners of the business park. The Parish Council will contact them again.

#### **5.4. Update on the planting of flowers in front of brick village signs**

The Chairman had already given an update on this.

#### **5.5. Update on the response from the Estate Office regarding the motorcycle rally**

Cllr Reynolds had agreed to speak to environmental health at Selby District Council to find out what guidelines were in place for time limits for late night music events, however Cllr Reynolds was not present at the meeting and had not yet sent an update. The Clerk would chase this up.

#### **5.6 To receive an update on the Post Office**

Cllr Smowton reported that having spoken to Trevor, the Post Office would now not be taken over by the garage and would close on 4th August if there was no other interest by then. The shop would remain open until at least November after which it may close as well.

### **6. To decide how best to consult the whole village about the potential development north of the village**

Cllr Coulson reported that over 100 responses had been received and the Planning Working Group had collated the results into a report which was circulated around the members of the public and the councillors. This report would also be put on the Website. It was felt that many people in the village had responded as a household rather than individually and Cllr Coulson felt it would be worth letting people know that they could still respond individually directly to York City Council.

Cllr Casling wanted to ascertain at this meeting, how we, as a Parish Council and Village will respond and what we would do next. She continued to say that she had been in touch with Deighton Parish Council, Elvington Parish Council, Julian Sturdy MP and Nigel Adams MP who had agreed to make a representation on Escrick's behalf.

The parish council accepted the report and it's findings and will it as the basis of its response to CYC.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council use the document put together by Cllr Coulson and the Planning Working group as the basis for the Parish Council's response. This was proposed, seconded and approved.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council, via the Planning Working Group, 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 would be brought back to the full council. This was proposed, seconded and approved.

### **7. To approve the application for a loan for Street Lighting**

Cllr Coulson drew the Council's attention, in particular, to paragraphs 18 and 25E of the document accompanying the loan form. These stated that the Parish Council must consult with the residents before applying for a loan. The Chairman agreed that the wording of the document would need to be looked into by the Finance and Admin sub-committee but said that this item on the agenda was

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required to formally approve the application. This did not mean that the form would be submitted at this time. The Parish Council had previously agreed that a loan would be applied for but the minutes did not sufficiently record this decision.

RESOLVED: That the application for a loan for Street Lighting be approved by the Parish Council.

**8. Reports**

**8.1 Police**

Cllr Reader had reported there had been some evidence of drug-taking and drinking at the playing fields and he had reported this. Cllr Lamont added that there had been some vandalism as well.

**8.2 County Councillor**

Cllr Casling had nothing to report except to mention that NYCC had asked Parish Councils to bear the cost of grass cutting in areas that had previously been cut by NYCC due to budget cuts. However, this was not felt to be relevant to Escrick Parish Council as we already cut our own grassed areas.

**8.3 District Councillor**

None

**9. Accounts**

A sum of £1.12 in interest had been received.

**9.2 Accounts for Payment**

£32.60	HMRC	July
£130.47	L Reader	Salary June*
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£10.00	Escrick and Deighton Club	July Room Hire
£68.20	Colour Options	Printing (Housing Questionnaire)
£205.87	Colour Options	Printing (Housing Questionnaire)
£418.46	Ringway	Streetlight maintenance
£45.82	Came & Company	Insurance additional cover**

\* The cheque for the Clerk's June salary had been returned unpaid due to lack of funds. The Clerk had arranged for the fee incurred to be refunded.

\*\* This cheque had not been signed last month therefore was still outstanding.

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 7th July 2014

Balance brought forward at 2nd June 2014 £8,368.53

Add Receipts for Month	Interest	£1.12	
			<u>£1.12</u>
			<u>£8,369.65</u>

Less Payments for Month

Escrick and Deighton Club - Room Hire June	£10.00
nPower - electricity supply charges	£1,961.58
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NYCC - Right of Way, school footpath	£35.00

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YLCA - annual membership subscription	£275.00		
	<u>£2,402.65</u>		
Balance at bank and in hand at 7th July 2014		<u>£5,967.00</u>	
Community Account	£1,024.50		
Business Money Manager	<u>£4,942.50</u>		
	<u>£5,967.00</u>		<u>£0.00</u>
Less unrepresented cheques			
Came & Company - unsigned cheque	£45.82		
HMRC Jun	£32.60		
L Reader Jun - reissue cheque	<u>£130.47</u>		
	<u>£208.89</u>		<u>£5,758.11</u>
Difference	<u>£208.89</u>	<u>£5,758.11</u>	<u>-£208.89</u>

**10. Planning**

**10.1. Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications**

8/10/272PA Amendment to application for garage conversion for Crispins, 31 Wenlock Drive. This was noted by the Parish Council.

8/10/108E/PA Proposed Loft Conversion with dormers (application received too late for Agenda)

The Parish Council reviewed the planning documents and responded that whilst they had no objection to a loft conversion in principal, the proposals are not in keeping with other designs on the street. Incorporation of a gable detail on the front elevation would be more in keeping and the planning officer should advise on the scale of the proposed development.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's recommendations be submitted to Selby District Council. This was proposed, seconded and approved.

**10.2 Notices of Decision**

8/10/54B/PA Change of use from office (B1) to dwellings for Whinchat Farm Buildings, Skipwith Road, Escrick.

This was a decision on a determination as to whether prior approval is required for the above change of use. This document confirmed that prior approval was not required.

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

Cllr Casling raised the issue of people parking vehicles on the footpaths and this subject had also been raised by Cllr Lamont following the previous meeting. Cllr Casling had contacted the police and made them aware of the issue and Cllr Smowton advised residents to call 101 and report issues such as this immediately.

The subject of what could be done with the Bus Shelter now that it was no longer used for its intended purpose. This would be added to the agenda for September's meeting.

Cllr Casling agreed to speak to the local highways inspector about the scaffolding railing at the Main Street and Carr Lane junction

**12. Date and Time of the next meeting**

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