

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 8th February 2016 at 7:30 pm at Escrick and Deighton Club

Present:

Councillor E Casling (Chair)
Councillor L Coulson
Councillor J Reader
Councillor B Forster
Councillor M Luscombe

Councillor I Reynolds
Councillor C Morley-Jones
Councillor R Rowson
Councillor S Cunningham

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

3 members of the public

Prior to the first agenda item, the Chair reminded all members that Part II items were private and not for publication or discussion outside of the meeting.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence and approve any reasons for absence

Councillor A Lamont
Councillor J Goode - away on a residential trip with work

The absences were approved but it was noted that a reason for absence should be provided by all Councillors.

2. Public Session

Mr Hardy thanked whoever had trimmed the bush in the ginnel between Carrs Meadows and Main Street. He also asked about the possibility of a post office being set up in the club. The Chair advised that this was not a Parish Council matter.

Mrs Forster raised the subject of the safety of the A19 and pointed out that the letter from Highways mentioned at the last meeting was incorrect when it said that "nothing had changed..." since 2007. Mrs Forster disagrees because the bus now stops on the A19 and there is a new pub which has meant an increase in traffic. There have been several bad accidents and at one recent incident there were 3 ambulances, 4 police cars, one of our doctors and 8 policemen in attendance which must cost a fortune. The Chairman expressed that everyone agreed 100% with what Mrs Forster was saying but as County Councillor she stated that there was no money for road improvements.

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

3.1. 11th January 2016

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2016 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To approve the appointment of the new Clerk

The Finance and Admin committee had conducted interviews with 4 candidates and they selected Louise Pink, who is already a clerk for Parish Councils in the York and Ryedale areas. The start date for the new Clerk was 1st March 2016.

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the new Clerk be approved was proposed, seconded and approved.

5. To receive correspondence

A letter had been received from Mr Hardy. This was noted.

RESOLVED: That Mr Hardy's letter be noted was proposed, seconded and approved.

A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs O'Donohoe. This had been circulated. The Chairman agreed to reply within 24 hours.

RESOLVED: That a response be sent to Mr and Mrs O'Donohoe was proposed, seconded and approved.

6. To discuss the Queen's Birthday Beacons

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would not organise a beacon for the Queen's birthday was proposed, seconded and approved.

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7. To discuss the Church War Memorial restoration

Cllr Casling had been chasing this but getting all the information required for a Faculty has been difficult, however this had now been done. The Faculty now needs sending to the Diocese. The company chosen, Myers, was found to be much cheaper than any other stone masons but obtaining other quotes had been difficult as they had not responded. Cllr Coulson asked whether sufficient funds had been donated and the answer was not quite but the Parish Council felt that they would be able to cover the deficit if necessary as the amount was quite small.

8. To discuss the Road Closure for the 2016 10K run

Councillor Rowson advised that as part of the preparations for the 10K run in August, the event management plan required the Parish Council to be advised of any road closures. Carrs Meadows and the footpath between Carrs Meadows and Main Street would be closed between 10:30 and 13:00 on Sunday August 21st 2016.

RESOLVED: That the road closure be supported was proposed, seconded and approved.

9. To receive an update from the Clerk on issues not otherwise on the agenda

The Clerk reported that the application for the loan had now officially been made. The contractor had been contacted and would be ready to do the work from April.

10. A19 Speed Concern Report

Following on from the concern raised in the Public Session, the A19 Speed Concern report was discussed. This form had been received by a resident from the police and the resident was advised to pass on to other residents and fill in as many as they wanted. The police officer was reported to have said that in his opinion, the A19 should be 30 mph. There is more information on the Speed Concern report on the North Yorkshire Police website. Cllr Luscombe was asked to put together a draft note for circulation around the village about what they would like to do about the speed of traffic and safety of the A19 and whether they would support an increase in precept to cover the cost of any action.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Luscombe put together a note to circulate around the village regarding views on the A19 road safety and speed was proposed, seconded and approved.

11. To discuss NYCC Waste and Minerals Plan at Escrick Environmental Services

There were two proposed sites in the Escrick Area, towards Riccall near the Escrick Business Park. The proposal was for the extraction of clay and then fill in with inert waste. The issue was delegated to the Planning Working Group for discussion, however it was felt that Escrick should be objecting to the larger area suggested in the proposals.

12. To receive Reports

12.1. Police

Cllr Reader reported that a company that had previously been involved in a scam relating to time shares had now set up business again offering help to people who had been scammed to get their money back. The advice is that this is not a genuine offer and was, in fact, another scam!

In addition, following the recent floods, there were disreputable companies offering to do work and asking for a deposit but then not returning to do the work.

12.2. County Council

Final figures from a government funding session had been announced and although it was a better result than initially expected, the County Council was short by £24m, which is very important when it comes to service provision. The only place for cutbacks is highways!

12.3. District Council

Cllr Casling reported that she was chair of the Community Engagement Forum and there would be an opportunity for clubs and organisations to come along to the CEF's "Give it a go!" campaign, where they would be able to apply for funding. Ten children will get £100 towards sports kits. There would also be another funding event later in the year.

The Escrick Re-energise programme had received £5k in funding but does not have a bank account.

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RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's bank account be used to hold the Escrick Re-energise funds was proposed, seconded and approved.

13. To receive an update on the Accounts

13.1. Receipts

None

13.2. Accounts for Payment

L Reader	Salary February	£134.66
HMRC	Tax/NI February	£33.67
Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire February	£10.00
Escrick Village Hall	Room Hire February (F&A)	£10.00
		<u>£188.33</u>

RESOLVED: That the above accounts be paid was proposed, seconded and approved.

13.3. Statement of Current Balances, Income and Expenditure to Date

Bank Reconciliation at 11th January 2016

	<u>£13,277.6</u>
Balance brought forward at 7th February 2016	1
Add Receipts for Month	<u>£13,277.6</u>
	1
	<u>£0.00</u>

Less Payments for Period

L Reader	Salary January	£134.66
nPower	Festive Lighting	£79.20
Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire December	£10.00
Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire September	£10.00
		<u>£233.86</u>
Balance at bank and in hand at 7th February 2016		<u>£13,043.7</u>
Community Account		5
Business Money Manager		<u>£1,090.96</u>
		<u>£11,952.79</u>
		<u>£13,043.75</u>

Less unpresented cheques

£0.00

Escrick Village Hall	Room hire November	£10.00
Escrick Park Estate	Playing Field Rent	£10.00
Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire January	£10.00
YLCA	Clerk's Advert Fee YLCA	£15.00
		<u>£45.00</u>

Difference

£45.00

£12,998.7

5

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14. Planning

14.1. DIWI/2015/1367 HPA 1 Saddlers Walk - amended plans

Cllr Luscombe reported that the planning group had reviewed the revised plans and had no comment to make.

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

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Cllr Luscombe requested a discussion on correspondence and how the Parish Council handles it and what gets uploaded to the website.

Cllr Cunningham reported that there was a street light out at the end of Southlands on Wenlock Drive. In addition, the subject of mud on the road left by the builders was raised and Cllr Casling agreed to speak to highways about it.

Cllr Reader had received two complaints that the Parish Council don't pay enough to the club for the hire of the room. Cllr Reynolds said that it was up to the club to approach the Clerk if they wished to raise the fee for the room hire.

Cllr Coulson wished to thank the Clerk as this was the last meeting she would be in the position.

Cllr Forster asked whether there was any update on the light on Skipwith Road/A19 that was on all the time and the Clerk reported that although an email had been sent to the contractors but no reply had been received.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

4th April 2016 (no meeting in March)

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