Present:

Councillor E Casling (Chair)

Councillor L Coulson

Councillor A Lamont

Councillor J Goode

Councillor J Reader

Councillor B Forster

Councillor M Luscombe

Councillor I Revnolds

Councillor C Morley-Jones

Councillor R Rowson

Councillor S Cunningham

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

3 members of the public

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

None

2. Public Session

No items were raised.

At this point the Chairman requested that a Part II item be added at the end of the meeting to discuss the Bus Shelter. The Chairman will communicate with Mr and Mrs O'Donohoe on the subject after the Parish Council has debated the issue. This was agreed by the members.

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

3.1. 7th December 2015

One or two minor amendments were requested: Cllr Coulson asked for item 8.4 (first paragraph) to be amended to read "These measures would be in place within 4-8 weeks, with the exception of the rumble strips which would be put down after the winter..."

Cllr Luscombe asked for the second paragraph of 8.4 to be amended to correct the mention of the Village Green committee to "Village Hall committee" and to add "Parish Council" in front of the word "members" in the same paragraph.

RESOLVED: Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2015 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

3.2. 14th December 2015 Finance and Admin

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2015 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To receive correspondence

The Clerk reported that the loan application approval had been received which meant that the Parish Council was now in a position to apply for a loan for the Street Lighting. It was agreed that a Finance and Admin meeting would be arranged to progress this.

An email had been received from YLCA about the Queen's Birthday Beacons. It was agreed that this would go onn the next agenda.

The Clerk advised of an email regarding changes to the External Audit regime which was noted.

An email had been received requesting some photographs by Jonathan Bell who was working for an estate agent who was putting together an information sheet about the York area. It was agreed that as the photographs on the website were the property of Cllr Rowson, the email should be forwarded to him.

Mr Hardy had sent an email to be distributed around the council members by the Clerk regarding the funds raised by the 10K committee. Cllr Rowson was involved in the 10K organisation and it was felt that this should be a discussion outside of the Parish Council meeting.

5. To discuss the Precept for 2016/17

RESOLVED: That the precept be left the same, £14000, was proposed, seconded and approved.

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

Email to Deighton Parish Council regarding yellow lines and litter bins at Subway - Deighton PC have not yet had another meeting so there was no update.

Email to Highways regarding a temporary crossing on the A19 - a reply had been received but Highways felt that this issue had already been discussed and ruled out several years ago. Cllr Forster expressed concerns because the volume of traffic had increased since then but it was felt that the main reason was cost and that any potential traffic calming measures may actually cause more problems. The members discussed the matter and it was felt that unless the Parish Council raised the money themselves, which could be quite costly at around £100K, there was not much that could be done.

The Clerk had emailed about the street light on A19/Skipwith Road being permanently on but no response had been received.

The Clerk reported that three applicants had requested application forms. None had been received back yet but the deadline was 15th January.

The insurance company had agreed to insure the defibrillator and cabinet to the sum of £2000, for an increase in premium of £9.12. This would be deferred until the next renewal, October 2016 or issue a new schedule for £25 + IPT (tax). It was agreed to leave until October.

7. To receive Reports

7.1. Police

Cllr Reader reported that there had been more door-to-door traders in the area and that anyone experiencing this should call 101 or Trading Standards. It was agreed that this should be put in the Parish Magazine.

7.2. County Council

Cllr Casling reported that a meeting was coming up to discuss Fracking in North Yorkshire.

7.3. District Council

Nothing to report.

8. To receive an update on the Accounts

8.1. Receipts

Interest £2.55

8.2. Accounts for Payment

L Reader	Salary January	£134.66
HMRC	Tax/NI January	£33.67
nPower	Festive Lighting	£79.20
Escrick Park Estate	Playing Field Rent	£10.00
Escrick & Deighton		
Club	Room Hire January	£10.00
YLCA	Clerk's Advert Fee YLCA	£15.00
		£282.53

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

Bank Reconciliation at 11th January 2016							
Balance brought forward at 7th December 2015							
Add Receipts for Month	Interest	£2.55					
		£2.55	£15,741.03				
Less Payments for Period							
	Richard Rowson	Email and domain hosting	£105.75				
	Grass cutting 2015 Escrick & Deighton Club	Tru-green	£2,112.00				
		Room hire September	£10.00				
	L Reader	Salary December	£134.66				
	HMRC	Tax/NI October	£33.67				
	HMRC	Tax/NI November	£33.67				
	HMRC	Tax/NI December	£33.67				
			£2,463.42				
Balance at bank and in hand at 10th January 2016							
Community Account			£324.82				
Business Money Manager			£12,952.79				
			£13,277.61				
Less unpresented cheques					£0.00		
	Escrick Village Hall	Room hire November	£10.00				
			£10.00				
	Difference		£10.00				
					£13,267.61		
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9. Planning

9.1. 2015/1367/HPA Proposed single storey extension to side following demolition of existing conservatory and conversion of roof space to form first floor living accommodation

An amendment had been received by the Clerk. The planning group was again delegated to deal with this.

9.2. 2015/1211/FUL Proposed installation of windows into east and south elevations and enlarging personnel door and insertion of mezzanine floor

Granted

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

Cllr Reader had received two complaints about a woman riding a bicycle on the footpath. Whilst nobody objected to children riding on the footpaths, it was felt that a notice in the Parish Magazine was required to highlight the issue.

Cllr Coulson asked that the Clerk write to the Estate to thank them for resurfacing the path between Skipwith Road and Main Street.

Cllr Forster reported that he and Cllr Reynolds had walked around the village looking at the streetlights and determining which were covered by overhanging trees. They found 6 issues. It was agreed that residents needed to be made aware of these and requested to rectify the situation. Cllr Forster would let the Clerk have a list and a letter would be sent.

Cllr Goode gave an update on the defibrillator. The Village Hall committee had been approached for funding but had rejected this although fund raising was to go ahead. Due to a complication in the forms, the free defibrillator had been missed. Cllr Casling asked for a quote for the total cost because there may be money left in her locality budget.

Cllr Rowson had been investigating the possibility of getting a bus service through the village. This was still under discussion along with other villages.

An update on the church war memorial restoration work was requested on the next agenda

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

8th February 2016 at 7:30pm at Escrick and Deighton Club

A Finance and Admin meeting date would also be arranged.

RESOLVED: That the Part II item commenced at this point and this was proposed, seconded and approved.