

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 12th May 2014 at 7.30pm held at Escrick and Deighton Social Club**

Present:

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

2 members of the public

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

Councillor S Smowton  
Councillor A Bowman  
Councillor L Coulson

### **2. Public Session**

No members of the public wished to speak.

Later, with the council's permission, one member did speak about the condition of the road surface on the A19.

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

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2014 and the Finance and Admin sub-committee meeting held on 8th May 2014 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED: The Finance and Admin sub-committee's recommendation to pay the External Auditor's invoice was moved, seconded and approved.

RESOLVED: The Finance and Admin sub-committee's recommendation to pay the Northern Power Grid Invoice for the street light at Alleyway house was moved, seconded and approved. It was also agreed that after the invoice was paid, the Clerk would raise the subject of getting the lamp lowered slightly as it is too high.

RESOLVED: The Finance and Admin sub-committee's recommendation to appoint Mrs Pam Harrison as the Internal Auditor for 2014 was moved, seconded and approved.

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

A letter from Queen Margaret's School was read out which informed the members that the current Headmaster would be stepping down at the end of the summer term. This was noted.

The Clerk had received a survey to complete from Selby District Council about Services in the Parish. This was noted.

The Clerk had received a form from YLCA along with the invoice for membership which the members were required to acknowledge. The members agreed that the Clerk should reply and confirm that they all acknowledge the information contained within the form.

YLCA had sent a form and some information regarding applying for a loan for the Street Light replacement that had previously been discussed. It was decided that this should go to the next Finance and Admin sub-committee meeting for further discussion.

The Clerk mentioned a letter advising of a price increase from nPower to a Standing Charge of £5.50 per month and a Unit Rate of 15.16p per kWh. This was noted.

### **5. To Receive an Update from Gary Lumb**

The following was received by the Clerk from Gary Lumb:

I have spoken to the County's signal engineer who has informed me that the cost of installing traffic signals at the junction, which will include a pedestrian crossing phase, will be in the region of £100,000. The cost of replacing

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the existing centre refuge for a signalised crossing is estimated at £55,000. However he has said due to the lack of pedestrian 'footfall' it is unlikely that a signalised crossing could be justified.

The only option possible, with some widening of the carriageway, is to install traffic signals at the junction to include a pedestrian crossing phase.

This was noted.

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

#### **6.1. Meeting with Queen Margaret's School regarding access through the iron gates**

Councillor Forster reported that he and Councillor Coulson had been trying to arrange a mutually convenient time and date but had not yet managed to do this.

#### **6.2. Letter to the Estate office regarding the Motorcycle Rally**

An email had been received from the Helen Pentith regarding the music at the motorcycle rally. It stated that they would pass on our concerns.

Councillor Reynolds commented that last year the music definitely went on well after midnight on both nights and this needed to be reported back to the Estate Office. The Clerk agreed to do this.

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

The Clerk agreed to contact Sharon Fox and request this.

#### **6.4. Update on request for weeds to be treated on Skipwith Road**

The Clerk had contacted TruGreen and the weeds had already been treated.

#### **6.5. Update on the Duck Sign on Main Street/Carr Lane**

Sign to be checked again by NYCC.

#### **6.6. Update on the letter to Escrick Primary School regarding the path to the playing fields**

The Clerk had received a reply from the school saying that they would replace the fence.

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

RESOLVED: That some bulbs be purchased and planted by Councillor Reader was moved, seconded and approved.

### **7. To Receive an Update on the External Audit**

This had been discussed in the earlier section when the Admin and Finance Minutes had been approved and the payment of the Invoice had been agreed.

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 Police**

The Clerk brought two Police notices to the attention of the Parish Council. One relating to a Blue Peugeot 306 R386 TRA towing a red trailer whose occupants are suspected of metal thefts across the Selby area. Resident were asked to contact NYP on 101 if they see anything suspicious. The other was an A4 sheet which the Clerk agreed to put on the website under Notices.

### **8.2 County Councillor**

Escrick Environmental Services operate the site at Riccall Brickworks. Concerns had been raised about its operation. The introduction of stone crusher is within its current permission along with there being no limit on the number of loads in and out of the site. The covering of loads depends on the type of material being transported. Further issues were discussed and Cllr Casling will report back.

Cllr Casling is attending a Heritage Lottery Fund information session regarding the monument and bus stop. The grass on the Stillingfleet turnoff has been cut. She is also going to see a CYC planning officer regarding the proposed development north of the village.

### **8.3 District Councillor**

None

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**9. Accounts**

**9.1 Receipts**

None

**9.2 Accounts for Payment**

£32.60	HMRC	May
£130.47	L Reader	Salary May
£10.00	M Luscombe	Photocopying Leaflets
£275.00	YLCA	Annual Membership
£80.55	nPower	Festive Lighting
£10.00	Escrick and Deighton Club	May Room Hire
£1,974.00	Littlejohn	External Audit
£1,348.20	Northern Power Grid	Alleyway House Streetlight

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

**9.3 Statement of Current Balances**

Bank Reconciliation at 12th May 2014

Balance brought forward at 7th April 2014 £5,999.40

Add Receipts for Month	Interest Jan to Mar	£1.10	
	Interest Oct to Dec	£1.42	<u>£2.52</u>
			<u>£6,001.92</u>

Less Payments for Month	Salary March	100661	£130.47
	Salary April	100664	£130.47

£260.94

Balance at bank and in hand at 12th May 2014 £5,740.98

Community Account	£299.60	
Business Money Manager	<u>£5,441.38</u>	
	<u>£5,740.98</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 (Feb)	£10.00
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	HMRC April	£32.60
	Ringway Lighting Services	£98.21

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	<u>£286.63</u>	<u>£5,454.35</u>	<u>£286.63</u>
Difference		<u>£286.63</u>	<u>£5,454.35</u> - <b>£286.63</b>

**10. Planning**

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

The following applications were reviewed by the Planning Working Group and the observation forms submitted to Selby District Council. The assessment forms will be put on the website as soon as possible.

**2014/0380/HPA Garage Loft Conversion, Crispins, 31 Wenlock Drive, Escrick**

This planning application was discussed by the Planning Working party.

The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

**11. Notices of Decision**

None

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

Councillor Forster raised issues about Escrick Environmental Services.

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

The next meeting would be 2nd June 2014 at 7.30pm but it had yet to be decided whether this would be a full council meeting or a Finance and Admin Meeting.