

**MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2011**

PRESENT: Mr Steve Snowton (*chair*); Mr Brian Forster (*vice-chair*);
Mr Peter Skilbeck; Mrs Amy Lamont; Mr Bill Reader; Mrs Lilian Coulson;
Mr John Reader; Mrs Sara Cunningham; Mr Mike Russell; Dr Jon Askham;

APOLOGIES: Mr Charles Forbes Adam

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Confirmed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

POLICE REPORT

On Saturday 2nd April from 13.30pm – 15.30pm at Escrick Village Hall, the police are doing free registration for bicycles.

North Yorkshire Police are looking for new members of neighbourhood watch in Selby district. Contact PCSO Wood 5364 on 01904 669544

The latest Police Report can be found on the web.

<http://maps.police.uk/view/north-yorkshire/selby>

YORKSHIRE WATER

Clerk to remind Tom Phillips from Yorkshire Water for an update before the next meeting. *Action VC*

NORTH SELBY MINE

PPS the PR company have invited the chair to their Liaison Committee and he will reply that he does not want to be on the Committee but would like to be kept informed. *Action SS*

The chair will request a reply from his previous letters. *Action SS*

COMMUTED SUMS

Dr Askham has contacted Selby District Council who have clarified the rules regarding the commuted sums. At the next Playing Fields meetings decisions will be made about what equipment is going to be purchased. It was suggested that clarification should be sought regarding the time limits for applying for the grants. *Action:JA*

ESCRICK PLAYING FIELDS

The 10k run is being held on Sunday 21st August 2011.

ESCRICK VILLAGE GREEN

Two bins are to be put on Village Green and Mr Russell reported that he has quotes for this.

SKIPWITH ROAD LAMP POST

No further communication from Tarmac about this lamp post. Keep on agenda, the Clerk to contact them again. *Action VC*

Cars parked along Skipwith Road are causing a hazard. And accidents have occurred during the past months due to these cars. A note asking car drivers about this hazard to be placed in Parish magazine. *Action VC*

LIGHT NEXT TO THE BLACK BULL

This light has been repaired.

CLEANING LIGHTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

North Yorkshire County Council reported that light columns were cleaned last year and cleaning will next be carried out in the upcoming financial year. Traffic signs are cleaned yearly and their contractor is working in the Selby area and will be in Escrick within the next few weeks.

ROAD MARKINGS OUTSIDE ESCRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

A new sign has been placed in Carr Lane.

PARSONAGE SITE VISIT

A reply from the chair to the Planning Department was sent:

Thank you for your letter dated 2 February 2011 attaching amended plans / roadway alterations (revision c). Escrick Parish Council is concerned that they do not appear to incorporate what we understood had been offered in previous correspondence and supported by ourselves (see below) and it was on that basis that the suggested site visits in December were proposed and agreed.

In particular, we would draw your attention to the letter dated 11 October 2010 from agent Gregory Gray on behalf of the applicant to Mr. Sunter at Selby Council which sets out an offer to provide land within the verge along the lane to the doctor's surgery for the provision of a section of pedestrian footpath to assist pedestrian safety. His letter of 24 August 2010 also sets out an offer for localised widening of the access road between the surgery and the Church. Yet it appears that the revised drawings only show some nominal provision of a pedestrian footpath between the church and the exit to the hotel car park (and this is not

scaled to show whether there is adequate width available all the way to the A19 for a suitable footpath and residual roadway capable of taking the vehicular traffic – including agricultural vehicles, ambulances etc). Neither is the design of the A19 access junction with the lane shown at a suitable scale to indicate whether there is unrestricted access and egress available for all vehicles). And also most importantly for the Parish Council, and something that we have repeatedly advised the applicant of, the visibility of vehicles leaving the hotel car park as they turn right and enter the lane is severely restricted by the boiler house and we believe this will be the cause of accidents unless the boiler house is removed. This was agreed in principle with the hotel manager when we met him on-site during the Christmas holidays.

Whilst these comments relate to the southern part of the lane only, we fail to note the provision of any footpath between the doctor's surgery and the hotel car park exit as offered in the above letters. Why was this offered if it was not to be translated into formal proposals? As we showed the hotel manager, this could easily be accommodated by slight widening of the lane – where the ground is to be disturbed in any event by the construction of the new spa building – and a footpath continued all the way up to the surgery, which would greatly assist highways safety.

We therefore object to the current proposals as we still consider that highways safety is unsatisfactory and is currently compromised. We request that the applicant reconsider their position to accommodate the offers previously made and which have subsequently been withdrawn and could so easily be accommodated at nominal cost. If the application is to be determined without these necessary (and previously offered) improvements, then it should be refused.

I would be obliged if you would advise me of any update regarding the application in due course.

MAIN STREET GRITTING

A reply from Selby Highways requesting the up-grading to Priority 3 status of Main Street was received:

Each year, around August/September, any such requests are submitted by each Highways Area office to County Hall for consideration by the Executive Members and a decision made, which will be notified to you in due course.

CONDITION OF A19

A reply from Selby Highways:

The problems on the A19 through the village are the effects of subsidence of the sub grade below the carriageway construction. It is our opinion that this relates to numerous failures of the water mains between Carr Lane and Skipwith Road, and Main Street, which has resulted in the backfill to water main and public sewers trenches being washed out, creating small voids below the road resulting in the

depressions in the surface layer. There are several these areas on the A19 through the Village over these services that have been effected.

We will be undertaking trial holes in March to confirm our opinion, before we can consider undertaking any permanent reinstatement works.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts are in credit

A/c No 1	£3581.95
A/c No 2	£2237.06
Agreed to pay:	
Green Vale Gardens	£174.51
Broadband February and March 2011	£28.58
Postage	£7.68
Mrs V Cumberland – salary	£2039.60
Tarmac Lighting	£420.84

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/10/194C/PA - farm shop and café with associated parking and servicing amenity and surface water alteration drainage ponds. Children's play area, farming pens and amenity planning at Hollicarrs Holiday Park, Riccall Road, Escrick - no objections

Appeal to be held on the application by Mr Luscombe with regards to the site at Carr Lane Escrick, to be held in Bristol later this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Arriva have written with details of cuts to their 415 Selby to York service and amongst these is the withdrawal of buses coming into the village which will not be stopping at Escrick bus shelter in Main Street. A reply objecting to this decision was sent from the Parish Council and the chair asked Nigel Adams MP, the Chair of Governors at Escrick Primary School and the Headmaster of Queen Margaret's School to contact Arriva direct objecting to this withdrawal. A petition has been started in the village asking for support. This petition to be sent to Arriva later this week and Nigel Adams has asked to be kept informed when this petition is sent. A reply from Arriva has been received stating that they are having to tailor their services to protect the long term viability of the depot in Selby and they are reducing their driver levels to cut operational costs. Amongst their cut backs on this service the 415 service will no longer be going along Broadway and to York Railway Station. There will also be a reduced service to the Designer Outlet. A full list is available on their website, www.arribus.co.uk, where the public can air their views on these cut backs. The clerk to place a notice in the parish magazine requesting residents to go onto Arriva's website and object to this withdrawal of service. *ActionVC*

City of York wrote about a planning application by Mr Peter Skilbeck for 11kw

wind turbine (18m mast, 13m blade diameter, 24.5m to tip) at Crabtree New Farm York Road Deighton.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Bill Reader reported that the leaves outside the church on the A19 have only just been cleared after it was first reported on 9th December 2010.

Mr Bill Reader requested that a notice in the parish magazine about the tree planted to commemorate his fifty years on the Parish Council which has been damaged. The meeting requested the word "local" be removed as the perpetrator is not known. *ActionVC*

There is to be an election on Thursday 5th May 2011 and all councillors have to be re-elected. The final date for nomination papers is noon on Monday 4th April 2011. The clerk has arranged for the electoral office in Selby to send each councillor a nomination form.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.30pm in Escrick & Deighton Social Club