

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN ESCRICK VILLAGE CLUB ON MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2018

Chairman: Cllr R Rowson

Clerk/RFO: Mrs H Guest, 40 Linden Way, Thorpe Willoughby, YO8 9ND

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Part 1

18127: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Cllrs Rowson, Forster, Coulson, Moran, Cunningham, Luscombe, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.
- b. **Apologies:** Council received apologies from Cllr Rees. Reason for absence approved.
- c. All present are requested to sign the Attendance book.

18128: Interests: Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. Cllr Forster declared a potential interest as a neighbour to the planning application at 1 Church Cottages. It was agreed that the agenda item did not relate to a disclosable pecuniary interest, or other interest as defined in the Council's code of conduct, and therefore Cllr Forster was allowed to partake in discussions about the item.

18129: Welcome: Chair welcomed Councillors, Clerk and visitors to the meeting.

18130: Minutes

- a. It was resolved to accept Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd September 2018.
- b. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

18131: Council received comments on agenda items or other questions/comments from electors present. Items received ahead of the meeting:

1. Letter received reiterating traffic related comments made at the last meeting, but with more detail. This included consideration of a by-pass around Escrick, problems with parking at the primary school at the start and end of the school day and the change of bus route from Main Street onto the A19, which means people have to cross the A19 to travel north.

Items received during the meeting:

2. A resident commented that the passage between Carrs Meadow and the school gates is overgrown and there is moss growing on the path as a result. He asked whether this can be cut back. Cllr Rowson to deal.

18132: Reports received from:

- a) County Councillor - None.
- b) District Councillor - None, however, Cllr Rowson reported that he is still trying to find out whether SDC are supposed to sweep pavements and spray weeds, but has had no response from SDC as yet.
- c) Police:
 1. Various items received via the Community Messaging Service. Residents recommended to register with this service to obtain Police updates:
<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org/>

2. Appointment based surgeries with Julia Mulligan to be held on Tuesday 13th November. Noted.

d) Other - None.

18133: Planning: Comments resolved on the following:

1. Applications:

a. 2018/1140/HPA - Extension to create new bedroom at the Almshouses, 59 Main Street, Escrick. (Extension of time for comments granted until 9th November). No objections subject to neighbour issues and conservation area. PWG to draft response for Clerk to send.

b. 2018/1186/HPA - Erection of first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at Bridge House, 12 Carr Lane, Escrick. No objection in principle, neighbour comments to be noted.

c. 2018/0703/HPA - Two storey side extension and dropped kerb at 1 Church Cottages, Main Street, Escrick - reconsultation due to additional documentation and amended plan and therefore short deadline (8th November). PWG to draft comments objecting to the resubmitted application on the grounds that there is still insufficient parking and turning space within the curtilage of the property.

2. Decisions:

a. 2018/0959/HPA - Two storey side extension and single storey annex extension following demolition of existing garage at 25 The Glade. Approved.

b. 2018/0762/TPO - Dead-wood oak tree by 30% at 9 Woodlands. Approved.

3. Other:

a. NY/2016/0251/FUL - Stillingfleet Mine Waste Sorting Centre: Noted that this application will not now be going to the Planning Committee in November due to a letter of objection from Samuel Smiths Brewery (Tadcaster), which needs to be reviewed.

b. Plasmor Public Exhibition - Proposed clay extraction exhibition to be held at the Old Brick and Tile Works on Saturday 17th November between 10am and 4pm. Hard copies to put onto notice boards and other public spaces. Noted.

18134: RFO to report on closing balances and recent payments.

a) **Account balances**

1. Current account balance as at 31st October 2018 £9,833.97

2. Savings account balance as at 31st October 2018 £19,354.53

Note transfer of £10,000 from savings account to current account.

b) **Payments made since last meeting under Clerk's delegated powers**

1. PWLB (lighting loan, direct debit) £1,467.74

c) **Payments to be made**

1. Planet C Services Ltd (grass cutting) £2,664.00

2. John Lancaster (reimburse VG picnic tables) £1,577.04

3. Escrick Developments Ltd (VG pond renovation) £1,259.71

4. MatsGrids (VG matting) £74.00

5. Branches Out (tree surgery) £925.00

(Noted that the PFA and VGA will be donating towards the cost of tree work in due course).

6. K Moran (reimburse grit for bins) - Note payment made at meeting, not on agenda. £87.48

7. To note payment of Clerk's salary.

d) **Receipts:**

1. S.106 balance from SDC (due w/c 5/11/18)) £302.40

e) **Other:**

1. Preliminary discussion on precept to identify areas of expenditure for 2019/20. Discussion regarding anticipated costs - budget to be discussed at the next meeting. It was resolved to accept the report .

2. Street lighting electricity: Cllr Rowson advised that festive lighting is due to be subject to a high administration fee by NPower and so is looking at other options. It is possible that NYCC may have a festive lighting contract which may be preferable.

3. Wenlock Drive tree request - it was considered whether to procure and plant a tree to replace the twin oaks removed on Wenlock Drive. During discussions, Cllrs were unsure as to whether stump grinding only went to 6" below the surface. A new cherry sapling might cost roughly £100 but planting, etc, might not be possible in that location and might need to be moved by a few feet. It was resolved that Cllr Moran research costs and discuss at next meeting.

4. A waste bin was recently relocated to the layby on the A19 just south of the village, as there wasn't one and rubbish was piling up. It seems to have been damaged in a traffic accident and has been removed (by highways?). It was resolved that Cllr Rowson speak to SDC to see if they will replace the bin.

4. Noted that current grass cutting contractors have gone into administration. Cllr Rowson advised that a previous contractor who operated Tru Green before they sold to Hargreaves said they will pick up existing contracts at current prices. To discuss at a later meeting.

18135: Neighbourhood Plan: Further updates. An ad hoc meeting is to be arranged with Councillors to explain current position and contractor documentation. Cllr Rees has sent an email to SDC to advise that the survey highlighted highways as a main concern. SDC stated that this wasn't really an NDP issue. It was suggested that Cllr Rees investigate whether the free consultancy advice available for ND Plans could be used in this area.

18136: Bus Shelter Lease: No updates.

18137: Highways:

1. Vehicle activated speed sign - Still awaiting for an update from Cllr Musgrave on NYCC policy on Parish Council procurement of VAS.

2. School parking: problems relating to primary school parking - item requested by Cllr Calvert. Cllr Calvert absent - Cllr Rowson explained that his understanding was that there doesn't seem to be excessive issues with illegal parking, but congestion clearly occurs. Cllrs asked whether there be something in place to deal with the parking congestion at school drop-off and pick-up times? Discussions that school car park might be used as a drop-off point, but this wouldn't be possible due to size and it is subject to planning restrictions. Then the possibility that the playing field might be an option, it was felt that access from the A19 was unsuitable. A layby alongside the village green could be another option. Cllrs felt that whilst there was clearly inconvenience from school parking, there were no simple remedies. The best approach was to continue to work with the school to encourage considerate parking. Estimates from the school that approx 50 families from outside the village drop children off by car.

3. A19/Skipwith Road junction proposals. Cllr Rowson informed the Council that NY Highways are carrying out a study at the junction regarding possible traffic light control and pedestrian crossing incorporating the existing right turn into Skipwith Road. Study results awaited. Suggested that NDP consultation used to seek opinions of residents regarding funding opportunities for junction upgrade, with possible grant funding opportunities explored.

18138: Battle's Over: Beacons of Light - Cllr Luscombe advised that Queen Margaret's and primary school pupils to attend and read out poems. There will be hot coffee, mulled wine and hot dogs

available. The pond area will be fenced off. The weather forecast is good. The beacon was made and donated at no cost to the village.

18139: Councillor vacancies

1. The two existing vacancies for Councillors were noted.
2. Due to non-receipt of a Register of Interests form from Cllr Calvert since his co-option on 2nd July 2018 (which is in contravention of s30(1) of the Localism Act 2011), it was resolved that the Clerk seek advice from the monitoring officer as to next steps.

18140: Village Green Minutes - Receipt of the Minutes from the Village Green meeting on 5th September 2018 was noted.

18141: Maintenance Issues: None.

18142: Correspondence received:

- a. News items received by email forwarded to Councillors.
- b. SDC news that Selby is to be one of the start or finish towns for next year's Tour de Yorkshire race.
- c. SDC invite to a fundraising concert to celebrate the Centenary of the end of World War One. The Armistice Centennial concert will be held on 11th November in Tadcaster.
- d. SDC request to complete a village service audit - Clerk to forward this to the Chairman for completion/submission.
- e. Age Uk in Selby District request for a financial donation. Cllrs noted that no money has been set aside for charitable donations at present.
- f. 'Bin it your way' campaign to dispose of chewing gum responsibly.
- g. Eastern CEF consultation on the Community Development Plan - request to complete a survey.
- f. Various advertisements received.

18143: Letters/Emails Sent or Action Taken Since Last Meeting: Nothing additional.

18144: Minor Items (for information only).

18145: Comments from public present on agenda items:

1. A potential tree supplier was suggested.

18146: Items for the next agenda.

1. Cllr Forster offered his resignation from the after serving 28 years as a Parish Councillor. He was thanked for his hard work over these years. Clerk to advise SDC regarding vacancy.

18147: Dates of future meetings were noted (all meetings are to be held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Escrick Club:

2018 - 3rd December.

2019 - 7th January, 4th February, 4th March.

Closure of meeting.

Signed **R Rowson**

Chairman, Escrick Parish Council

Date : 4th February 2019