

**Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm held at Escrick and Deighton Social Club**

Present:

Councillor E Casling (Chair)  
Councillor L Coulson  
Councillor S Cunningham  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor M Luscombe  
Councillor B Forster  
Councillor J Goode  
Councillor I Reynolds  
Councillor A Bowman

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

9 members of the public

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Smowton and Cllr J Reader

**2. \*Public Session**

Three members of the public spoke during the public session. The subjects raised were:

- The availability of draft minutes and other papers prior to meetings.
- The differences in precepts between villages.
- Communication from the parish council and Escrick Voice.
- The current challenges the parish council is facing regarding Freedom of Information requests.

The Chairman closed the Public Session.

**3. Proposed Development at York Road Garage, Escrick, Mr Joseph Richardson**

Mr Joseph Richardson addressed the Parish Council and outlined the plans for the Garage on York Road. He advised that whilst planning permission had already been granted for alterations to the existing shop and petrol station, new plans were likely to be submitted this week to completely change the site. The proposal was to move the shop to the South side of the site, potentially move the garage business to another site and this would involve closing the petrol station and shop whilst the work was ongoing. Mr Richardson confirmed that he had applied to take on the Post Office from the current village shop owners when the work was complete and Trevor had agreed to keep on the Post Office until a new location could be found. Mr Richardson's only concern was the potential By-Pass which would affect his business quite substantially; the Cllr Reynolds advised that it was highly unlikely that this would go ahead. The Chairman thanked Mr Richardson for attending the meeting.

**4. To receive and approve the Minutes of the previous meetings**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2013 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Admin and Finance Sub-Committee held on 14th October 2013 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

**5. To receive Correspondence**

**5.1 Letter from E Hardy re lighting**

A letter from Mr E Hardy, resigning from the Escrick Parish Street Lighting Project was received. Cllr Reynolds asked that it be noted that the Parish Council accepted Mr Hardy's resignation.

**5.2 Email from J Samuel**

A letter from Ms J Samuel was read out in full at the author's request, regarding the conduct of the Chairman at the previous meeting. Cllr Reynolds commented on the letter and proposed a vote of confidence in the Chairman which was seconded and unanimously agreed.

**5.3 Emails from Cllr Lamont and Matthew Roberts re lighting on Main St/Carr Lane junction**

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Emails had been received from both Cllr Lamont and Mr Roberts about the lack of lighting on the Main Street/Carr Lane junction. The Clerk reported that one of the street lights in question, the one on the monument, had now been repaired. The sign above the "duck" sign was still not working and the Clerk agreed to have it repaired.

### 5.4 Email from YLCA re setting precept

YLCA are advising parishes to delay setting their budgets and precept levy until January 2014 due to changes in government legislation.

### 5.5 Letter from SDC re Parish Requirements (Precept)

The Clerk had also received a letter from Selby District Council advising them to return the Precept Notice not later than 7th January 2013.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed to hold an Admin and Finance sub-committee meeting before the next meeting.

### 5.6 Letter re Proposed 40 and 50 mph speed limit, A19 York-Selby Road, Deighton

A letter from City of York Council was read out relating to the proposed speed limit change at Deighton.

## 6. To approve the Planning Group Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Parish Council should accept the document as is with a caveat that this would be reviewed in 6 months time.

## 7. To receive Reports

### 7.1 Police

Mischief and Bonfire Nights]

In the run up to and during Mischief and Bonfire Nights, please be reassured that your Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be out on patrol in the town and surrounding villages ensuring that any anti-social behaviour is kept to a minimum

### 7.2 County Councillor

Nothing to report

### 7.3 District Councillor

Cllr Reynolds reported that the Core Strategy had been confirmed and there would be a call for new development sites. There would also be a review of the Green Belt which would affect all areas, not just Escrick.

### 7.4 Clerk's Timesheet

The Clerk presented her timesheet and it was noted.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk's timesheet would not be presented again until January.

### 7.5 Other

None

## 8. To receive an update on the Accounts

### 8.1 Receipts

None

### 8.2 Accounts for Payment

£10.00	Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire for 04/11
£32.60	HMRC	November
£130.47	L Reader	Salary November
£141.31	L Reader	Repayment for hours over 16 per month (Payment 1)
£35.31	HMRC	Re repayment above
£4080.00	HAGS-SMP	EPFA re new Roundabout

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that all the above should be paid, except for the

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payment for the Roundabout at the playing fields which would be paid providing the invoice was correctly addressed to the Parish Council and the donation from EPFA had been received into the Parish Council's bank account.

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

Bank Reconciliation at 4th November 2013

Balance brought forward at 7th October £11,282.68

Add Receipts for Month  
 £0.00  
£11,282.68

Less Payments for Year  
 £0.00  
£11,282.68

Balance at bank and in hand at 1 Sept 2013

Business Money Manager £9,438.08  
 Community Account £1,844.60  
£11,282.68

Less unrepresented cheques

Northern Power Grid -Lamp Post The Glade £1,169.58  
 nPower - Festive Lighting £79.20  
 Escrick & Deighton Club - Meeting 7/10/13 £10.00  
 HMRC - October £32.60  
 Linda Reader - Salary October £130.47  
 Escrick Park Estate - Village Green Rent £10.00  
 Steve Smowton - Domain name change £12.00  
£1,443.85

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Receipts

None

Accounts for Payment

Escrick & Deighton Club – Room Hire 4/11/13 £10.00  
 HMRC - November (subject to overpayment investigations) £32.60  
 L Reader – November £130.47  
 L Reader – Overtime payment (1) £141.31  
 HMRC – Re overtime above £35.31  
 HAGS-SMP – Re EPFA Roundabout £4,080.00  
£349.69

**9. Planning**

North Selby Mine Site. The Planning Working Group will meet to formulate the Parish Council's continuing objection to this application. Cllr Reynolds agreed to try to get Selby District Council to object to the application. Both district councillors will also object.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council continue to object to the Mine Site Application, proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Planning Working Group, with the Clerk, will draft a response and copy to the rest of the council prior to submitting. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

**9.1 Application Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications**

None

**9.2 Notices of Decision**

8/10/241A/PA Erection of a single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and general internal alterations for 5 Wenlock Drive, Escrick - GRANTED

8/10/83D/PA Erection of a single storey extension to the ancillary accommodation for Sileitat, 3 Skipwith Road, Escrick - GRANTED

**10. Street lighting**

**10.1 Lamp post outside No6 The Glade**

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The bill has been paid now for the making safe of this lamp post. No invoice for the replacement has yet been received.

**10.2 Lamp post outside No19 Main Street**

The Clerk reported that the wooden post has been replaced by Northern Power Grid at no charge to the PC. The Clerk is still awaiting the quote for the reconnection of the electricity supply for this post in order to progress the insurance quote.

**10.3 To discuss the NYCC report on Street Lighting**

Cllr Luscombe had been asked by the Chairman to look at a document received from Phillip Jackson about a scheme to replace all the old street lights with new ones. Cllr Reynolds suggested replacing all of the street lights at once by getting a public works loan and Mr Eric Hardy advised that this would also have the added benefit that North Yorkshire County Council may then adopt the street lights if they were all brought up to standard.

RESOLVED: To set up a Working Group to investigate the options for either replacing or repairing the street lights in the village, including possibly getting a public works loan to replace all the old street lights at once. Cllrs Bowman, Coulson, Cunningham and Luscombe volunteered to form the Working Group. Proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

**11. To receive an update on the PROW Issue**

The Clerk sent a list of minute points relating to the path in question from the Parish Council archives, it was agreed that this would be made available on the website.

As agreed at the last meeting, an Information sheet was sent out by PC at no cost to PC as Cllr Reynolds incurred the costs associated with the printing of the leaflets. The Chairman thanked him for this.

**12. Grass Cutting**

Invitation to tender has been sent to TruGreen, Lewis Tree Surgery and a company called Just Gardens who wrote asking whether they could help us with anything. No replies had yet been received.

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

None

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

Requests for items for inclusion to be sent to the Chairman 7 days before the date of the next meeting

Cllr Bowman raised the issue of some overhanging trees at the Parsonage which were potentially dangerous.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would write to the Parsonage and ask if they could inspect and deal with any that were dangerous or damaged to limit any risk.

Cllr Forster reported that he had seen some work being done on the road near the Parsonage and had approached the workmen about getting the road up to standard.

RESOLVED: The Chairman agreed to write to the Manager again and try arrange a meeting as District Councillor.

Cllr Lamont reported another street light was faulty outside no3 The Glade. The Clerk agreed to deal with this.

Cllr Forster requested that the Emergency List be put on the next agenda.

RESOLVED: The Emergency List would be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr Goode mentioned that an elderly resident had asked about the state of the pavement between Dower Chase and the end of Skipwith Road where it meets the A19. Cllr Casling agreed to check whether this had been addressed and request it to be done if not.

**15. Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd December 2013 at 7.30pm at Escrick and Deighton Club.

**\* The Public Session will be limited to 15 minutes**