

**MINUTES OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2011
IN ESCRICK & DEIGHTON SOCIAL CLUB**

PRESENT: Mr Steve Smowton (*chair*); Mr Brian Forster (*vice-chair*); Mr Mike Russell; Mr Bill Reader; Dr Jon Askham; Mrs Lilian Coulson; Mrs Sara Cunningham
 Mrs Liz Casling *North Yorkshire County Councillor and Selby District Councillor*
 Mr Ian Reynolds *Selby District Councillor*

APOLOGIES: Mr John Reader; Mrs Amy Lamont ; Mr Charles Forbes Adam;
 Mr Peter Skilbeck

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Confirmed as true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

POLICE REPORT

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

The latest Police Report can be found on the web.

The chair welcomed PCSO Adam Wood to the meeting.

He reported there had been no incidents in Escrick over the last thirty days but crime in the district has increased, especially car crime, works vans having tools taken. Two burglaries in The Glade and one in Skipwith Road. An individual has been caught for these two and he has been released and has re-offended in Riccall. Burglaries have been during daylight hours. Poaching campaign still on going. PCSO Wood had no further information about the stolen lead from the church but will update the clerk if he has any further news. Cold callers from *Teesside Helping Hands* have been in the area and most do not have pedlar's licences with reports of abusive behaviour especially to elderly people.

The chair thanked PCSO Adam Wood for attending.

YORKSHIRE WATER

Mr Thomas Phillips of Yorkshire Water replied to the queries raised:

I've been looking into this for some time and can't see recent evidence of problems with the combined sewer on the A19 close the Parsonage hotel.

You've mentioned that the highways department have referred the problem to us but again, I can't see when they have done this.

I have spoken to our network protection team who have nothing further outstanding for the hotel and seem largely happy with what they're doing as regards fat issues. If you have any further information about this, could you let me know? If you could speak to the councillor (s) that have brought this to your attention and refer them to me, it might help get to the bottom of the problem.

Regarding the flooding on Carr Lane; we're still cyclically inspecting the syphon sewer running under Carr Lane and to date, I'm not aware of any further flooding events. It seems that we may have resolved the problem but clearly we'll need a rainfall event to determine how successful this work is being. As I'm unable to attend your meeting on Monday, please could you ask whether anyone is aware of any further problems which might not have been reported to us? We'll continue with this cyclical work even if everyone is largely happy but I'd be interested to know regardless.

In the parish magazine the school had written that they were having drainage work done and this should be of benefit to the village.

The chair to enquire from the school about the exact nature of the work.

Action SS

There has been no sign of flooding recently, despite heavy rain following a dry spell.

Mr Forster asked Mrs Casling about the condition of the road along the A19 outside The Parsonage continuing to be a problem.

Mrs Casling to enquire from North Yorkshire Highways about the drain which is suspected to be collapsed. *Action LC*

NORTH SELBY MINE

Appeal Ref: APP/C2741/C/11/2154734 – Mr E Peat UK Coal Mining Limited.

Notice of the appeal to be held in Escrick Village on Tuesday December 6th 2011 starting at 10am and scheduled to last for two days.

The chair will check that the planning department have received the parish council's comments.

Action SS

It was decided that the Chair will attend the Enquiry, with Brian or Lilian if they are available. The Chair would offer to speak at the Enquiry. Clerk to advise CYC of this.

Action VC

COMMUTED SUMS

Dr Askham reported that £5,760.00 still in the account and he is aware of the closing date for applications.

ESCRICK PLAYING FIELDS

The minutes have been filed with the Parish Council.

Dr Askham reported finances are good due to the 10K run.

Complaints about litter and petty vandalism in the park. Minor vandalism on the benches. The bins are emptied regularly by Selby Environmental Department.

The chair has written to the Head at Queen Margaret's School asking for the girls to be reminded to act responsibly when using the playing fields but no reply has been received.

Community Payback Scheme volunteers came for a four week period and tidied the area satisfactorily. The paddock was strimmed and revealed the original path. Quotes for the path to be re-instated are being sought.

Issues with the Paddock – need for a maintenance schedule to be set up. Dr Askham reported that there are too many trees planted in this area and this was due to more trees being planted in the expectation of failure of growth but this had not been the case.

Safety Checks have been completed and are ongoing.

A proposal is in progress for a basket swing to be purchased with the commuted sums.

The lock is still missing from the gate. Mr Reynolds has a chain and lock with six keys which he will hand over to Dr Askham. The chair thanked Mr Reynolds for this. The clerk to inform Greenvale Gardens about the new lock. *Action VC*

A dead Chestnut tree to be taken down. Any trees thinned out from the Paddock can be planted elsewhere in the playing field. Garden Nurseries will take mature trees down and pay for these trees.

SKIPWITH ROAD LAMP POST

Dr Askham will report to the clerk the number of the lamp post and the clerk will ask the lighting contractors to replace this broken lamp post. *Action JA*

ARRIVA BUS SERVICE 415/416 SELBY – YORK

North Yorkshire Highways replied to the clerk's enquiries:

You will appreciate that from a road safety perspective the County Council would support the use of the lay-bys as there is the central pedestrian refuge that would improve pedestrian safety when crossing the A19.

I have been advised by my Passenger Transport colleagues that Stillingfleet along with 4 other Parish Councils arranged directly with Arriva to provide an evening service on a trial basis after the evening contracted service was withdrawn in April. We understand that they are making some payment to Arriva for this, but we have not been party to the agreement.

Bus services are not licenced as such. The majority of services are operated commercially where the operator can decide the route timetable, fares etc.

The County Council contracts some bus services where there are no commercial services in operation. In these instances the County Council can set the routes and timetables. The bus service contracts in Selby area run until April 2013. However service 415 operates wholly commercially and so is outside of the direct control of the Authority.

I hope this answers the questions your Council has raised. If you wish to discuss the passenger transport operations aspects further I would suggest you contact my colleague Mary Welch in Passenger Transport. Mary is based in Northallerton, if your ring the Area 7 contact number the Customer Services Centre will transfer you to Mary.

Pullman Buses have shown an interest in operating a route from Escrick to York and the clerk to follow this lead. *Action VC*

HEDGE ON CARR LANE

Sharon Fox Area Customer Care Officer for North Yorkshire Highways emailed:

Historically I understand that land registry searches have been made to determine the ownership of the hedge and resolve the maintenance issue. I can confirm, however that NYCC are able to give consent for the Parish Council to take responsibility for the maintenance of this hedge and would be grateful if you confirm that you are in agreement of this by return of email.

It was agreed to accept the quote from Greenvale Gardens for cutting this hedge twice a year at £45 per cut. *Action VC*

NEW DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS

The clerk to chase for answer to change of position during the term. *Action VC*

PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR ESCRICK

The proposed changes are for parliamentary boundaries and Escrick will be part of York Outer. These changes are being proposed so all constituencies in England are equally divided. North Yorkshire constituencies meet the new regulations but nevertheless these new boundaries are being proposed.

No objections were raised to these changes.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A notice about this event has been in the parish magazine.

THE COVERS, MAIN STREET

Email from a local resident:

I wanted the Parish Council to know that Selby District Council's Lead officer for Development Control is of the opinion that the Council should look to enforce the replanting of trees (on The Covers) with heavy standards of an agreed species list. If the Estate do not do this within the specified time scale (before Christmas) then they would retain the option of a prosecution. It was

confirmed that the estate have no intention to develop the site and that they are amenable to replacing trees that were felled.

The Estate asked for a delay three times- hence the very long time it has taken to get this decision.

So it looks as if the damage will be rectified. The Council have undertaken to keep us informed as our property borders with The Covers.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The clerk has had no further contact from North Yorkshire about this. The clerk will continue to make enquiries. *Action VC*

ACCOUNTS

The accounts are in credit

A/c No 1	£4618.24
A/c No 2	£2738.82
Agreed to pay:	
Broadband October/November 2011	£28.58
Escricks & Deighton Social Club	£10.00
Staples – stationary	£70.65

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consent to fell a sycamore tree (t12) within TPO 4/1977 at 21 Dower Chase Escrick – no objections. This work has been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Selby District Council Parish Requirements for 2012/2013.
It was agreed for the precept to remain at £10,00.00

Email from Mr Skilbeck:

I feel I must draw your attention to the fact that in recent weeks we have been witnessing increased incidents which appear dangerous at the junction of Skipwith Rd, A19, and lane end of the Church/Parsonage.

These are both motor, and pedestrian incidents, and feel it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt. More people appear to be crossing the road nearer the Parsonage, and not using the crossing, which results in people meandering across the road all over the place. I know it can't be helped at present the increased lorries on the surgery lane, but they are definitely adding to the risk of mainly elderly people.

I know the problems of this junction have been looked at many times, but I feel that as a Parish council we need to highlight these problems again to protect our residents. Perhaps also a mention in the magazine might help.

The clerk to pass this email to North Yorkshire Highways. *Action VC*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk to purchase chain fence for the fountain. *Action VC*

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th December 2011 at 7.30pm in Escrick & Deighton Club