

**ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011**  
at Escrick & Deighton Club

**PRESENT:** Mr Steve Smowton (*Chair*); Mr Brian Forster; Mr Bill Reader;  
Mr Mike Russell; Mrs Amy Lamont; Mr Peter Skilbeck; Mrs Sara Cunningham;  
Mr Charles Forbes Adam ; Mrs Lilian Coulson ; Mr John Reader; Dr Jon Askham;  
Mrs Liz Casling *North Yorkshire County Councillor and Selby District Councillor*

**APOLOGIES:** Mr Ian Reynolds *Selby District Councillor*

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Confirmed as a true record.

**Selby SHLAA: Call for sites/update information**

**Potential Escrick by-pass**

The chair welcomed Jennifer Hubbard to the meeting.

Mr Forbes Adam declared a prejudicial interest in this proposal and requested to remain as a member of the public during the open part of the meeting. Mr Skilbeck and Mrs Casling both declared a personal interest in this proposal.

*The meeting was declared open and Jennifer Hubbard invited to address the meeting.*

A similar development-funded bypass for Escrick (to be paid for by housing development) had previously been the subject of a public consultation in 2008. An exhibition was hosted by the scheme's proposers and a referendum of the village was carried out by the Parish Council at that time and the proposal has since laid dormant. The proposal did not find favour with Selby Council at that time and was not pursued. Jennifer Hubbard reported that after the exhibition was held many respondents advised her that they supported the concept of a by-pass but not the development to fund it.

Since 2008, work on the Selby Council's LDF has progressed, in particular that relating to housing provision and approach to the Green Belt in the Core Strategy, which has provided the opportune context for the Escrick scheme to be re-visited. The LDF Inspector has advised that there is a need for Selby to find more housing land and a debate about possible locations is ongoing, with Selby issuing a call for sites in certain key potential locations (ie some of the Service Villages). Thus a new submission has been lodged with Selby offering this site to accommodate a large number of houses on a phased basis over the Plan period and beyond. The Core Strategy Inquiry has been suspended for six months for the Council to discuss where the additional housing should be accommodated and a new report is being taken to Council in December. The current settlement hierarchy directs development to the main towns of Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster and then to the Service Villages; at present Escrick is not a designated service village. Should this proposed scheme be allocated, there would be appropriate contributions required to

provide local facilities (such as public open space, expansion of the school, affordable housing, upgrading of drainage and sewerage systems to accommodate the additional flows etc.) in accordance with normal planning requirements, as well as the bypass, subject to viability issues in the usual way.

This scheme has been brought forward for consultation to gauge the public's opinion. This proposal has been sent to York Council as well as Selby, as part of the proposed development land falls within their boundary. The site would need to be allocated within both Selby's and York's LDFs for the bypass (and the accompanying housing land) to be developable in full. It was reported that the East Riding Council has just approved a major housing development in Howden as an enabler to fund a major road and so this proposal is not unusual.

For the scheme to be supported in policy terms, Escrick's place in the settlement hierarchy would need to be amended and re-designated as a Service Village – it is currently a secondary village. Jennifer Hubbard advised that for its level of local services this is unusual and a case is being made to Selby for the village's status to be amended.

The question was raised as to how many houses would be needed to make the bypass viable. The proposed scheme shows this but the 'planning gain' package beyond the bypass would be negotiated at the time of a planning application and cannot be advised at this stage. The development would be built on a phased basis over a long period.

The Chair thanked Jennifer Hubbard for attending the meeting.

*The meeting declared closed and Mr Forbes Adam, having declared a prejudicial interest in this proposal, also left the meeting .*

It was agreed that the 2008 plans and the present plans are mainly similar. Since 2008, the Government has announced that LDFs must be properly evidenced based and have emphasised the importance of Localism in the form of neighbourhood planning and consultation.

Mrs Casling reported that Selby is currently proposing that 450 houses per year should be built. Most of these will be allocated to the main towns of Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster. Most land in Tadcaster is owned by Sam Smith Brewery who prohibit the majority of development from taking place and have advised the Inspector accordingly. Potentially more land could be released within the Plan period in Sherburn but local people are against too much development there. Also other sites can be found in the main Service Villages in accordance with the LDF's settlement hierarchy but there are other development constraints to consider; eg Riccall may have a lot of land but much is in flood zone and must meet sequential tests. Mrs Casling explained the background and justification for Escrick being designated a Secondary Village – i.e. its place in the 'local' settlement hierarchy (relative to Riccall which is larger and has far more services) compared to other more remote villages which have far fewer facilities in an area as a whole. She believes that there is no justification for Escrick to be redesignated within the settlement hierarchy.

North Yorkshire County Council state that there is no highways justification for a bypass for Escrick being built. Thus the lack of a proposal is not financially led.

The 2008 survey undertaken by the Parish Council showed that 90% of the Parish were against the proposal and, of the 10% that supported it, most of these were directly affected by the proposal (ie they had a direct interest in it or lived adjacent to the current A19) . The present proposal is substantially the same as was then put forward, so it was agreed that the Parish Council would retain its objection to the proposal. It was also agreed that no action is required at this stage and that the Council would monitor LDF progress for any appropriate consultation responses required. Mrs Casling agreed to keep the Parish Council aware of any progress with the LDF in Selby and York as required.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

### **POLICE REPORT**

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

The latest Police Report can be found on the web.

Police issued a statement about the burglary in Wenlock Drive and the amount stolen and the residents were not pleased that the very large amount and the road were included in the press release.

Mrs Casling spoke to Chief Superintendent in the Communications Department at the Police Headquarters at Newby Whisk. She was informed that the press releases usually contain the name of the street and amount taken as this helps with the resolution of the crime and the victims of this crime gave permission for their location and amounts taken. A Crime Prevention team are willing to come to the village and talk to any residents and notice about this has been placed in the Parish magazine.

A man purporting to be a representative of Lloyds Bank has been seen in the village asking for credit card details. A notice is being placed in the magazine.

The national non-emergency number 101 is coming to North Yorkshire Police on 12 December 2011 and will replace the 0845 6060247 number. While 999 is a well-recognised number used to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that only 54% of the public knew how to contact their local police if they wanted to talk to them about policing, crime or anti-social behaviour.

The introduction of the 101 number will offer the public one easy way to contact their local police force.

The benefits of this new number include:

Calls from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long you are on the phone.

101 is available 24 hours a day

When you call 101, you will be able to speak to the force control room via the automated switchboard. When you call 101, we will act on the information we receive. Calling 101 will not result in your call receiving a lower priority than if you had called 999 about a non-emergency issue.

For those callers who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, the service can be accessed via textphone on 18001 101

This is to be placed in the parish magazine. *Action VC*

## **YORKSHIRE WATER**

Mr John Reader reported that along Skipwith Road where the tank and access chamber has been replaced, an unpleasant smell has now occurred at the connection. The contractors have been back to rectify the problem but the smell still continues which the contractors believe may come from the old septic tank. The contact for the subcontractors is Chris Wilcocks, who is the Engineer at Bentleys. His contact detail is 07896 445899.

The Chair contacted the Headteacher at the primary school who reported that Yorkshire Water have had a large overflow tank installed which hopefully will keep the flooding away from the school.

Mrs Casling contacted Yorkshire Water about the problems outside the The Parsonage on the A19 and they have taken legal advice and advised that they have no responsibility or liability. Request for Environment Information has been made to Yorkshire Water Authority on 14 November 2011 for copies of investigation (CCTV), fault report information, repairs documentation and criteria for replacement apparatus. This will then be passed to Legal for advice. It was agreed that no further action will be taken on this subject by the Parish Council as we have exhausted all possible avenues.

## **NORTH SELBY MINE**

Notification was received from the City of York the appeal by Mr E Peat of UK Coal Mining Limited for the site at North Selby Mine New Road to North Selby Mine Wheldrake York YO19 6EZ has been postponed for six months. A new scheme for this site is likely to be proposed.

## **ESCRICK PLAYING FIELDS**

Dr Askham reported that the Annual General Meeting was held in November. The elected members remain and the finances are healthy. A quote for re-laying the path in the Paddock of £6,500.00 has been received. Bins are being emptied on a regular basis. Gate locked and keys to be handed out. Maintenance of the Paddock area was discussed and the Probation Services are keen to continue coming to this area in future.

## **SKIPWITH ROAD LAMP POST**

A quote was received from Balfour Beatty of £1,200.40 and have requested the work be completed before the end of our financial year end. Clerk to chase for a firm date.  
*Action VC*

## **ARRIVA BUS SERVICE 415/416 SELBY – YORK**

There has been a discussion between Passenger transport and Arriva about moving the bus stop on the A19 to the location outside the Shangthai Restaurant and the ultimate decision rests with Arriva. The parish council will not support this move, if Arriva and Passenger Transport are in agreement then we may have to report to the Area Committee for members to approve.

## **NEW DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS**

A document entitled “*Notification by member of a Local Authority of Change to Registered Financial and Other Interests*” needs to be completed if any Councillor has a change of circumstances during their time in office. The clerk has copies of these forms.

*Mrs Coulson took a copy to complete.*

## **DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

There will be a fund raising event in March for the events in June being organised by the Diamond Jubilee Committee. A notice is being placed in the parish magazine.

## **THE COVERS, MAIN STREET**

The Estate have submitted a plan to SDC to plant a variety of trees, mainly fruit trees and evergreens, as replacements for the trees removed earlier in the year. They are awaiting approval or comments from them.

## **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

The clerk had a meeting with Jenny Brookes Team Leader, Central Area from Sherburn Library and Customer Services Centre and she approved the location of the book shelf in Escrick & Deighton Social Club. One hundred books to be held in the Library and books will be renewed every three months. Library to be open every three weeks on a Thursday morning from 9.45 – 10.15am. There are three volunteers who will man this library. A list of dates will be available when the scheme starts.

The clerk is awaiting a form to fill in regarding the type of stock and any further details about any charges there may or may not be for audio stock.

## **CHAIN FENCE**

The clerk purchased some chain fencing and put this in place.

## **ACCOUNTS**

The accounts are in credit

A/c No 1	£4618.24
A/c No 2	£2738.82
It was agreed to pay:	
Broadband December 2011	£16.74
Escrick & Deighton Social Club	£10.00
Postage	£8.64
Society of Local Council Clerks	£61.00
B & Q – chain link fencing	£27.90
Photo copying	£2.00
Greenvale Gardens	£180.00
Casling Home Services (bus shelter)	£132.00

It was agreed that the Society of Local Council Clerks not to be renewed next year.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**14 Wenlock Drive Escrick.** Proposed demolition of existing double garage and UPVC conservatory. Erection of 2 storey side extension to comprise double garage utility room master suite and single story garden room to rear and associated works. - *no objections*

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Bill Reader reported that vehicles parked on the footpath obstructing access for wheelchairs and push chairs. The Clerk will place this in the parish magazine and report this to the police. *Action VC*

Clerk to place notice about branches obstructing lights. Request residents trim these back. *Action VC*

Mr Bill Reader reported the light opposite Old Police Station on Skipwith Road is out. *Action VC*

Mr Forbes Adam going to plant a hawthorn hedge around the sub station on Carr Lane. He repeated his disappointment from the previous meeting that the memorial is still a mess.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm in Escrick & Deighton Club**