ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 19th March 2012

at Escrick & Deighton Club

PRESENT: Mr Steve Smowton (*Chair*); Mr Brian Forster; Mr Peter Skilbeck; Mrs Sara Cunningham; Mrs Lilian Coulson; Mr Bill Reader; Mr John Reader; Mr Mike Russell; Mrs Amy Lamont

Mrs Liz Casling North Yorkshire County Councillor and Selby District Councillor

APOLOGIES: Mr Charles Forbes Adam; Dr Jon Askham; Mr Ian Reynolds *Selby District Councillor*

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Confirmed as a true record

POLICE REPORT

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

The latest Police Report can be found on the web.

The Police sent a message out on the number of scams operating whereby a call is received purporting to be from a Microsoft Support Centre (or other supplier). The calls tend to originate from an Indian based call centre and the caller suggests they are calling to resolve some technical issues that they have identified with your computer and requests the user to follow steps to resolve the problem. These steps are designed to install malicious software/viruses which will enable personal information to be gathered from the computer, or to in some way illicit some form of unnecessary payment. If you receive such a call under no circumstances should you provide any personal information to the caller, neither should you follow any of the steps they ask you to, no matter how insistent they are. Microsoft and other such companies do not make unsolicited calls. There have also been occasions where employees in certain companies have effectively been targeted by callers purporting to be from the IS Department or equivalent and asking for personal information or passwords. Under no circumstances should such information be provided. If you receive such a call, please hang up immediately and do not provide any information. Please ensure you remain vigilant.

YORKSHIRE WATER

Mr Forster has spoken to North Yorkshire Highways and they are awaiting the results of a scan of the A19 outside the Parsonage Hotel.

REQUEST TO RE-PATCH THIS AREA OF THE A19

The clerk has requested John Hodgson to re-patch this area. Action LC

NORTH SELBY MINE

Still awaiting further correspondence on this application.

ESCRICK PLAYING FIELDS

They have been given permission from the Estate office to arrange the 10K run on 19th August 2012.

Clerk to request Dr Askham for an update. Action VC

Clerk to ask Selby Environment if they can remove the rubbish at the bottom of the playing fields near to the A19 gate. *Action VC*

Chair to speak to EPFA about plans for the paddock area path. Action: SS

ARRIVA BUS SERVICE 415/416 SELBY - YORK

Mr John Laking, Policy Development Manager, Integrated Passenger Transport at North Yorkshire County Council replied to a resident's query about the return of the Arrive 415 service through the village:

The decisions about the routing for the service 415 through Escrick rests ultimately with the bus operator, Arriva in this case. That service is operated commercially ie without any financial support from NYCC, therefore we have no direct control over how it operates, rather we can only persuade and influence.

When the issue was first raised, I discussed the matter with colleagues who are more directly involved in the operational aspects of public transport, and they in turn raised the issue with Arriva. We were advised that the routing change was in order to improve reliability and punctuality of the service which Arriva felt were compromised because of the difficulties of the right turn movements onto the A19. Arriva were also asked whether and at what price they would be willing to operate through the village, but responded that unfortunately cost wasn't a primary factor, and were not able to restore the section of route. I have subsequently discussed the issue with Arriva at a recent meeting (9 January 2012) I had with Stuart Bear, Commercial Manager, where we also looked at alternatives, such as one of the three buses per hour diverting via the village, or a divert on request arrangements, but unfortunately he confirmed the reason for changing the route and was not able to alter the decision at this time.

You may be aware that we are about to commence our Area Review process for Selby district, and as part of this we will consult with parish councils and local groups on the bus services in the area. The consultation period will be for twelve weeks from early April, with tenders for services being issued in the late summer, and new contracts to be awarded towards the end of this year to commence mid April 2013. Please ensure that Escrick Parish Council are aware of this issue, and include it in their response to the consultation. I will pass your email to my colleague Chris Roberts, (Public Transport, Team Leader) to take into consideration during the Selby Review.

I understand your desire to have the bus service serve the village and am frustrated that it hasn't been possible to achieve this to date. We will continue to raise the matter with Arriva, and encourage them, if circumstances change, to include Escrick village on the service.

Clerk to contact North Yorkshire County Council early April Action VC

THE COVERS, MAIN STREET

Jean Gaskin of *Nor Riddings* informed the Parish Council that about seven trees were planted this week. She is disappointed at this small amount and awaits a response to a request under the freedom of information act as to who made the decision to go with such a paltry replacement.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

This library is going to be located at the Club beginning on Thursday 29th March and will be available every three weeks on Thursdays from 10.15 – 10.45am. A notice has in been placed in the parish magazine.

PATH OUTSIDE NO 33 SKIPWITH ROAD FLOODS

Mrs Casling awaiting a response.

ROADWAY FROM THE PARSONAGE

Craig Pickup, General Manager of the Parsonage replied to the clerk's request about this roadway and said he had been informed by the proprietor that one will be built, once the heavy building work has been completed.

EMERGENCY LIST

An updated list has been sent to all councillors with the minutes of the previous meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD

The clerk has instructed a joiner to carry out works on this notice board and the estimated cost will be £57.00.

HEDGE TO BE RE-CUT ON CARR LANE

This has been re-cut satisfactorily.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts are in credit	
A/c No 1	£2988.73
A/c No 2	£2739.46
It was agreed to pay:	
Broadband January/February 2012	£28.72
Escrick & Deighton Social Club	£10.00
Greenvale	£360.00
YLCA SUBS	£279.00
Balfour Beatty	£130.97
Clerk salary and expenses	£2099.60

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/10/24CF/PA two storey extension to increase staff accommodation to the dormitory building Queen Margaret's School Escrick Park Gardens Escrick

No objections to the proposal but we have made the applicant aware that residents to the rear of proposed building would not like the trees in the area to be cut down or damaged in the development and if so replaced as they provide them with privacy to the rear of their properties.

8/10/838/PA conversion of summer house to dwelling Sileitat 3 Skipwith Road Escrick – no objections. After my discussion with Claire Richards on 13th February 2012, it was agreed that new condition would be applied to the dwelling in that it would only be

able to be sold as an ancillary building to the main house at any future date. Could Claire Richards please confirm that the above condition would be applied to this application.

8/10/160C/PA carry out works to willow tree (T14) of TPO 1/1993

The Birches 29 The Glade Escrick no objections

8/10/124F/PA proposed single storey rear extension

2 Saddlers Walk Escrick no objections

CORRESPONDENCE

Balfour Beatty emailed to say that they have lost the contract for lighting and as from 1st April all lighting enquiries to Ringway. Any enquiries relating to new column installations or any other enquiry received after this date must be directed in the first instance to Paul Gilmore at North Yorkshire County Council at the following e-mail address: paul.gilmore@northyorks.gov.uk.

Mrs Casling received an email from Paul Shepherd of North Yorkshire Highways about the speed on the A19 through Escrick:

I am aware that you have had a number of constituents approach you re excessive vehicle speeds on the A19, with some raising concerns that the VAS's are not effective.

The '95 Alive' Partnership had a request under the speed management protocol for similar concerns related to excessive vehicle speeds in the vicinity south of the Parsonage Hotel. The Partnership arranged for a speed survey to be undertaken outside the property know as 'Chalfont'.

The mean speed recorded was 34mph and the 85%ile speed was 39mph. Compared with the speeds recorded at the same location prior to the installation of the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) this is a 2mph reduction in both the mean speed and the 85%ile speed.

In traffic management and road safety terms this a significant reduction in vehicle speeds, and indicates that the VAS's are very effective in assisting in the reduction of vehicle speeds on the A19 through the Village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Bill Reader – the footpath along the A19 from the Fountain to Carr Lane junction needs attenion. Clerk to request Selby Environment to clear this area. *Action VC*

Mrs Casling has had requests from residents about purchasing salt bins. Possible location discussed at Carr Meadows near to the electric sub-station. Mrs Casling will enquire about the costs. *Action LC*

Mr Skilbeck would like the rubbish clearing on the lay-by. Action VC

A number of councillors had noticed that a mature chestnut tree had been cut down at Queen Margaret's, but planning request had been seen by the council. Clerk to enquire from the planning department. *Action VC*

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th May 2012 at 7.30pm in Escrick & Deighton Club