

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on **Monday 3rd September 2012**
at Escrick & Deighton Club

PRESENT: Mr Brian Forster (*acting chair*); Mr Mike Russell; Mr Bill Reader;
Mr John Reader; Mrs Sara Cunningham; Mrs Lilian Coulson ;
Mrs Liz Casling *North Yorkshire County Councillor and Selby District Councillor*;
Mr Ian Reynolds *Selby District Councillor*

APOLOGIES: Mr Steve Smowton (*chair*); Mrs Amy Lamont; Mr Peter Skilbeck;

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The section under **conflicts of interest** “ and the clerk to write to Mr Forbes Adam apologising with good intentions.” was inaccurate and to be taken out of the minutes and the remainder of the minutes confirmed as a true record.

SUBJECT: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr John Reader requested confirmation of the Code of Conduct’s advice to councillors who have a Prejudicial interest in any issue being discussed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that after they have declared their interest they should voluntarily leave that part of the meeting as the matter cannot be discussed. Councillors cannot be asked to leave by any member of the council. At the meeting in May a suggestion was made to Mr Forbes Adam that he may wish to leave the meeting.

A letter was sent to Mr Forbes Adam on the 26th June 2012 with inaccurate content and without authorisation, this was withdrawn.

A letter outlining the relevant details from the Code of Conduct which has been drafted by Mr John Reader to Mr Forbes Adam. It was proposed to send this letter by Mr Russell and seconded by Mr John Reader and this was agreed by four councillors and two abstained. Motion was carried and this letter to be sent to Mr Forbes Adam after all the councillors have approved it. The clerk to email this letter to all councillors and replies to be received by Wednesday 12th September 2012. Replies not received by this date will be taken as an agreement to the contents.

Action VC

POLICE REPORT

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

NORTH SELBY MINE

A letter to Councillor Barton from Peel Environmental to questions he raised regarding Peel Environmental’s proposal for the former North Selby mine site was shown at the meeting. There is to be a meeting on Wednesday 5th September at White Rose House Wheldrake.

ESCRICK PLAYING FIELDS

Mr Huw Edwards chair of Escrick Playing Fields Association attended the meeting.

1. Funds as at July are in credit - £8,500.
2. 10k run in August had an extra 120 entrants from last year. Funds raised from this event amounted to £4,500 with £900 raised by the village green committee.
3. New equipment has been installed. A basket swing was installed in August with a weight limit of forty stone. A grant of monies from the section 106 agreement relating to the Old School development has been received which will fund the new equipment.
4. A proposal to put a zip wire and a request for a skate park to be considered.
5. Community payback scheme to return twice this autumn to tidy the paddock and paths. They are going to use regular visits from the community payback scheme to keep this area tidy.
6. The AGM is in October.
7. An invitation to be sent to Mr Forbes Adam to open the swings officially in October.

Mr John Reader noted that improvements have been very noticeable.

The chain on the gate has now been placed so it cannot be moved without unlocking the padlock.

Mr John Reader and Mrs Lamont attended Escrick Playing Field Association meeting and the advice they gave the meeting had been very helpful and they have acted upon their suggestions.

There are problems with unauthorised access from Escrick Park Gardens. This access is only for maintenance use and is being abused with problems of motor bikers parking in the lane to the playing field. Mr John Reader will act as co-ordinator with the Police on this situation. Mr Reynolds is concerned from a safety perspective. Mr Forster to write to Queen Margaret's School as their pupils use this unauthorised entrance. *Action BF*
Notice to be placed in Parish Magazine about this entrance. *Action VC*

PATH OUTSIDE NO 33 SKIPWITH ROAD FLOODS

An update from Mrs Casling still awaited.

DESIGNATED SERVICE VILLAGE STATUS

The hearings of the independent Inspector meeting reconvenes this month on the 5th and 6th. Mr Smowton and Mr Forster to attend. *Action SS/BF*

FOOTPATH A19 FROM THE FOUNTAIN TO CARR LANE JUNCTION

Highways have attended to this area.

LAMP POST CARR LANE

Mr John Reader confirmed this light has been repaired.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Four candidates have applied for the Parish Council vacancy. The candidates to be invited to the next meeting to make a presentation and the councillors to vote which candidate to co-opt on to the Parish Council.

There is now another vacancy on the council. The clerk has placed a two week notice for the second vacancy and the deadline date for applications is 24th September 2012.

WAR MEMORIAL CHURCHYARD

Mrs Cunningham to update. Mr John Reader would like to have an increase in the precept next year to include funds for the Church. It was agreed that this item be put on the agenda for next meeting. *Action VC*

QUEEN MARGARET'S GATES

A letter has been received from the Head teacher about access for residents of the Parish through the gates off Main Street when these gates revert to their original position. The letter stated that access will be restricted and no passes to be given to the public but they will allow the primary school and swimming club access.

Mr Forster to reply. *Action BF*

GARAGE SIGNS

Write to City of York Council to check if the implications of the planning application have been attended to with regard to the IN and OUT signs. *Action VC*

CHAIN LINK AROUND THE FOUNTAIN

The clerk awaiting quote for this area.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts are in credit

A/c No 1	£3275.15
A/c No 2	£4561.56
It was agreed to pay:	
Broadband June, July, August 2012	£51.29
Keys for Playing Field padlock	£8.00
Escrick & Deighton Social Club	£10.00
Npower	£1960.34
Npower	£79.20
Npower	£121.02
Npower	£94.54
Greenvale Gardens	£95.00

Escrick Park Estate rent for village green £10.00

Greenvale Gardens – extra cut £50.00 (*not paid*)

Review if the playing field padlock key has been returned by Greenvale Gardens at next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/18/251/PA change of use of building to group fitness studio with an environmentally friendly approach using non electrical equipment Unit M Escrick Business Park Riccall Road - no objections - SDC permission granted

8/10/157E/PA consent to remove a tree within TPO 4/1977 T1 Sycamore at High Oak 7 Dower Chase Escrick – no objections - SDC permission granted

8/10/167A/PA conversion of single storey front element of house to two storey and single storey extension to rear and internal alterations Fenlands 25 Wenlock Drive Escrick – no objections

8/10/44C/PA proposed erection of a detached dwelling 32 Wenlock Drive Escrick concern was expressed regarding overdevelopment of a garden site. Mr Forster and Mrs Coulson to produce Parish Council's response. Action BF/LC

CORRESPONDENCE

City of York Council are proposing placing 50mph speed limit along the A19 from Gravel Pit Farm Deighton to the 40mph limit at Escrick.

Selby District Council are organising a training session for Councillors on the new Councillor Code of Conduct and the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. There are two dates for training, Tuesday 25 September 2012 at 6.30pm at the Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby and Wednesday 17 October 2012 at 7.30pm at the Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby. The briefing is open to Clerks and Councillors There will be no charge for attending the event or for the training materials, but any refreshments would have to be purchased from the vending machines in the Selby Hospital Café. Names to be given by Wednesday 19 September.

Mr Forbes Adam sent a letter of resignation from the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Mr Bill Reader and seconded by Mr Ian Reynolds that a letter be sent from the chair thanking Mr Forbes Adam for his years of service on the Parish Council.

Action SS

A resident has written on behalf of the residents at Hollicarrs Close, Escrick, YO19 6EF about concerns regarding a vacant property called About Thyme.

Mr Reynolds will attend to this. *Action IR*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Casling reported that North Yorkshire County Council have been allocated a sum of money to repair damaged roads and each county councillor has been given £25,000 for their ward. The A19 outside The Parsonage is to be completely re-surfaced and a section notice to be placed on this road which will make it compulsory for utility services whose work has disturbed the road to re-instate the surface.

Mr Bill Reader reported there are no moles on the village green.

Mr Reynolds together with Nigel Adams MP had a discussion with Arriva about returning through the village of Escrick. Arriva are being very bullish and are refusing to divert their route 415 through Escrick.

Mr Forster reported the nettles on Skipwith Road on the bridge need cutting back. This area belongs to the Estate. Mr John Reader will attend to this. *Action JR*

Ask Highways to cut the grass outside the Parsonage to the Vehicle Activated Sign.
Action VC

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12 November 2012 at 7.30pm in Escrick & Deighton Club