

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2023.

23167: **Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.**

23168: **Co-option of a new councillor.** There has been no interest registered in the vacancy to date.

23169: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr S Allen, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson and Cllr King. Clerk; S Look.
- b. Apologies: Cllr Cunningham and Cllr M Allen.

23170: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

23171: **Odour complaints near the industrial estate:**

- a. Representatives from the Environment Agency attended the meeting to give an explanation into the problems and safeguarding measures that have been taken to address the odour from waste activities associated with Acumen Waste Services Ltd at Escrick Waste Treatment Facility, The Old Brick and Tile Works, Riccall Road, Escrick. The area manager along with the waste regularity specialist answered questions from councillors. There has been several incidences where the operator had not complied with the conditions of their permit which are being addressed. The odour has been caused from unsuitable storage conditions of waste on the site, which is a mixture of residues (fines) from the prior treatment of municipal waste and construction-demolition waste. 40,000 tonnes of waste had been stockpiled on the site over 2022-23 leading to the odour problems. The vast majority of the waste that was producing gas and causing odour on the site has now been removed and the remaining 2000 tonnes will be removed over the next few weeks. The EA received over 200 complaints about the site in July-August but have only received 10 in September. Councillors were assured that management systems and restrictions have been put in place which the EA will monitor. There is also currently an ongoing investigation and the outcome will be published on their website in due course [Escrick Waste Treatment Facility - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](https://www.environment-agency.gov.uk).
- b. No further action to be taken at this stage by the Parish Council. The Environment Agency representatives left the meeting.

23172: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. No public correspondence received.

23173: **Public session:**

- a. No comments from member of the public present.

23174: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. County Councillor Cattanach not present. No report/update received.

23175: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th September 2023.

[Finance and Governance](#)

23176: Finance report:

- a. It was resolved to accept the annual insurance renewal with Clear Councils (formally BHIB) for 2023/24 of £1093.12. Long term agreement in place until 30 September 2024.
- b. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 28 th August 2023:	£3749.40	£26,742.76
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – August salary	As agreed	
	S Look – Clerks July and August expenses	-£106.74	
	D Harris – Annual Defib. electricity	-£20.00	
	Escrick Park Estate– village green annual rent	-£10.00	
	T Chambers – flowerbeds and fountain post paint	-£42.69	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:	Nil	
iv.	Internal Transfer	Nil	
v.	Receipts:	Nil	
vi.	Account balances as at 25 th September 2023:	£3,131.21	£26,742.76
vii.	Uncleared previously authorised payments:	Nil	

- c. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – September salary	As agreed
	S Look – September expenses	-£18.00
	Clear Insurance management Ltd - Insurance	-£1093.12

Resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

23177: Maintenance issues:

- a. An update on maintenance issues given by the Chairman. Cllr S Allen to inspect the footpaths and inform the clerk if they have been cleared by Escrick Park Estate as requested.
- b. Escrick Park Estate confirmed that they will take over maintenance of the area around the Coronation Memorial although they did state the leaf clearance may not be done as frequently as it has previously been done by the Parish Council volunteers.
- c. Cllr Chambers has tried to make contact with the resident at the property near the footpath between Main Street and Carrs Meadow to request that they cut back their foliage which is overhanging onto the footpath. No response to date. Chair to follow up.
- d. North Yorkshire Council reported that the Parish Council owned bin next to the bus stop outside the business park on the A19 is damaged and needs replacing. Cllr Chambers has inspected the bin and cleared the debris from the side and front however the bin requires a new lock. It was resolved to purchase a new lock at a cost of £8 to try and rectify the problem rather than purchasing a brand new bin at a cost of £263.74.
- e. Escrick Village Green committee (EVGA) have confirmed that some of the funds from Escrick 10k will be used to fund a semi-permanent pump installation so that they can pump water from the Beck into the pond as and when required without disruption to passing traffic and pedestrians on Carr Lane. Councillors agreed to make payment to the architect for the plans for this project on behalf of the EVGA.
- f. It was confirmed that new signage has now been installed outside the church to request that vehicles are not parked on the pathways.
- g. Councillors resolved to purchase one set of new Christmas lights and a star on behalf of EVGA.

Playing Field / Play Area

23178: **Playing field update:**

- a. An update on inspections was given by Cllr Fairburn. Nothing to report.
- b. An update was given on Escrick Playing Fields Association committee. Paul Britton is taking over as Chair of the Playing Field Association. A meeting will take place soon with committee members.

Planning

23179: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. ZG2023/0951/TPO. 10 Dower Park, Escrick. Crown reduce by 20% to 1 No Himalayan Birch Tree (T1) protected by TPO 5/1984. For information only. Noted.

23180: **Planning ongoing:**

- a. No further update from Hannah Blackburn in North Yorkshire Council planning department regarding the corporate complaint raised in November 2022 with them in relation to 2022/0357/TCA. Hellings House, 73 Main Street, Escrick - the tree work and 2021/1375/HPA.
- b. ZG2023/0691/HPA. Grove House Skipwith Road. Application to remove existing above ground tank in the front garden. Add a submerged gas tank in the front garden, 3m away from the property, boundary fences and driveways and a minimum of 9m away. Change material on existing hardstanding tarmac driveway detailed as 'existing tarmac driveway' laid October 2021 (part retrospective). The enforcement investigation is now closed now that new plans have been submitted. No further action has been reported. It was resolved that if no further action is taken by December, clerk to follow up with planning.

23181: **Planning determinations:**

- a. No planning determinations received.

23182: **Planning working group:**

- a. ZF2023/0476/FUL. Black Bull, 91 Main Street, Escrick. Conversion of existing double garage into 1 No 2 person house with parking. Councillors noted that a fuel storage tank behind the existing building needs to be taken into consideration by NYC Planning Department, this has been highlighted to them.

23183: **Other planning matters:**

- a. No further update on the local plan from Cllr Cattanach or Martin Grainger. Caroline Skelly reported on 16th September that at present they do not have a specific timescale for the progression of the Local Plan but anticipate that this will be published on the Forward Plan in the coming weeks however no further update has been given to date.
- b. A letter was sent by the Parish Council to Richard Flinton at North Yorkshire Council to express disappointment in the Parish Charter. No response has been received to date. Clerk to follow up.
- c. Affordable Housing Survey to be sent out by North Yorkshire Council in due course without the support of the Parish Council.
- d. Escrick Church have informed the Parish Council that they will be applying for permission to install solar panels on the Baptistry roof. Councillors have no objections to the proposals and support the application.

Other items

23184: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and general correspondence noted.
- b. NYC localities: Communities Partnership briefing noted.
- c. Hedgehog Highway information circulated to councillors. Noted.

23185: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. First Aid training; it was confirmed that the free training will take place on Thursday 19th October at 11am until 1.30pm at Escrick Village Hall.
- b. Factco meeting; it was noted that Factco are hosting a community meeting on Wednesday 11th October 3.30pm until 6.30pm at Escrick & Deighton Club. This meeting will allow residents to speak one-on-one with their team, including FACTCO Managing Director Adrian Marshman and representatives from their build partner, RuralFibre4U.

23186: Items for the next meeting:

- a. It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th November 2023 in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.
- b. Cllr King to give an update on the local community liaison group meeting he attended with Plasmor.

Meeting closed at 20.40hrs.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 6th November 2023