

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council meeting held in Escrick & Deighton Club at 7pm on MONDAY 4th JULY 2022.

22136: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

22137: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr Rees. Various members of the public. District Cllr N Reader (for 22140 only). Clerk; S Look.
- b. Apologies: Cllr J Cattanach.

22138: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

22139: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Request from member of the public for Escrick Parish Council to work together with Wheldrake and Deighton Parish Councils to achieve the formalisation of the right to cycle on the Old Mine Road as a link between Escrick and Wheldrake. Councillors support the idea but would like Deighton Parish Council to take the lead on it as it is not in the Escrick Parish.
- b. Email regarding General Power of Competence and the number of seats Escrick Parish Council has. Deferred to item 22144.
- c. Email regarding the Jubilee garden suggesting paving options. Deferred to item 22154.
- d. Email from a resident regarding a Sycamore tree bordering Escrick Park Gardens. Clerk to get quotes to cut it back. It was noted by a member of the public that some trees within the school grounds are also very large but the school have confirmed that they are regularly inspected.
- e. Email regarding the erection of a boundary wall in a garden on Carrs Meadow. Selby District Council and Escrick Park Estate have also been made aware of this by the resident. Noted by councillors and request to be made that the brick work materials match the surrounding property. Clerk to advise the resident that we recommend they get written clearance from SDC if they decide to proceed without any planning permission from SDC, to avoid any potential future conflict, but that is their decision to make.
- f. Email thanking the Parish Council for the contribution towards the Jubilee celebrations. Noted.

22140: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. District Councillor Reader reported on the funding application that has been approved to contribute towards the electrics upgrade at Escrick & Deighton Club. Cllr Reader also confirmed that he is now an Independent and is no longer a Conservative councillor.
- b. County Councillor Cattanach sent his apologies for the meeting. Cllr Reader left the meeting.

22141: **Public session:**

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

22142: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on 6th June 2022.

Finance and Governance

22143: **Finance report:**

- a. It was resolved to approve the following account balances and reconciliation and accept payments to be made:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as reported at last meeting (as at 29 th May 2022)	£12,972.98	£26,901.92
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – Clerks expenses	-£41.39	
	S Look – clerks May salary	-£	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Gardencare – portable toilets for the Jubilee	-£432.00	
iv.	Receipts:		
v.	Account balances as at 23 rd June 2022:	£11,854.56	£26,901.92
vi.	Uncleared previously authorised payments:		
	Nil		

b. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – Clerks June expenses	-£35.29
	S Look – clerks June salary and 2 hours O/T to be paid in July salary	-£
	HMRC	-£4.80
	T Chambers – noticeboard & flowerbeds	-£49.62

c. Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:

ix.	Fairfax – Roller hire for the playing fields	-£120.00
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Policies & Governance

22144: General power of competence:

- a. Councillors resolved to consider reducing the number of seats on the council next year. To add or reduce seats, there would need to be a Community Governance Review. This is not a quick process (minimum of 6 months) due to consultations needed and the way the review would move through the Council. Clerk to add to the agenda in a year.

Highways

22145: Highways: Skipwith Road

- a. The Village Gateway Scheme has still not progressed. Clerk to chase this up again.

22146: Ongoing highways issues:

- a. The remaining dropped kerbs at Carr Lane/Skipwith Road have now been done.

Maintenance

22147: Maintenance issues:

Clr Chambers gave an update on the maintenance matters that have been done including the village signs, flower boxes and the re-staining of the two notice boards. The fountain post touch up is to be done over the summer. A sign has been put up in the A19 bus stop regarding leaving household rubbish which appears to have worked. The sign to be now removed and kept if required in future.

- a. Cllr Chambers gave an update on repair work to the playground equipment including repairs to the duck rocker and some anti pigeon spikes on the swings. It was also noted that there are weeds/nettles in the cut through opposite the Parsonage to Skipwith Road. Clerk to inform Escrick Park Estate.
- b. Noted damage to one of the railings on the village green fence (Carr Lane side). The Village Green Association are going to sort this out.

Planning

22148: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. No planning applications received to date.

22149: **Planning determinations:**

- a. 2022/0580/TCA: Escrick Park Home Farm Land Off Carr Lane Escrick York Fell 13 No Pine trees and replant with Birch, Holly, Guelder Rose and Hazel in the conservation area. Not permitted.
- b. 2021/1485/HPA: Field View, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Annex ancillary to the host dwelling. Permission granted.
- c. 2022/0430/HPA: 29 The Glade, Escrick. Single storey extension (under existing roof overhang) to south west elevation, pitched roof to replace existing flat roof and erection of single storey detached garage. Permission granted.

22150: **Planning working group**

- a. Clerk has contacted SDC to request an update on planning reference 2021/1375/HPA Grove House, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Placement of gas tank in garden. No response received from SDC to date.
- b. A resident has contacted the Parish Council from 73 Main Street with regards to a proposed TPO by SDC on three trees in their garden. It was agreed that the Parish Council will contact SDC with regards to one Fir tree in the rear garden at the property as councillors do not feel a TPO is appropriate.

22151: **Planning, Neighbourhood Plan:**

- a. Cllr Rees gave an update on the Neighbourhood plan. The independent examiner has now reviewed the document and made some amendment suggestions which have been agreed by the NDP working group. SDC are still reviewing the document. The next step will be the referendum which needs 50% of respondents in favour of adopting the plan. SDC will organise and pay for the referendum.

22152: **Conservation Review:**

- a. Cllr Chambers gave an update on the Conservation Review. Proposed feedback to SDC has been circulated to councillors and it was resolved to submit this.

Other items

22153: **Village shop and pop-up Post Office:**

- a. Cllr Hawes gave an update on investigations into establishing a shop in Escrick & Deighton club. Confirmation that funding of £1250 has been agreed by Cllr Reader. Cllr Hawes to contact Cllr Cattanach to confirm his funding is available for the project. A meeting has taken place with the interested parties and a further meeting to take place with the Chairman of the club committee in order to discuss a potential National Lottery funding application. Awaiting a response from AVS for assistance in the grant application process.
- b. Cllr Rees reported that we are still waiting for BT to install the line in order to get the pop-up post office up and running.

22154: **Queen's Platinum Jubilee:**

- a. Update received on the Jubilee Garden initiative.

- b. Councillors considered whether to assist Escrick Park Estate to appeal the planning application to fell the trees on the land. It was resolved the Parish Council will not be assisting in this process due to further information councillors have received with regards to the condition of the trees and the response from the SDC planning officer confirming that the trees provide a high degree of amenity and are healthy.
- c. Councillors considered leasing the land with the existing trees in situ and taking responsibility for them. It was resolved that the Parish Council do not want to take on responsibility of the trees as this will be a further expense to parishioners due to increased insurance costs and maintenance.
- d. Councillors considered options for the funding awarded. It was resolved to return the funding acquired from the National Lottery that has not been spent.

22155: Black Bull Public House:

- a. No progress on the sale of the Black Bull public house.
- b. It was resolved that Cllr Cunningham will make an application to SDC to register the pub as a community asset.

22156: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose Updates and general correspondence. Noted.

22157: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. No further comments.

22158: Items for the next meeting:

- a. Noted the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th September 2022. Cllr Cunningham gave her apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:45hrs

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 5th September 2022