

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council meeting held in Escrick & Deighton Club at 7pm on MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2022.

22246: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

22247: **Co-option of new councillors:** Daniel King was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Rees has resigned from the Parish Council. Two further vacancies to be advertised.

22248: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr M Allen, Cllr S Allen, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr King, Cllr Tipples. Members of the public. Clerk; S Look. District Cllr N Reader (present for 22252).
- b. Apologies: Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Rees and County Cllr J Cattanach.

22249: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

22250: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Complaint received regarding planning reference 2019/1311/HPA, 32 Wenlock Drive. It was resolved to contact planning enforcement with an objection to the first floor screening that has been erected contrary to the plans that were passed.

22251: **Public session:**

- a. Member of the public addressed the new councillor Cllr King regarding the proposed Heronby development.
- b. Member of the public asked the Parish Council to investigate the potential installation of fibre optic networks in the village and if telegraph poles are proposed as part of that work. Clerk to contact the company who has advertised this service in the village for clarification.

22252: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. District Cllr Reader reported to councillors that he will confirm his stance on the local plan when there is a final document to vote on. Cllr Reader will be putting in a submission favouring brownfield over greenfield development, preferring expansion of existing settlements over new settlements and does not believe the plan requires a new settlement to meet its housing targets. If a new settlement is required, he would prefer use of the original designated site that was purchased for the purpose.
- b. County Councillor Cattanach was not present. Cllr Cattanach confirmed by email that he will be serving on the Sports and Leisure working group. Clerk to request more information on this. He also confirmed that this financial year he has allocated £10,000 NYCC locality budget throughout his area with only one of the eight Parishes not receiving any as they did not request funding.

22253: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on 7th November 2022.

Finance and Governance

22254: **Precept for 2023/24:**

- a. It was resolved to accept the budget and raise the precept to £22,000 mainly due to the rising electricity costs for the Parish Streetlights but also cost increases on core ongoing services such as grass cutting. NYCC have confirmed a rise in the energy costs for this financial year from £692.17 to £1465.42 + admin

+ VAT and there is expected to be a further rise for 2023/24. The Parish Council have also budgeted for extra ongoing tree maintenance costs.

22255: **It was resolved to accept the payments covered by the Clerk's delegated authority under 5.6 of the Council's financial regulations (to pay routine budgeted invoices without prior approval):**

- i. Autela payroll
- ii. NYCC streetlighting electricity
- iii. PWLB street lighting loan repayments
- iv. Playing fields and village green leases
- v. Internal audit costs
- vi. External audit costs
- vii. YLCA membership.

22256: **Finance report:**

a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as reported at last meeting (as at 1 st November 2022)	£11,422.12	£26,965.85
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	PWLB – Streetlight loan	-£14	
	S Look – Clerks Oct expenses	-£18.00	
	S Look – Clerks Oct salary	-£	
	R Rowson – Microsoft 365	-£135.36	
	T Chambers – sand / cement for rabbit holes	-£16.94	
	CYC – Bus stop lighting A19	-£2070.30	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Nil		
iv.	Receipts:		
	Nil		
v.	Account balances as at 29 th November 2022:	£7303.02	£26,965.85
vi.	Uncleared previously authorised payments:		
	Nil		

b. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – Clerks Nov expenses	-£18.00
	S Look – Clerks Nov salary	-£

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

ix.	Nil
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Highways

22257: **Highways: Skipwith Road:**

- a. The Village Gateway Scheme has still not progressed. It was noted that the liners have been working in the village on 5th December 2022 but the gateways were again missed. Clerk to follow up.

22258: **Streetlights:**

- a. Councillors considered the implications for switching the streetlights in the village to part-night lights to save on energy costs. This would mean the all-night lights will be turned off from midnight to 5am. The cost to change the setting is £41 per light. Quote received from NYCC to upgrade the three remaining

non-LED lanterns to Indo Sicura 15w lanterns is £360 (exc VAT). It was agreed to publicise this to gather feedback from residents and defer any decisions until the next meeting.

Maintenance

22259: Maintenance issues:

- a. No outstanding maintenance issues reported.
- b. No further update on the trees in the village.
- c. Councillors considered quotes received to crown reduce three Walnut trees on the village green. It was resolved to accept option 1 on the quote from Lewis Tree Surgery. Given that the Village Green Association have not had the usual income stream this year, the Parish Council will pay 100% of the costs for this work. Residents of Half Penny Close should note that there will be access disruption during this work which hopefully will be completed in one day.

Playing Field / Play Area

22260: Playing field update:

- a. No further update on the tree work on the playing fields.
- b. No new maintenance issues in the play area reported.
- c. Escrick School have suggested meeting in March 2023 to discuss the public access rights on the path leading to the park/playing fields from Main Street. Cllr Chambers advised he would be happy to attend any meeting when invited by the school.

Planning

22261: Planning, new applications:

- a. 2022/1280/FUL. Black Bull, 91 Main Street, Escrick. Conversion of existing public house with landlords accommodation and lettable rooms to 3 No dwellings with parking to rear. Comments by 26th December. Application was received late from SDC. Extension for comments has been requested. Planning Working group to formulate a response and send to councillors for approval.

22262: Planning ongoing:

Further to the Parish Councils formal complaint that was sent to SDC about the lack of action and responses in relation to the ongoing planning items, a response has been received stating they cannot log a stage one complaint as it relates to ongoing planning matters. However, they have logged it as a Service Area Complaint and passed it onto Hannah Blackburn, Planning Development Manager who has investigated it.

- a. 2021/1375/HPA. Grove House, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Placement of gas tank in garden (retrospective). SDC have reported that they will get an update on this application to understand why it has not been determined to date.
- b. 2022/0357/TCA. Hellings House, 73 Main Street, Escrick. Application for consent to crown reduce 2No Beech trees (T1 & T2) by 33% and crown thin 1No Fir tree (T3) by 10 - 30% in the conservation area. SDC have confirmed a TPO was placed on the three trees further to the advice of the Council's Tree Officer as reduction and thinning of the crowns was proposed, which is not recognised practice for such trees and results in negative consequences for the trees that are sited within and make a positive contribution to the conservation area.
- c. Escrick Conservation Review. Hannah Blackburn from SDC has confirmed that 'all feedback and comments have been given weight as part of the process, from the earliest inception of the work, walkover survey in the Parish, consultation, Member briefings and also final draft review. The comprehensive feedback to both the assessment and format of the document provided has been taken into account. As such, the appraisal document for Escrick Conservation Area was not taken forward as part of Phase 1 to Full Council for approval in September 2022. Phase 2 of the work will cover the

remaining conservation areas, including Escrick. The Local Plan work program has had to take precedence as has the progression of Phase 1 of the conservation area work. Once Phase 2 commences, there will be the opportunity for continued dialogue in the preparation of the latest iteration of the document and to address the points that have been raised. At the present time, there is no timescale in place for Phase 2 of the work'.

22263: Planning determinations:

- a. No planning determinations received at the time the agenda was issued.

22264: Planning working group:

- a. Nothing further to report.

22265: Selby Local Plan and Heronby proposal:

- a. Local Plan to be determined on 23rd February 2023. The office of the local MP Nigel Adams has responded on his behalf to the joint request from Escrick, Stillingfleet and Cawood Parish Councils to him for support in our objection to the new town. He has declined to intervene and stating it is a matter for SDC to decide upon.

22266: Planning, Neighbourhood Plan:

- a. Awaiting adoption at the next full Selby District Council meeting on 13th December 2022. If approved, it will then take 5 days to have be a officially adopted plan. Final tasks to complete are to get hard copies printed for the Chairman, Clerk and Planning Lead, make the Plan and Design Codes accessible for all on the Escrick Parish Council website by providing an enquiry function, and finally, Clerk to return any unused funds to Locality.

22267: Conservation Review:

- a. This item forms part of our complaint to SDC mentioned in item 22262c. See update above.

Other items

22268: Village shop and pop-up Post Office:

- a. Funding has now been received from the National Lottery for the Village Shop project. Awaiting funding from Cllr Cattanach. Aim to get Northern Grid to connect new supply by the third week of January.
- b. No further progress on the proposed pop-up post office. The Post Office have confirmed that they will look into this in the new year.

22269: Jubilee Garden/ Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Initiative:

- a. No further update from the Jubilee Garden committee on progress. Awaiting details of the bank account for the group to transfer funding received across. It was resolved that although councillors are very much supportive of the project, they do not wish to be involved with the ongoing financing or to hold or administer any scheme grants already secured. It was agreed to confirm our position to Liz Casling with a target date for transfer of all funds of 31/1/23 to the bank account of the registered charitable status group in question.

22270: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose Updates and general correspondence noted.
- b. NYCC invitation to submit expression of interests for piloting double devolution noted.
- c. Civility and Respect newsletter noted.
- d. Update on Escrick 10K received. It has been confirmed that it should go ahead and will be taken forward by the VGA.

22271: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. No further comments.

22272: Items for the next meeting:

- a. Noted the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9th January 2023.

Meeting closed at 20:45hrs

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 9th January 2023