

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council meeting held in Escrick & Deighton Club at 7pm on MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2023.

23027: **Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.**

23028: **Co-option of new councillors:** Resolved to co-opt Ifet Karbani onto the Parish Council.

23029: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr S Allen, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr King. Members of the public. Clerk; S Look. District Cllr N Reader (left the meeting after item 203033).
- b. Apologies: Cllr M Allen, Cllr Tipples and County Cllr Cattanach.

23030: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

23031: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Letter from member of the public to councillors objecting to the Factco proposals. No further updates. Factco are still in discussions on the redesign.
- b. Report of a broken 'No vehicle' sign at the footpath from Carrs Meadow to Main Street. Mr R Rowson has replaced the sign on behalf of the Parish Council.
- c. Report of overgrown hedges obstructing the pavements on Skipwith Road by the post office from an overgrown canopy at 2 Dower Chase and 4 Skipwith Road. To be reported to NYCC.
- d. Concerns raised by member of the public about safety around the village pond. It was agreed that this is the responsibility of parents to supervise and educate their children in matters of public safety. The VGA provide a method for the public to assist anyone in difficulty in the pond to help them get out without endangering the rescuer, which is a safety throw bag located adjacent to the bridge.
- e. Report of uneven paving on the ginnel at the top of Carrs Meadow. It was noted that this matter has been raised in the past with NYCC rights of way team, and it is not a public right of way, nor adopted highway. Awaiting any further information re ownership from Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust before contacting neighbouring properties.

23032: **Public session:**

- a. Member of the public raised concerns about the compacted leaves on the pavement at the Skipwith Road end of Dower Chase which are causing blockages in the drains. Volunteers from the Parish Council agreed on this occasion to help sweep them outside Dower House as the resident is unable to clear them. It was noted that other residents should ideally clear pathways outside their own homes if possible. Clerk to contact SDC. In addition, concerns were raised about the uneven path from Dower Chase to the garage.
- b. A member of the Jubilee Garden committee requested clarification on the remaining funding to be passed on to the group from the Parish Council. It was explained that the deadline to spend the Community Funder Cllr Reader had secured for the project is 28th February 2023. Cllr Reader reported he has requested an extension from SDC for spending this money and confirmed he will report back to the PC if and when this has been confirmed. If the extension is not granted by SDC and the money has not been spent on the project, the PC have been told that the funds must be returned to SDC. SDC confirmed that the funding cannot be transferred to the Jubilee Committee bank account or a holding account.
- c. Concerns raised about the vehicle movement to and from the Clay Extraction site. Clerk to check on time restrictions if any specified by SDC and report back at the next meeting. Member of the public advised to report concerns to NYCC.

23033: Updates from other authorities:

- a. District Cllr Reader reported on the Local Plan developments. He confirmed that the SDC full council meeting that was to be held on 21st February has been cancelled due to lack of business to transact. This may have implication on the draft local plan. It is thought that the draft plan will go before the executive in March who will propose that it goes out to consultation again and then be dealt with by NYCC after the end of March. A further update will be given next month.
- b. County Councillor Cattanach not present. He has confirmed that he would like to meet up with all the Chairs of Parish Councils in his area.

Cllr Reader left the meeting.

23034: Minutes:

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on 9th January 2023.

Finance and Governance

23035: Finance report:

- a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 3 rd January 2023:	£6185.50	£27,053.25
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – Clerks Dec expenses	-£18.00	
	Autela Payroll Services – Oct to December	-£66.27	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Nil		
iv.	Receipts:		
	Nil		
v.	Account balances as at 30 th January 2023:	£6101.23	£27,053.25
vi.	Uncleared previously authorised payments:		
	Nil		

- b. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – Clerks Jan expenses	-£18.00
	S Look – Clerks January salary	As agreed
	Annual Data Protection fee – to be paid by D/D on 05/03/23	-£40
	Tiger Print - two copies of the NDP and Design Codes document	-£75.00

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

ix.	Nil
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Highways

23036: Highways: Skipwith Road:

- a. The Village Gateway Scheme has still not progressed. It was agreed to remove this from the agenda.

23037: Streetlights:

- a. Councillors are still awaiting answers on some of the queries raised with NYCC road lighting team about switching some of the village streetlights to part night from all night lights to save on rising energy costs.

Still no response from Nicholas Wilson at NYCC streetlighting. Resolved to remove from agenda as the cost to transfer the lights to more economical lights is not an adequate cost saving until they need replacing due to faults.

Maintenance

23038: Maintenance issues:

- a. Contact has been made by MOP who lives in the Parish regarding the sweet chestnut growing in Playing Field Wood which he said is now ideal for coppicing and would be wonderful, rot-proof material to build a new play garden in the Nursery School at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield and work on another school. Chair has met with the resident and spoken about the work. Resolved to contact the estate for approval.
- b. Update was given by Cllr Chambers on maintenance issues. Path sweeping outside the church has been done by councillor volunteers.
- c. Chair gave an update on the changes to the positioning of the Jubilee Fountain lighting. A resident living in one of the cottages opposite requested the positioning to be altered due to the glare affecting their property. This has now been done.

Playing Field / Play Area

23039: Playing field update:

- a. Maintenance inspections have been done and no further issues in the play area to report. It was reported that there are a lot of mole holes on the playing field. To contact the PFA and the estate. Cllrs Chambers and Fairburn to fill rabbit holes.

Planning

23040: Planning, new applications:

- a. 2023/0050/TCA. Escrick Village Green Assoc. Halfpenny Close Escrick. Application for consent to crown lift canopy to approximately 4m, crown reduce by approximately 30% and remove deadwood, diseased and dysfunctional material over 30mm diameter to 3No Walnut trees (T1, T2 & T3) in the conservation area. For information only. Noted.

23041: Planning ongoing:

- a. 2019/1311/HPA, 32 Wenlock Drive. Planning enforcement issue regarding installed balcony. This has been referred to a Planning Enforcement Officer who will investigate it.
- b. 2021/1375/HPA. Grove House, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Placement of gas tank in garden (retrospective). Permission refused by SDC.
- c. 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. No further update.
- d. Escrick Conservation Review. No further update.
- e. 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. The PC objection has been submitted to SDC. Awaiting decision.

Resolved to take items a-d off the agenda until further updates.

23042: Planning determinations:

- a. 2022/1347/HPA. 3 Escrick Court, Escrick. Erection of first floor extension over existing porch and proposed single storey rear extension. PERMISSION GRANTED.

23043: Planning working group:

- a. Escrick Slaughterhouse. A planning application has been lodged on behalf of the landowners of the Slaughterhouse to change the use to residential, comprising the conversion of existing buildings to 4 dwellings and 4 new build dwellings, together with an improved means of access to Main Street. Dwelling mix proposed is 4 x two-bedroom , 1 x three-bedroom and 3 x four-bedroom properties. A site plan together with the Planning, Design Access and Heritage Statements have been sent to the PC by the agent. Resolved to invite the landowners to the March PC meeting.

23044: Selby Local Plan and Heronby proposal:

- a. No further update at this stage.

Other items

23045: Village shop and pop-up Post Office:

- a. Cllr Hawes gave an update on the Village Shop project. Northern Powergrid to come back on 21st February to do further works. Tenancies and leases are being drawn up. Project is progressing.
- b. No further progress on the proposed pop-up post office. Cllr Cunningham reported that the Post Office have not progressed this. Resolved to take off the agenda.

23046: Jubilee Garden/ Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Initiative:

- a. Jubilee Garden committee have confirmed they are in the process of setting up a bank account and in the meantime are using Selby AVS to hold funds on their behalf.
- b. Resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk/Chair to pay any invoices that come through for the project before the March meeting up to the value of the funding raised.

23047: Installation of full fibre optic networks in the village:

- a. Factco are utilising their engineers in their downtime to get a head start on the spine work in Escrick. However, the project is still at the redesign and feasibility stage due to the concerns raised about overhead cables. It was noted that another provider may be looking at the area.

23048: Village Events 2023:

- a. Confirmation received that Escrick 10K will go ahead on Sunday 20th August 2023 at 11am with a Fun Run at 12.30.
- b. RESOLVED to allow the 'Village Green Events Working Group' to hold a Coronation Celebration and Picnic on the Village Green on 6th May from 4pm to 8pm. It will be similar to the Jubilee and Village Green Dinner event with music but no fireworks. The PC will pay for two portable toilets for the Coronation picnic @ £169 + VAT and receive a refund from the VGA.
- c. RESOLVED to allow the 'Village Green Events Working Group' to host 'Dinner on the green' on 15th July 2023.

23049: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose Updates and general correspondence noted.
- b. Letter from the SDC Rural Housing Enabler regarding Affordable Housing. Noted.
- c. NYCC Parish Charter consultation (deadline 12th April 2023) and Parish Council liaison drop in dates. Cllr S Allen to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.
- d. Notice regarding the license confirming North Yorkshire Council will be the sole principal authority for North Yorkshire from 1st April 2023. Noted.
- e. Summary of the 2021 census for Escrick. Noted.
- f. Summary of changes to the supported local bus services for North Yorkshire. Noted.

23050: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. Concern raised by resident about the proposed club closure on Monday evenings.

23051: Items for the next meeting:

- a. Noted the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6th March 2023.
- b. To look at options for room hire for Parish Council meetings.
- c. Litter on Skipwith Road.
- d. Police involvement on local roads.
- e. It was confirmed that the May Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15th May together with the annual meetings. June meeting to be cancelled unless any urgent business to discuss.

Meeting closed at 21:00hrs.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 6th March 2023