

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023.

23187: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

23188: **Co-option of a new councillor.** There has been no applications received for the vacancy to date.

23189: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

23190: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

23191: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Traffic calming request for outside the primary school received. Councillors considered options for traffic calming measures however options are limited due to the proximity to the junction. All reports of illegal parking and speeding need to be reported to North Yorkshire Council and/or North Yorkshire Police. The Parish Council has previously requested that Carr Lane be included in North Yorkshire County Council's scheme for 20mph zones near schools however the request was declined by NYCC on budget grounds. Specific speeding concerns can be reported on the [North Yorkshire police website](#). Civil parking enforcement issues can be reported to North Yorkshire Council. Clerk to report details back to resident.
- b. Enquiry raised about when the Jubilee Garden will be planted up with the plants purchased by the Parish Council. It was noted that the group responsible for the Jubilee Garden are progressing with tidying up the area and have been requesting help from residents to help with the scheme. The remaining funds were passed to the AVS in March 2023 to hold on behalf of the volunteer group responsible for the gardens and the Parish Council agreed to have no involvement in the scheme from that point.
- c. Reports of an overgrown hedge / tress outside 10 Woodlands. It was resolved to write to the resident at the property concerned and request that they cut back the foliage so that the footpath is more accessible.

23192: **Public session:**

- a. A member of the public asked if the Parish Council are going to recognise the work John Reader did for the community and the Parish Council over the years. It was noted that a comment on the local contribution Councillor Reader made will be made in the Parish Magazine.

23193: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Update sent via email. NYC Members have a seminar on 8th November which includes an update on the North Yorkshire Local Plan. Cllr Cattanach will be asking for an update on the Selby Local Plan at this meeting. Cllr Cattanach also asked the Parish Council to promote the use of 'What3words' <https://what3words.com/> when reporting incidents such as blocked drains, potholes, fly tipping or illegal cars on a public highway. Locality budget is still available but Cllr Cattanach is looking at backing the extension of the Saturday 42 bus service into 2024 so funds may be limited in this financial year.

23194: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd October 2023.

Finance and Governance

23195: Finance report:

- a. Precept notification letter received from North Yorkshire Council. The Admin and Finance Committee to meet at 19.00 on Monday 4th December to determine the budget, followed by the ordinary monthly meeting at 19.30 where recommendations will be made to the full council.
- b. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 25 th September 2023:	£3,131.21	£26,742.76
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – September salary	As agreed	
	S Look – Clerks September expenses	-£18.00	
	Clear Insurance management Ltd - Insurance	-£1093.12	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	The Planning & Design Associates; village green pump plans for VGA	-£300.00	
	Autela – Payroll July-Sept 2023	-£54.58	
	Festive Lights – Christmas lights for VGA	-£346.30	
	Unity quarterly charge	-£18.00	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
		£3,000.00	-£3,000.00
v.	Receipts:		
	Unity Bank credit interest		£183.29
	Precept		£11,000.00
vi.	Account balances as at 30 th October 2023:	£3,861.45	£34,926.05
vii.	Uncleared previously authorised payments:		
	Nil		

- c. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – October salary	As agreed
	S Look – October expenses	-£35.24
	Ark grass cutting 2023	-£3234.00

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

ix.	Nil
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It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

23196: Maintenance issues:

- a. An update on maintenance issues given by the Chairman. The posts have been repainted at the dolphin fish fountain but it was noted that these are now rotten at the base and will need replacing next year. It was suggested that a more sustainable and hard-wearing replacement would be recycled plastic. Options for the future of this fencing to be debated at the December meeting.
- b. It was reported that there has been tyre damage to the grass verge outside 15 Wenlock Drive.
- c. Mr Rowson has completed the annual preservative treatment on the war memorial and the dolphin fish fountain. Resolved to accept expenditure of £30 for further preservative for the next treatment.

- d. Further to a previous request for residents to cut foliage back on the path between Main Street and Carrs Meadow, it was noted that some remedial work has been done. However, further work around the entire fence boundary is required. Clerk to write to resident at 37 Carrs Meadow to request action.
- e. Cllr Chambers has replaced the damaged lock on the litter bin at the bus stop outside Escrick Business Park.

Playing Field / Play Area

23197: **Playing field update:**

- a. Inspections update given by Cllr Fairburn. Nothing to report.
- b. Escrick Playing Fields Association committee to give a full update next month after their meeting.

Planning

23198: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. No new planning applications received.

23199: **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.
- c. ZG2023/0637/HPA. The Old School Escrick Park Gardens Escrick. Alteration of a window to a door and a replacement door on the east elevation. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) – Planning Appeal against refusal of a Householder Application. For information only. Noted.

23200: **Planning determinations:**

- a. No planning determinations received.

23201: **Planning working group:**

- a. Nothing to report.

23202: **Other planning matters:**

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan is moving forward. No further information regarding Selby Local Plan at this stage.
- 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. Resolved to take off the agenda.

Other items

23203: **Odour complaints near the industrial estate:**

- a. It was reported that odour from the Acumen site was present recently but not as prevalent as in the summer. Councillors and members of the public were reminded to still report any instances of odour directly to the Environment Agency. It was noted that the presentation given by the Environment Agency at the October Parish Council meeting was well received and very informative.

23204: Factco pole installation proposals:

- a. Factco have informed the Parish Council that they are proposing to install a pole north of the junction of Carr Lane/ A19 (YO19 6UQ). Councillors had no comments to make on the erection of the additional pole apart from wanting the reassurance from Factco that the residents from the neighbouring properties have been fully informed and consulted on the proposals.

23205: Plasmor Local Community Group liaison meeting update:

- a. Cllr King updated councillors on the meeting he attended with Plasmor and explained the process of clay extraction from the site. It was noted that there is going to be considerably more HGV's accessing the site but they will be exiting travelling south so this should not affect Escrick village.
- b. Plasmor have a community fund to support local projects. Applications to be made direct to Plasmor.

23206: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and general correspondence noted.
- b. Email from Zero Hour requesting support for the Climate and Ecology Bill. Noted.
- c. North Yorkshire Council Polling District and Polling Station review. Consultation closes on 13th November 2023. Noted.
- d. North Yorkshire Council Draft Housing Strategy. Consultation closes on 11th December 2023. Noted.
- e. Citizens Advice – annual request for funding. Resolved not to donate.
- f. North Yorkshire Council 'Lets talk money' statutory budget consultation. Closes on 18th December 2023. Noted.

23207: Comments from public present on agenda items:

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

23208: Items for the next meeting:

- a. It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th December 2023 in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel. The Admin and Finance Committee will meet at 19.00 and the full council will meet at 19.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.35hrs.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 4th December 2023