

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2024.

Part 1

24022: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

24023: **Co-option of a new councillor.** No applications received for the vacancy to date.

24024: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

24025: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

24026: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Request for confirmation of the shop closure. Clerk has responded direct to the resident to confirm its closure.
- b. Notification of boundary tree removal at Greenacres by resident of 9 Dower Chase. Noted and no objections raised by councillors.
- c. Notification of shop closure received from the proprietors. To be carried forward to item 24043.
- d. Email requesting information on traffic calming measures on Skipwith Road and planning procedures. Councillors confirmed that in 2019, a vehicle activated speed sign was purchased and installed for Skipwith Road, along with data logger to capture evidence of speeding issues on the road. Village Gateway signage and road markings are now complete. At this stage are not pursuing other speeding measure/chicanes due to the costs and concerns raised about the environmental aspect of vehicles (especially farming vehicles/HGV's) stopping and starting at buildouts / chicanes. It was reported that this may lead to increased pollution and noise that will affect the neighbouring properties. Councillors are also concerned about the cost of further measures in relation to the benefits and therefore it has been removed from the 2024/25 budget. With regards to a query raised regarding or assessing new planning requests compliance with Policies and Design Codes in the Escrick Neighbourhood Plan, it was confirmed that when approving applications, the Parish Council do generally approve subject to meeting conditions of the Escrick Neighbourhood plan. The planning working group consists of four members of the Parish Council who look at applications prior to meetings.
- e. Complaint about the condition of the Old Station Car Park at the Trans Pennine Cycle Trail. It was confirmed that the legal owner of this land is Greenways Remediation Service Ltd in Barlby. As it is private land and is not maintainable by public expense the Parish Council will not be taking this matter further.

24027: **Public session:**

- a. A member of the public present made a request to add Full Fibre Broadband provider issues to the next agenda. It was reported that a company called Quickline has now started work in the village.

24028: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Selby Local Plan update at item 24036.
- b. Locality Budget; Cllr Cattenach was contacted by the PC for assistance with funding towards the Fish Fountain memorial fencing but unfortunately he reported that he would prefer to use his budget on new and unexpected projects if possible and not routine maintenance. Cllr Cattanach confirmed that he

has now committed his entire locality budget of £10,000 for the financial year 2023-24. The locality budget scheme has been under review as North Yorkshire Council look to make savings over the next few years. In the next financial year Cllr Cattanach would like to do more "pump priming" – giving small amounts to groups who can use that as a base for bringing in more grants such as Lottery Funding. Grants start at £300 with a maximum of £5000 and can be given to Parish Councils but also properly organised groups such as community groups with a constitution and bank account.

24029: Minutes:

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2024.

Finance and Governance

24030: Finance report:

- a. Based on the rate of 8p per m2, the funding for grass cutting of urban highway visibility splays for your parish will be £360.85 in 2024/25. Resolved that the Prish Council will continue carrying out the urban grass cutting for 2024/25.
- b. Noted all expenditure requires a specific power - the sum for section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for local (parish and town) councils in England for 2024/2025 is £10.81.
- c. Noted the data protection renewal fee of £40 will be debited from the PC current account on or before 5th March 2024.
- d. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	Savings account
i.	Account balances as at 2 nd January 2024:	£5963.77	£29,024.92
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – December expenses	-£19.00	
	Escrick Park Estate- playing field rent	-£10.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	S Look- Clerks January salary	As agreed	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
		Nil	
v.	Receipts:		
		Nil	
vi.	Account balances as at 7 th February 2024:	£5468.01	£29,024.92

- e. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	Autela Payroll Services – Q3	-£54.58
	S Look – January expenses	-£18.00

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

24031: Maintenance issues:

- a. No new maintenance issues to report this month. Cllr Chambers reported the village sign flower beds are in good health. Cllr Chambers has spoken to the local resident who has been maintaining the area around the Fish Fountain and he has confirmed he is happy to continue to do this.
- b. Clerk has obtained quotes for replacing the small fence posts surrounding the Dolphin fish fountain. To consider options under item 24034d.
- c. Councillors resolved to apply for the street works license on behalf of the Village Green Association to enable the contractors to go under Carr Lane for the Pond Filling project. Clerk to complete forms.

Playing Field / Play Area

24032: **Playing field update:**

- a. Inspections done. Nothing to report. Cllr Fairbairn is attending the PFA meetings on behalf of the PC.
- b. Escrick Playing Fields Association committee sent a quote for a new Timber Snake Swing for consideration under S106 funding (item 24034d).

Planning

24033: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. 2023/0110/FUL. Traves A Abattoir Main Street. Residential conversion of existing buildings into 4 No 2-bedroom dwellings, erection of 1 No 3 bedroom and 3 No 4 bedroom dwellings together with associated garages and alterations to an existing building to form a store/garage for Langrigg, together with associated works including an improved access to Main Street. Councillors have no objections to this application providing officers ensure that it is built in accordance with Escrick Neighbourhood Plan and the Design Codes approved within the neighbourhood plan are followed and adhered to in all aspects of the development.
- b. ZG2024/0082/TELB. Removal and replacement of 3 no. antennas on a new headframe, installation of 2 no. 0.3m dishes, 1 no. 0.6m dish, internal refresh of existing equipment cabinet, associated ancillary equipment and development thereto. Sewage Disposal Works, Stillingfleet Lane, Escrick. Councillors have no objections to the proposed application.

24034: **Planning ongoing:**

- a. No further update from Hannah Blackburn in the area 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. No further progress to relocate the gas tank in the front garden. Following comments from the drainage board the applicant is still working with them to amend the plans and NYC planning are waiting for these to be submitted. Resident has also confirmed that they will remove the broken fence that was recently wind damaged. Clerk to request another timescale update from planning and to also suggest the planning enforcement team write to the resident to request that the tank is not refilled before completion of the tank removal process.
- c. CYC Ref: 23/01309/REM. Former North Selby Mine, New Road, Deighton. Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of redevelopment of the former North Selby Mine site to a leisure development comprising of a range of touring caravan and static caravans and associated leisure facilities following the grant of outline permission 19/00078/OUTM. An objection has been submitted by the PC. Deighton Parish Council have also objected to the application.
- d. 2023/0110/FUL - Traves A, Abattoir, Main Street, Escrick, YO19 6JP. Councillors considered options for Section 106 expenditure and noted correspondence from Ulllyotts with latest plans and S106 information. Councillors resolved to apply to NYC to use the S106 monies for the fencing surrounding the Fish Fountain and a contribution towards a Timber Snake swing for the play area.

24035: **Planning determinations:**

- a. ZG2023/1230/HPA. Limemilns 18 Dower Park Escrick. Erection of first floor extension above existing garage. Permitted. Noted.

24036: **Other planning matters:**

- a. Selby Local Plan updated received. SDC Draft plan to be put forward to NYC full council on 21st February. The plan will remove Heronby from the conclusion of the Selby Local Plan. This is due to concerns raised about the highways impact of the new settlement which cannot be fully resolved at this stage. It will still allow Heronby to be considered in the new North Yorkshire Local Plan. However, this plan is expected to take at least 5 years to come to fruition. Members of the executive have also recommended to full

council that four new sites are added into the Selby Local Plan in Eggborough, Hambleton, North Duffield and Hensall for a total of 301 homes.

- b. No further update on the new North Yorkshire Council Local Plan.

Highways items

24037: **Streetlight / bollard on A19:**

- a. NYC have fixed the bollard light reported on the junction of Skipwith Road / A19 but the streetlight is still out. Reported in October (Parish Council light, Skipwith Road, post 1). Clerk to follow up again.

24038: **Bus Shelter on A19 near Hollicarrs:**

- a. Councillors considered a request from a member of the public for a bus shelter on the A19 near Hollicarrs. NYC Highways confirmed that they do not have any objections to a bus shelter at both northbound and southbound stops, the visibility of the junction with York Road has been checked by the Highways Engineers who are satisfied the location meets requirement. However, the expense and ownership of the shelters would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. The cost of shelters varies depending on the size and design, for example North Yorkshire Council generally use shelters at approximately £3500 to £5000 but there would also be installation and ongoing insurance/ maintenance costs to consider. Where North Yorkshire Council install shelters with lighting units, they are connected to an electric feed from street lighting, but there is not any street lighting to feed into at this location so an alternative type of lighting would also need to be investigated. Councillors resolved to not pursue this due to the low number of users at this bus stop and the ultimate cost / responsibility for the Parish Council. It was not thought of a justifiable use of public funds.

Other items

24039: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and general correspondence noted.
- b. NYC Highways workshop invite to clerks / councillors. Monday 19th Feb Virtual 18.30 / Wednesday 21st February 10.00 / 14.00 at Selby Highways Depot.

24040: **Comments from public present on agenda items:**

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

24041: **Items for the next meeting:**

It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th March 2024 in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel. Cllr Hawes gave apologies for the March meeting.

Part 2

24042: **Confidential business:**

Resolved to exclude Public and Press on the grounds that matters for discussion affect individual staff members/ procedures/ legal/ finance issues.

24043: **Village Shop:**

- a. It was resolved to respond to a letter received from the proprietors of Escrick Village Stores. Response agreed by councillors answering points in direct relation to the PC only.

Meeting closed at 21.00.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 4th March 2024