

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council meeting held in Escrick & Deighton Club at 7pm on THURSDAY 18th AUGUST 2022.

22159: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

22160: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr Rees. Members of the public.
- b. Apologies: Parish Clerk.

22161: **Co-option of new councillors:**

- a. Resolved to move co-option of new councillors to next Parish Council meeting (5th September 2022).

22162: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

22163: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Correspondence from members of the public regarding the Local Plan / Heronby were noted and resolved to address formally at next meeting on 5th September 2022.

22164: **Public session:**

- a. Moved to after Planning 22166 a).

Maintenance

22165: **Maintenance issues:**

- a. No new issues raised. Cllr Chambers informed councillors that repairs to the 'rocking duck' in the children's playground had taken place and anti pigeon spikes have been fitted to the cross beam above the two dual swings.
- b. Councillors considered the quotes received to reduce the Sycamore tree on the path next to Escrick Park Gardens. Resolved to unanimously accept and proceed with quote from Lewis Tree Surgery.

Planning

22166: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. 2022/0865/HPA. 15 Carrs Meadow, Escrick. Removal of existing conservatory and the erection of a single storey extension to the rear to provide additional living accommodation. Resolved to unanimously support the application.

22167: **Public Session:**

- a. Cllr Chambers took straw poll of attendee's place of residence: Deighton 4; Stillingfleet 16; Riccall 2, Wheldrake 1, Escrick 20, Moreby Wood Group 5, Misc. locations 12.
Cllr Chambers asked for show of hands for those in attendance willing to take part in any Local Action Group (LAG) – majority of hands shown.
Main talking points from members of the public;
 - Any LAG needs to have a broad spectrum of participants with expertise in a number of key areas
 - LAG needs to have local media on side
 - Any LAG should be fully endorsed by local Parish Council(s)

Eric Hardy (Escrick resident) updated meeting attendees on a number of points following the SDC Executive meeting held on 4th August 2022:

- No local Cllr from Escrick or surrounding area present at meeting
- SDC has approved £313K to help push Heronby through as preferred option
- Resident felt planner lacked knowledge of plan when answering Cllr questions
- Reminded those in attendance that latest date for submitting any feedback to SDC was Oct 7th when consultation period ends

Lilian Coulson (Escrick resident) informed the meeting of existing SDC housing plan which was to build fewer houses spread out amongst a wider number of villages

- Reminded meeting that in Escrick, Abattoir site soon to become available as an option for additional housing in the region of 20-25 habitats
- Encouraged everyone to write individually to SDC. The more correspondence they receive the better chance of SDC taking notice

Wheldrake resident questioned whether Heronby green light would affect York Council Local Plan in regards them withdrawing housing requirements in favour of Heronby

- Quoted stats that 14.5 Hectares of Green Belt land has recently been lost to housing
- Also quoted figure of 1.3 million homes could be built on currently available brown field sites

Should we be referring to proposed site as Heronby? By doing so are locals confirming 'the Brand'. Is there something else locals should be referring to it as?

Question raised as to where locals could find 'key dates' for planning process – Cllr Chambers referred people to Escrick PC website or local noticeboard

Is there a way that locals can see/share thoughts of others – Cllr Chambers stated that a LAG would be best placed to handle this

Cllr Chambers mentioned to attendee's that there is a planned public session on Heronby scheduled for Sept 9th (2-6pm) in Escrick village hall.

22168: Selby Local Plan:

- a. Councillors considered a motion to oppose the construction of Heronby. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Councillors considered forming an agreement to work in partnership with Parish Councils in the area to achieve our aims. Motion agreed – Cllr's agreed to reach out to wider village network including, but not limited to Skipwith, Wheldrake and Naburn.
- c. Based on attendance and public interest already shown, councillors agreed that there was significant interest in the formation of a local action group to oppose the Heronby proposal by SDC.
- d. Councillors considered financial input for the group. Provisional discussion on shared Parish Council funding of the proposed Action Group. Cllr's agreed Escrick PC would contribute £500 to aid any LAG.
- e. Escrick resident, Phil Wade, volunteered to initially co-ordinate the setting up of an Action Group meeting and also agreed to be the Escrick representative even if not voted as LAG leader. To form a strategy with other core members and report back to Escrick Parish Council a minimum of three working days prior to the next PC meeting to be held on 5th September. Feedback from the action group should cover actions to date/ needs / group structure and responsibilities / future plans.
- f. Escrick PC to advise residents of developments via the PC noticeboard / website/ village Facebook page (to be done in between meetings).
- g. Should other communities take part in the group, a nominated point of contact for each village should be provided for the PC meeting on 5th September. Cllr's agreed any LAG should include members from all local villages with an individual member appointed to update their village on LAG progress
- h. Any action group to initially look into and report back on: Group name/ Website / Possible Petition in the area / media coverage/ social media activities in adjacent villages / mounted posters and flyers etc. First LAG meeting set at 7pm Tuesday 23rd August at Escrick Club. Escrick representative will be invited to all upcoming PC meetings to provide progress report.

Other items

22169: **Comments from public present on agenda items:**

- a. No further comments to report.

22170: **Items for the next meeting:**

- a. Two outstanding planning applications requiring responses from SDC; 2021/1466/FUL and 2021/1375/HPA. To follow up for the next PC meeting.
- b. Noted the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th September 2022.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 5th September 2022