

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council meeting held in Escrick & Deighton Club at 7.30pm on MONDAY 6th JUNE 2022.

22111: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

22112: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Hawes, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr Rees. Member of the public. District Cllr N Reader. Clerk; S Look.
- b. Apologies: None.

22113: **Declarations of Interests:** None.

22114: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Councillors considered the request for a contribution towards a fence replacement from a resident on Carrs Meadow. It was resolved that the Parish Council will not be contributing to the fence repairs/replacement due to the age and condition of the fence. It was noted that the trees/hedge on the village green have recently been cut back at the request of the property owner at a cost of £594 to the Parish Council.
- b. Request for football nets on the playing field. It was resolved the Parish Council do not support putting up football nets due to the potential hazards if damaged and lack of volunteers to put them up each day or remove them to repair them if required.

22115: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. District Councillor Neil Reader reported on funding available. An application has been put through from his locality budget to support the upgrade to Escrick & Deighton club electrics. Cllr Hawes to send Cllr Reader a detailed breakdown of full costs in order to pursue other funding.
- b. County Councillor did not attend the meeting.
- c. Police report not received.

22116: **Public session:**

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

22117: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council monthly meeting held on 16th May 2022.

Finance and Governance

22118: **Finance report:**

- a. It was resolved to approve the following account balances and reconciliation and accept payments to be made:

| | | Community account | BMM account |
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| i. | Account balances as reported at last meeting (as at 10 th May 2022) | £10,739.39 | £26,901.92 |
| ii. | Payments made since last meeting: | | |
| | S Look – Clerks expenses and 3hrs overtime to be paid in May salary | -£91.41 | |
| iii. | Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers: | | |
| | | Nil | |
| iv. | Receipts: | | |

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| | SDC funding for Jubilee Garden | £1,250.00 | |
| | Groundwork grant for NDP | £1,075.00 | |
| v. | Account balances as at 29 th May 2022: | £12,972.98 | £26,901.92 |
| vi. | Uncleared previously authorised payments: | | |
| | B Hopper – Internal Audit | -£90.00 | |

b. Routine payments to be made:

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| viii. | S Look – Clerks expenses | -£41.39 | |
| | S Look – clerks May salary and 3hrs O/T to be paid in June salary | -£ | |
| | NYCC – streetlight maintenance 2021-22 | -£47.64 | |

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

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| ix. | SDC – Jubilee rubbish bins and collection | -£84.16 | |
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Policies & Governance

22119: General power of competence:

- It was noted that the Parish Council no longer holds General Power of Competence due to the number of elected councillors was less than two thirds of the number of seats on the council.
- It was noted that the powers of expenditure available for the Parish Council are now limited as it no longer holds General Power of Competence. Clerk to contact SDC regarding the number of seats at Escrick Parish Council.
- It was noted that all expenditure requires a specific power. S137 (Misc.) expenditure is limited to £8.82 per elector (Total of £6,676.74 for 2022/23).

Highways

22120: Highways: Skipwith Road

- The Village Gateway Scheme is has still not progressed. A new contractor started on 1st June 2022 and NYCC have confirmed it should be done soon.

22121: Ongoing highways issues:

- Update given on request to put white lines on the access road to Glebe Farm, Escrick Surgery, the church carpark and exit for The Parsonage and Fat Abbott to ensure motorists know it is a two-way road. Highways have confirmed that the above road is not adopted highway and therefore does not qualify for NYCC maintenance. With regards to the signage request for a 'give way sign' to be placed approaching the junction with the A19, unfortunately that road is not part of the adopted highway therefore the council would not erect the warning sign. Resolved to not progress any further due to constraints.
- No further update on the remaining dropped kerbs at Carr Lane/Skipwith Road.
- Highways have confirmed that the new road markings at Carr Lane are part of a large white lining order that is scheduled to take place this year. Plans have been provided to councillors detailing the road markings that will be replaced. As with most maintenance issues at present, the delay in service is due to last year's change of contract. Highways have had difficulties in procuring subcontractors and have lost a significant amount of employees during the transition. This has caused delays to the delivery of the highway maintenance service. With time the situation will improve but unfortunately, no date has been given when the work will be undertaken.

Maintenance

22122: Maintenance issues:

- a. Resolved to allow the expenditure of up to £50 for the re-staining of the two notice boards, fountain post touch up, village signs and flower boxes. Cllr Chambers has volunteered to carry out the works.
- b. NYCC streetlighting have apologised for how long this has taken for a baffle plate to be installed on a streetlight on Main Street. They have assured the PC that it will be followed up with the contractor.
- c. Resolved to allow the expenditure for minor repair work to playground equipment including repairs to the duck rocker and some anti pigeon spikes on the swings. To be claimed back from the PFA. Cllr Chambers has volunteered to carry out the work. It was noted that the PFA are struggling to attract volunteers to join making ongoing maintenance and fundraising difficult.
- d. Resolved to put up a temporary sign at the York bound A19 bus shelter bin asking that household rubbish is not placed in it.

Planning

22123: Planning, new applications:

- a. 2021/1485/HPA: Field View Skipwith Road Escrick. Annex ancillary to the host dwelling. Amended plans and description. Councillors have no objection to the application, however we would like to request the condition of approval is that at no point the annex is used for additional overnight living accommodation or rental income. With regards to the materials, the windows and doors are described on the plans as "powder coated aluminium". This is unacceptable in that adjoining buildings on both sides and the existing dwelling have white wood or PVC windows and doors. The annex windows and doors should match the existing.
- b. 2022/0414/FUL: Three Haggas Woodmeadow, Hollicars To Score Bridge, Escrick. Erection of part polythene covered/part shading mesh covered polytunnel. Councillors support the application.
- c. 2022/0580/TCA: Escrick Park Home Farm Land Off Carr Lane Escrick York Fell 13 No Pine trees and replant with Birch, Holly, Guelder Rose and Hazel in the conservation area. Application noted.

22124: Planning determinations:

- a. No determinations made since the last meeting.

22125: Planning working group

- a. Clerk to contact SDC to request an update on planning reference 2021/1375/HPA Grove House, Skipwith Road, Escrick. Placement of gas tank in garden.

22126: Planning, Neighbourhood Plan:

- a. Cllr Rees gave an update on the Neighbourhood plan. Supplementary questions have been addressed regarding the phrasing of the Housing Policy. Awaiting further feedback from the Independent Examiner.

22127: Conservation Review:

- a. Cllr Chambers contacted SDC on behalf of the Parish Council for an update. Further work is required on the review. The Planning Policy team have been working on the local plan and the NDP. To update councillors on any progress at the next meeting.

22128: Land ownership:

- a. Escrick Park Estate have clarified ownership of some unknown areas on the map provided. Clerk to update the map and file as a reference point. Cllr Rees to check map with NDP diagram. Resolved to take off the agenda.

Other items

22129: **Village shop and pop-up Post Office:**

- a. Cllr Hawes gave an update on investigations into establishing a shop in Escrick & Deighton club. The Parish Council has now applied for funding from Cllr Reader and Cllr Cattenach totalling £2250 in order to get the updated electrics installed into the building. Further funding is required for the internal works. It was noted that the Parish Council cannot apply for National Lottery funding for this project. Parish Council restraints and limitations of expenditure outlined to councillors with regards to S137 and no longer having General Power of Competence. Cllr Hawes to send a breakdown of all the costs to Cllr Reader.
- b. Cllr Rees reported that there has been little progress on the pop-up Post Office due to holidays. Waiting for BT to install the line.

22130: **Queen's Platinum Jubilee:**

- a. **Jubilee Garden initiative;**
No further update received on the Jubilee Garden initiative. An application has been put into SDC to remove the trees. Awaiting decision. To get an update from the volunteer group for the next meeting.

22131: **Black Bull Public House:**

- a. No progress on the sale of the Black Bull public house. Concern raised with the agent regarding lack of parking.
- b. Clerk to follow up with SDC regarding details on registering the Black Bull as a Community Asset.

22132: **Dinner on the green:**

- a. Resolved to allow the village green events working group to host 'Dinner on the green' on 16th July 2022. The group have confirmed that they will carry out risk assessments and not have fireworks in order to comply with our insurance.
- b. Resolved to hire a portable toilet for the event at a cost of £119 (exc VAT). The VGC will pay for the hire costs.

22133: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose Updates and general correspondence. Noted.
- b. North Yorkshire Police Independent Advisory Group volunteer request Local Government Reorganisation programme update. Noted.

22134: **Comments from public present on agenda items:**

- a. Request from member of the public for the council to consider reducing the number of councillors and concerns raised about S137 restrictions on Parish Council finances.

22135: **Items for the next meeting:**

- a. Request made to start the Parish Council meetings at 7pm going forward. Councillors agreed this would be a better start time in order to finish earlier.
- b. Noted the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4th July 2022.

Meeting closed at 21.08hrs

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 4th July 2022