

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 8th April 2013 at 7.30pm held at Escrick and Deighton Social Club

Present: Councillor E Casling (Chair)
Councillor I Reynolds
Councillor S Cunningham
Councillor M Luscombe
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor L Coulson
Councillor A Bowman
Councillor B Forster

Mr J T Deans, Interim Clerk
Mrs L Reader, Clerk

4 Members of the public

1. Receipt of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The signed and endorsed Declarations of Acceptance of Office from all Councillors present were received. It was resolved and seconded that the three absent councillors should sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms before the next meeting.

2. Election of a Chairman for the meeting

Cllr E Casling was proposed and seconded. There were no further nominations, Cllr Casling was elected chairman.

3. Receipt of Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman

Cllr Casling's signed and endorsed Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman was received. It was requested and agreed that two omissions from the Agenda be added; Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting as item 4i and Correspondence as item 7i.

Cllr Casling welcomed all councillors after the election result and it was proposed, seconded and agreed that a letter should be sent from the Parish Council to the two ex-councillors of long standing, thanking them for their long years of service.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S Snowton, Cllr J Reader and Cllr J Goode

i) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The date of the Minutes of the previous meeting was amended from Monday 20th March to Wednesday 20th March after which the minutes were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record of the business conducted at the meeting.

5. Public Session

The Public Session was declared open.

Members of the public asked the following questions:

i) What is the target date for Governance Documents?

It was agreed that this must be a priority for the new Council.

ii) What are the timescales for the reinstatement of the minutes and agendas being posted on the Parish Council's Website?

Cllr Casling reported that these would be reinstated as soon as possible when the transfer of documentation/duties was fully handed over to the new Clerk.

iii) Parish Council's meetings being held in licensed premises

Cllr Casling agreed to look into this issue further and clarify the situation at the next meeting. Cllr Casling stated that the room is a private room hired specifically for the purpose of the meeting and that the bar is closed during the meeting.

iv) What is the process for electing a new Chairman and Vice Chairman

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Cllr Casling outlined the process for electing a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. A question was then raised relating to the method of voting; whether the vote would be by show of hands. Cllr Casling agreed to check the procedure.

The public session was declared closed.

6. Receipt of Declaration of Interest Forms

All Councillors present received a copy of the Declaration of Interest form. Forms are to be signed and returned to the Clerk before the next meeting or within 28 days.

7. Receipt of Reports

i) Correspondence

An email was received from the owner of York Road Garage in Escrick relating to a planning application. It was agreed that the owner would be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the plans with the Council.

ii) Police Report

We ended the crime year on the 1st April and Riccall with Escrick beat finished the year just under 2% down on crime compared to the previous year to date. Since the 1st April we haven't had any crimes reported in Escrick at all. However, further South in Barlby we have had two burglaries over the bank holiday weekend and one in Hemingbrough. For all three it would appear the properties targeted were empty over the bank holiday weekend and the rear patio doors were used as the point of entry. We advise that if you are going away for the weekend, or overnight, then consider asking a trusted neighbour to visit your property in the early evening and switch on some lights and draw curtains on your behalf. If you are unable to do this, then timer switches for lights make it appear that someone is home. If you want to reinforce patio doors then most locksmiths or DIY stores will sell additional bolt locks which can help strengthen your home security. Motion sensitive lights in the garden also act as a good deterrent and are not too costly to install. If you do see anything suspicious then please contact us on 101, or in an emergency 999.

On the 18th, 19th and 20th April we are running an "Autocrime Roadshow" around the villages – our main message is please don't leave valuables in your car and don't leave anything on display. Where possible park in well lit areas and if you have a garage at home then please make use of it. We will be in Escrick on Main Street between 1-2pm on the 18th April for anyone who wants to come and see us.

Over the Winter we had some incidents of antisocial behaviour involving local youths and girls from QM school. The relevant year groups at QM have been spoken to by myself and the Deputy Head involved in this. They are now assisting by conducting patrols of the two key areas (duck ponds and the play park) and the village shop and Escrick garage have now stopped serving any alcohol to pupils from the school – regardless of whether they can produce ID. Hopefully this will assist in reducing the anti-social behaviour.

Finally, we have received a number of complaints about parking opposite the double white lines by the Primary School and on the double yellow lines. This is predominantly happening around school time. We will be attending whenever we have opportunity and £30 fines will be issued so please park appropriately. The lines are there for safety of children around the school, so we urge people to be considerate and abide by them.

iii) County Councillor

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North Yorkshire County Council is keen to adopt the road to the surgery once the alterations are complete at the Parsonage. The road would be widened by the owner prior to the adoption of the road. Cllr Casling to pursue this. Concerns were raised relating to parking on this road once it had been adopted as a highway.

iv) **District Councillor**

As part of the reduction of wards, Riccall will become a ward. Escrick, Stillingfleet, Kelfield, North Duffield and Thorganby will become one ward.

iv) **Other**

A question was raised regarding the North Selby Mine development. No more information was available but a final decision was due at the end of April. Cllr Reynolds to report back on this.

Cllr Coulson raised a question relating to Selby District core strategy. Cllr Casling reported that the last EIP has finished but SDC are waiting for the Inspectors report for confirmation of findings.

8. **Accounts**

i) **Receipts**

None

ii) **Accounts for Payment**

£268.00	YLCA Membership renewal
£10.00	Hire of Escrick and Deighton Club
£115.00	Reimbursement of fee for Clerk's Course

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that these should be paid

iii) **Statement of Current Balances, Income and Expenditure to Date**

Account 1 (as at 17 March 2013)	£6236.52
Account 2 (as at 31 December 2013)	£2936.99

Both accounts are in credit

iv) **The Audit Commission Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2013**

The Clerk reported that the documentation had been received from the new external auditors.

9. **Planning**

i) **To consider planning applications received**

An application for an extended shop, workshop facilities and improved forecourt layout was submitted by the owners and operators of York Road Garage, Escrick. As the owner will be invited to attend the next meeting, this was deferred until after that time.

An application for the conversion of 10 acres of land to 4 sports pitches was resubmitted after having been previously turned down due to the land being deemed Green Belt land, but now being claimed not to be Green Belt land. Further clarification was needed. The matter was delegated to Cllrs Coulson and Forster to investigate the possibility of an extension to the timescales. Cllrs Coulson and Forster to report back at the next meeting. Cllr Reynolds was to investigate the issue of whether this land is Green Belt land or not.

ii) **Notices of Decision**

None

10. **Part II Items**

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Members of the Public were asked to leave the room at this point in the meeting.

i) **New Clerk's Salary**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk's salary should be the spinal pay point according to NALC of £10.192 per hour for 16 hours work per month. It was noted that the Contract of Employment had not yet been signed. It was suggested and agreed that a sub-committee be formed to deal with the issue of the new Clerk's employment and remuneration through the proper HMRC channels.

It was also agreed that at the next meeting, all Councillors would become signatories for cheques.

ii) **Payment to Temporary Clerk**

The Interim Clerk left the room at his own request whilst this issue was discussed.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Interim Clerk be paid 2 month's salary at the rate of £10.192 per hour for 16 hours per month on the due date through HMRC.

It was requested that the Council's thanks be minuted for all the hard work, guidance and support that Mr Deans had provided during the past two months.

11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 6th May 2013 at 7.30pm at Escrick and Deighton Club

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.