

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 2nd June 2014 at 7.30pm held at Escrick and Deighton Social Club

Present:

Councillor I Reynolds
Councillor B Forster
Councillor J Goode
Councillor J Reader
Councillor S Smowton
Councillor A Bowman
Councillor L Coulson

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

3 members of the public

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk asked for proposals for a temporary Chairman for this meeting only as Cllr Casling had advised that she would be late.

RESOLVED: Cllr Reynolds was proposed, seconded and approved as temporary Chairman for this meeting only.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Councillor S Cunningham
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor M Luscombe
Councillor E Casling

2. Public Session

Mr Hardy raised two issues; he asked to be brought up to date on the meeting with Queen Margaret's School regarding the limited use of the iron gates for permit holders. Cllr Coulson and Cllr Forster responded that no progress had been made and suggested that the Clerk make a note to contact the school again in September once the interim Head had taken over.

The second issue was that of the change from 40 mph to 50 mph between Deighton and Escrick. Whilst the members agreed that it was not particularly useful in reducing the speed of vehicles through the village, as it was a York CC decision, the Parish Council were unable to act on this.

3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the previous meetings

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th May 2014, the Ordinary meeting held on 12th May 2014 and the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 27th May 2014 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To receive Correspondence

A letter regarding the Tour de France traffic disruption on 5th and 6th July had been received. This was noted and the Clerk agreed to put it on the Website and noticeboard.

The Clerk had received a Street Trader licence application for a catering van in the lay-by on the A19 between Escrick and Riccall. The Parish Council had no objections.

The Clerk and Cllr Reader reported that the grass around the Escrick signs had been cut.

An email had been received from NY Police with details of a public consultation survey. The Clerk agreed to put this on the website.

5. To receive an update from the Clerk on issues not otherwise on the Agenda

5.1. To receive an update on the insurance quote for additional cover

The Clerk had received a quote for the additional cover of the 8 bracket lights at £1500 each and the three additional items of play equipment (zip wire, basket swing and roundabout) which came to an additional figure of £20,175 on top of the sums already insured. This would increase the annual premium by £139.37 and the pro-rata sum immediately due would be £45.82 to cover these items up to the renewal date of 1st October 2014.

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RESOLVED: That the sum of £45.82 be paid immediately and the increase premium be authorised from October.

5.2. Email re late night music

An email had been received via the website comments regarding the increase of disturbance from late night music in the village.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would draft a paragraph for the Parish Magazine asking residents to consider their neighbours and be more courteous when holding private parties or functions was proposed, seconded and agreed.

5.3. Request for bins at the bus stop near Brickworks Cottages

The Clerk had received a price list from Selby District Council and had been advised that the purchase of such a bin would be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk would write to the owner of the business park and ask whether they would be willing to pay for a bin in the first instance was proposed, seconded and agreed.

5.4. Update on the planting of flowers in front of brick village signs

Cllr Reader advised that this was still ongoing and he had been investigating which bulbs would be the best choice.

5.5. Update on the response from the Estate Office regarding the motorcycle rally

A response was read out saying that the Estate Office would make the organisers aware of the Parish Council's concerns and ask them to contact the Clerk nearer the time. Cllr Reynolds agreed to speak to environmental health at Selby District Council to find out what guidelines were in place for time limits for late night music events.

6. To decide what the Parish Council can do about the Post Office issue

Following discussions at the Annual Parish meeting, it had been agreed that this be brought to the Parish Council. However, as there was still some uncertainty as to what was going to happen it was decided that until a decision had been made as to the future of the Post Office, there was nothing that the Parish Council could do, it was a matter of timing.

7. To decide how best to consult the whole village about the potential development north of the village

RESOLVED: That the Planning Working Party meet to discuss and take forward this issue was proposed, seconded and agreed.

8. Reports

8.1 Police

A warning about door to door sellers had been received from the Police, advising residents to be vigilant. Cllr Reader also updated for Neighbourhood Watch that if anyone sees door to door sellers in the area they should advise Cllr Reader or the Police immediately as this was not to be tolerated. With regard to the recent Police helicopter activity in the area, Cllr Reader advised that this had been in connection with cable theft at the mine site and recently suspects had been arrested.

8.2 County Councillor

None

8.3 District Councillor

Cllr Reynolds advised that following the judicial review in July, Selby would start working on their plans for development sites.

9. Accounts

The first precept payment of £6500 had been received.

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9.2 Accounts for Payment

£32.60	HMRC	June
£130.47	L Reader	Salary June
£1961.58	nPower	Street Lighting
£121.07	nPower	Street Lighting
£35.00	NYCC	Right of Way, School path
£10.00	Escrick and Deighton Club	May Room Hire
£275.00	YLCA	Annual subscription*

* Amendment approved on 7th July 2014

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

9.3 Statement of Current Balances

Bank Reconciliation at 12th May 2014

Balance brought forward at 7th April 2014 £5,740.98

Add Receipts for Month	Precept	£6,500.00	
			£6,500.00
			£12,240.98

Less Payments for Month	HMRC (Dec)	£32.60	
	HMRC (Dec O/T 2)	£35.31	
	HMRC (Jan)	£32.60	
	HMRC (Jan O/T 3)	£35.31	
	Escrick & Deighton Club (Feb)	£10.00	
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	HMRC April	£32.60	
	Ringway Lighting Services	£98.21	
	HMRC	£32.60	
	L Reader	£130.47	
	Escrick and Deighton Club	£10.00	
	Littlejohn	£1,974.00	
	Northern Power Grid	£1,348.20	
	nPower	£80.55	
	M Luscombe	£10.00	
		£3,872.45	

Balance at bank and in hand at 2nd June 2014 £8,368.53

	Community Account	£427.15	
	Business Money Manager	£7,941.38	
		£8,368.53	£0.00
Less unrepresented cheques	None		
		£3,684.03	£4,684.50
	Difference	£3,684.03	£4,684.50 -£3,684.03

9.4 Internal Audit

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had been completed satisfactorily with no issues raised.

9.5 To approve the Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014 to comply with the submission deadline of 9th June 2014

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RESOLVED: That the Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014 be approved was proposed, seconded and approved.

10. Planning

10.1. Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications

None

11. Notices of Decision

None

12. Matters for the clerk's attention raised by Councillors and items for the next Agenda

An issue was raised about the old bus shelter which was full of dead leaves and litter. The Clerk agreed to ask Cllr Casling whether this was still being cleaned by Casling Cleaning Services as had previously been undertaken. It was agreed that the subject of what to do with the bus shelter should be discussed at a future meeting as it would be nice to do something useful with it now that it was no longer used for its intended purpose.

13. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting would be 7th July 2014 at 7.30pm at Escrick and Deighton Club.