

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 5th October 2015 at 7:30 pm at Escrick Village Hall

Present:

Councillor E Casling (Chair)
Councillor L Coulson
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor J Goode
Councillor J Reader
Councillor B Forster
Councillor M Luscombe
Councillor I Reynolds
Councillor C Morley-Jones

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

2 members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence and approve any reasons for absence

Councillor R Rowson
Councillor S Cunningham

At this point the Clerk requested that an item "To discuss chickens" be added to the agenda after item 4.

2. Public Session

No items were raised,

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

3.1. 7th September 2015

Cllr Reynolds asked that the report of his arrival be moved outside of the District and County Councillor's report item.

Cllr Coulson asked that the request that she had made at the last meeting for the Clerk to write to the Estate office and ask them not to allow their maintenance vehicles to park on the grass verges on the junction of Skipwith Road and the A19 be added.

RESOLVED: Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2015 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To receive correspondence

The Clerk had circulated an email from Kevin Power about the road junction of Skipwith Road and Wheldrake.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Highways stating that Escrick Parish Council supports Mr Power and suggesting that the 40mph sign be moved further back towards Skipwith was proposed, seconded and approved.

5. To discuss the keeping of chickens in the village

Cllr Reynolds had asked for this item to be added to the agenda because he had been copied in on complaints that had been received about the noise from cockerels kept by residents in the village. It was felt that Escrick is a rural village and that the noise from crowing cockerels was perfectly acceptable. The Parish Council supports the rights of residents to keep chickens including cockerels.

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

The Clerk reported that a letter from Guest Walker had been received but that it merely stated that they were looking into the matter and would be in touch soon. The Clerk was asked to chase this up.

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7. To report the External Audit result

The Clerk reported the External Audit result had been received and the result was that the annual return was in accordance with proper practices. The Chairman asked that it be minuted that the Parish Council expressed their thanks to the Clerk.

8. To discuss the purchase of a Defibrillator for the village

Cllr Goode had met with Cllr Rowson and had applied to the British Heart Foundation who advised that after 1st October it may be possible to get the defibrillator, training and cabinet free of charge from the British Heart Foundation. Cllr Goode then reapplied after this date and it looks like the defibrillator for the village will be fully funded. The best place was felt to be outside the club but an electricity source would be required. Cllr Goode had contacted Mr Forbes Adam to ask permission to put it outside the club and this had been granted, however, it was also felt that the current management committee of the club should be consulted.

RESOLVED: Subject to a satisfactory quote for the electric connection and permission from all interested parties, it was proposed that the installation of the defibrillator should go ahead. This was seconded and approved.

9. To approve the repair of the War Memorial in the Churchyard

Cllr Casling reported that several donations had been received towards the repair of the War Memorial in the churchyard and there should now be enough to cover the cost of the quote received by Cllr Reader previously. However, a "faculty" was required from the diocese and the next meeting was not until December so the work would not be able to go ahead before the November Remembrance Sunday commemorations. Other quotes had been sought but had not been anywhere near the quote obtained by Cllr Reader.

RESOLVED It was resolved that Cllr Reader advise the contractors who provided the quote that we would like them to go ahead with the work in January subject to the Faculty. This was seconded and approved.

10. To approve the transfer of the support for the Escrick.org domain name and email accounts

Cllr Rowson proposed that he took over the administration and support of the Escrick.org domain name and associated email from Mr Smowton who had previously done this. The costs involved in this would be £37.20 + VAT for email hosting, £10 + VAT one off fee to transfer the domain name from the registrar that Mr Smowton used to the one Cllr Rowson uses. £49.99 + VAT to extend the domain name for another 5 years as it is due to expire in March 2016.

RESOLVED: That the proposal outlined above be carried out was proposed, seconded and approved.

11. Reports

11.1. Police and Neighbourhood Watch

None

11.2. County Councillor

Apart from the fact that Cllr Casling, in her capacity as County Councillor, now had a £10,000 locality budget which she was looking into various projects for, there was nothing more to report.

Cllr Coulson asked about the street lights being turned off after midnight and when this was due to happen. Cllr Forster felt that we should let the residents know about this. It was suggested that this information be put on the website and in the Parish Magazine.

11.3. District Councillor

There was nothing to report.

12. Accounts

12.1. Receipts

None

12.2. Accounts for Payment

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L Reader	Salary October	£134.66
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L Reader	Salary December	£134.66
HMRC	October	£33.67
HMRC	November	£33.67
HMRC	December	£33.67
Village Hall	Room Hire	£10.00
Hobson's Farming Limited	3 pins (War memorial)	£36.00
nPower	Electricity	£101.83
		<u>£652.82</u>

RESOLVED: Subject to clarification of the Hobson's Farming Limited invoice, It was proposed, seconded and agreed that these should all be paid.

12.3. Statement of Current Balances

Bank Reconciliation at 5th October 2015

Balance brought forward at 7th September 2015			<u>£11,200.31</u>
Add Receipts for Month			
Precept	Selby District Council	£7,000.00	
Donation	War Memorial	£50.00	
Interest		£1.73	
		<u>£7,051.73</u>	<u>£18,252.04</u>
Less Payments for Period			
Tru-green	Strimming Woodland	£312.00	
Escrick Park Estate	Village Green Rent	£10.00	
Selby District Council	Election costs 2015	£49.65	
L Reader	Salary July	£134.66	
L Reader	Salary August	£134.66	
L Reader	Salary September	£134.66	
HMRC	July	£33.67	
HMRC	August	£33.67	
HMRC	September	£33.67	
Came and Company	Insurance 2015/16	£1,132.80	
Hobson Farming Ltd	Memorial benches	£696.00	
HMRC	June	£33.67	
		<u>£2,739.11</u>	
Balance at bank and in hand at 31 May 2015			<u>£15,512.93</u>
Community Account		£513.79	
Business Money Manager		£14,999.14	
		<u>£15,512.93</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Less unrepresented cheques			
Escrick & Deighton Club	Room hire September	£10.00	
		<u>£10.00</u>	
Difference		<u>£10.00</u>	<u>£15,502.93</u>
Accounts for Payment			<u>£15,502.93</u>

13. Planning

13.1. Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications

2015/0740/FUL About Thyme, Hollicarrs Close, Escrick

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Cllr Reynolds declared an interest in this application and did not take part in any discussions or decisions.

2015/0999/FUL 21 The Glade, Escrick

RESOLVED: That the planning sub-committee's recommendations for the two applications above should be approved was proposed, seconded and approved.

13.2. Notices of Decision

None

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

Cllr Morley-Jones asked that the subject of Motorcycles be put on the next agenda.

Cllr Reader asked about the progress of the letter to the Black Bull regarding the sign on the grass near to the fountain. The Clerk reported that the letter had been written but not yet sent. The Clerk agreed to send immediately

Cllr Reynolds reported that the filing cabinet would be arriving the following afternoon.

Cllr Forster asked whether Cllr Goode had been able to raise the subject of the rubbish near to the Fat Abbot and Spa with the Parsonage. Cllr Goode reported that she had approached the manager but was not sure whether anything had been done. Cllr Forster was going to chase this up.

Cllr Forster asked whether the light opposite the hair salon on Main Street could be reported as it was not working. He also asked if the trees could be trimmed further as they were still blocking the light.

Cllr Forster reported that the trees on the corner of Wenlock Drive and Skipwith Road were very overhanging. The Chairman advised Cllr Forster to have a word with the residents about them.

Cllr Goode reminded the members about the Dementia Friends training to be held in the Club on 22nd October 2015 between 7 and 9pm.

12. Date and Time of the next meeting

It was felt that no meeting was required in November. The next meeting would be on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7:30 at Escrick and Deighton Club.