

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 7th September 2015 at 7:30 pm at Escrick and Deighton Club**

Present:

Councillor E Casling (Chair)  
Councillor L Coulson  
Councillor S Cunningham  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor J Goode  
Councillor R Rowson  
Councillor J Reader  
Councillor B Forster

Mrs C Morley-Jones

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

6 members of the public

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

Councillor M Luscombe  
Councillor I Reynolds had advised that he would be late for the meeting

### **2. Public Session**

Mrs Cartmell reported that there was a lot of rubbish dumped in the area behind the Covers adjacent to Escrick Park Gardens. It was agreed that this would be raised with Queen Margaret's School.

Mrs Cartmell also asked whether something could be done about the hedges in a couple of the gardens of the houses on Woodlands which back onto Car Lane which are very overgrown. Cllr Reader agreed to approach the houses in question and ask them to cut them.

Mr O'Donohoe asked whether there was any update on the Bus Shelter and the Clerk reported that no reply had yet been received from Guest Walker.

Mr Hardy thanked the Parish Council for putting the draft minutes on the website which made public participation much easier. He also asked for an update on the Post Office, which is not Parish Council business but a separate meeting is to be held later in September, the Bus Shelter, which had already been mentioned and the Street Lighting. The Chairman reported that the street lighting upgrade was still in progress, a price had been provided by NYCC and the Clerk is progressing the project.

Mr Hardy also reported that there was a street light near the ginnel between Carrs Meadows and Main Street which could not be seen because of overgrown trees. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the estate and ask for it to be trimmed.

Mrs Sue Cowes, whose son's life was saved by a defibrillator following a cardiac arrest at school, spoke in support of Escrick purchasing a defibrillator. This is to be covered in a later agenda item.

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

#### **3.1. 1st June 2015**

Cllr Forster asked that the list of those present at the meeting be amended to include him as he was at the meeting.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2015 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

### **4. To co-opt Claire Morley-Jones to the Parish Council**

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and approved that Claire Morley-Jones be co-opted to the Parish Council.

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Councillor Morley-Jones signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **5. To receive correspondence**

The Clerk reported that an email had been received about Good Neighbour schemes from Rural Action Yorkshire and she would circulate it to the members of the Parish Council.

A renewal letter had also been received from the Parish Council's Insurers, Came & Company. This would be dealt with under Finance.

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

As had already been mentioned, no reply had yet been received from Guest Walker regarding the Bus Shelter.

### **7. To report the Internal Audit result**

The Clerk reported that although the Internal Audit result had been mentioned at the last meeting, it had not been specifically minuted. The Clerk had circulated the letter from the Internal Auditor to all members.

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

Mrs Sue Cowes, who attended the meeting, spoke during the public session, in support of purchasing a defibrillator. Mrs Cowes' son had suffered a cardiac arrest at school and his life had been saved by the use of a defibrillator. Had one not been available, he may not have survived. Mrs Cowes wanted to highlight that not only older people could benefit from this equipment being available.

The Parish Council supported the idea and the Chairman suggested that Councillors Goode and Rowson be asked to get some costs. Mrs Cowes agreed to be involved.

RESOLVED: That details of costs be obtained and reported to the next meeting.

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

The condition of the memorial was discussed.

RESOLVED It was resolved that the grant funding forms would be emailed to the council and alternate sources of funding would be sourced.

### **10. To approve the erection of a plaque on the Coronation Memorial and discuss the surplus Jubilee funds**

The work to replace the stone plaque and the new benches had been done and another plaque was now required to acknowledge that this work had been funded by the Jubilee funds.

RESOLVED: That the remaining monies from the Jubilee fund be used to purchase a plaque for the Coronation Memorial was proposed, seconded and approved.

### **11. To discuss the removal/relocation of the litter bin outside the former post office**

The Clerk had received a request to have this litter bin removed.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Reader would confirm with the Estate that the litter bin could be relocated to the corner of Carr's Meadows/Carr Lane and relocate it was proposed, seconded and approved.

### **12. To discuss the Black Bull sign near the fountain**

The Black Bull advertisement sign has been placed on the grass area near the fountain. No permission was sought to place the sign here.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Black Bull and ask them to remove their sign was proposed, seconded and approved.

Cllr Reynolds arrived at this point of the meeting.

### **13. Reports**

#### **13.1. Police and Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Reader asked residents to watch out for door to door salesmen who have been seen in the area recently. The Clerk did not have a police report but reported that a warning had been sent around the

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York area via social media, advising residents to secure items in garages with "up and over" style doors as a lot of thefts had occurred from these recently.

**13.2. County Councillor**

Cllr Casling gave an update on devolution for Yorkshire but this was still under discussion at the moment.

**13.3. District Councillor**

It was requested that it be minuted that several councillors, Cllr Forster, Cllr Casling, Cllr Rowson and Cllr Coulson had attended the Plan Selby consultation recently.

**14. Accounts**

**14.1. Receipts**

None

**14.2. Accounts for Payment**

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
		<u>£2,705.44</u>

The Clerk reported that the renewal for the final year of the 3-year agreement had been received from Came and Company insurance.

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

**14.3. Statement of Current Balances**

Bank Reconciliation at 7th September 2015

Balance brought forward at 1st June 2015 £14,157.34

Add Receipts for Month	Interest		£1.71	
	Donation Village Green	Memorial Benches	£580.00	
			<u>£581.71</u>	<u>£14,739.05</u>

Less Payments for Period	nPower	Electricity	£134.07
	nPower	Electricity	£2,651.70
	NYCC	Right of Way	£40.00
	L Reader	Salary May	£134.66
	E Casling	Flowers A Bowman	£30.00
	YLCA (York)	Subscriptions	£278.00
	Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire May	£10.00
	Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire April	£10.00
	L Reader	Salary June	£134.66
	Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire March	£10.00
	Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire June	£10.00
P Harrison	Internal Audit 2015	£95.65	

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			<u>£3,538.74</u>	
Balance at bank and in hand at 31 May 2015				<u>£11,200.31</u>
	Community Account		£752.90	
	Business Money Manager		<u>£10,447.41</u>	
			<u>£11,200.31</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Less unpresented cheques	HMRC	June	<u>£33.67</u>	
			<u>£33.67</u>	
	Difference		<u>£33.67</u>	<u>£11,166.64</u>
				<u>£11,166.64</u>

**15. Planning**

**15.1. Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications**

None

**15.2. Notices of Decision**

None

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

Cllr Lamont asked whether any other councillors had received a leaflet advising residents how to complain about excess noise from Escrick Park Estate functions. The leaflet was anonymous but Cllr Lamont wanted to clarify the point that this was nothing to do with the Parish Council.

Cllr Goode asked about the progress of the meeting about Escrick becoming Dementia Friendly and the Clerk reported that Mrs Rolfe was on holiday but that they would be arranging the meeting when she got back.

Cllr Forster asked where the waste near the surgery had come from. It was suggested that it was left over from the spa and Fat Abbot work. Cllr Goode offered to go and ask the manager whether it was and if so, could it be moved.

He also asked whether the subject of the street light at the end of Main Street near the fountain, could be raised again as it was still not clearly visible and it was very dark there at night. Cllr Casling said she would investigate.

Cllr Coulson asked that the Clerk write to the Estate Office and raise the subject of maintenance vehicles parking on the grass verges at the junction of Skipwith Road and the A19. This was making a mess of the grass and causing an obstruction to the visibility of the junction.

Cllr Casling reported that although it was not Parish Council business, she was pleased to report that Queen Margaret's School had opened their annual Firework party to the village this year. This was to be on 7th November and the school was keen to hear from anyone who had a non food-related stall that they would like to run on the night.

She also reported that there was a meeting to be held on 22nd September about the proposed Post Office/Shop/Village Hub and that she hoped as many people as possible would attend.

**12. Date and Time of the next meeting**

The next meeting would be on Monday 5th October at 7:30pm at Escrick and Deighton Club.