

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 11th May 2015 immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at Escrick and Deighton Club

Present:

Councillor E Casling (Chair)
Councillor L Coulson
Councillor S Cunningham
Councillor M Luscombe
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor J Goode

Mrs L Reader (Clerk)

3 members of the public

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

Councillor J Reader
Councillor I Reynolds

2. Public Session

No comments except for Mrs Forster who commented that the dog mess situation seemed a lot better.

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

It was pointed out that the minutes from the 13th April contained a contradiction and that under "Apologies" the following text should be amended:

"Councillor A Bowman has expressed her intention not to stand down from the Parish Council."
to read "Councillor A Bowman has expressed her intention not to stand on the Parish Council."

RESOLVED: Following the amendment above, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th April 2015 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To receive correspondence

The Clerk had received a letter from the Head of Queen Margaret's school, thanking Cllr Coulson and Cllr Forster for meeting with her and for a successful meeting. The Head regretted that the current situation could not change but hoped that the girls at the school could work together in the future, perhaps initially to help distribute newspapers for example.

The Clerk had also received an email from Mr Power about the speed issue on Skipwith Road/Wheldrake Lane which had previously been mentioned. This was discussed at some length.

PROPOSED: That the Clerk would write to the Estate and ask whether the land opposite Mr Power's property on the other side of the road belonged to them or to Mr Skilbeck, and depending on the outcome of this correspondence, the owner would be asked whether they could trim back the hedge to improve visibility was proposed, seconded and approved.

PROPOSED: That the Clerk should write to Queen Margaret's school and ask whether the speeding was an issue for them was proposed, seconded and approved.

PROPOSED: That the Clerk reply to Mr Power was proposed, seconded and approved.

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

5.1. Update on the Bus Shelter

The Clerk reported that the Title Documents and Register had been purchased from the Land Registry and the following text was found to be in that document:

"RESERVING NEVERTHELESS unto the Vendor and his successors in title and those authorised by him or them (i) a right of entry on to the said piece of land for the purpose of maintaining or repairing the Bus Shelter but for no other purpose whatsoever subject to the person exercising such right making good all damage (if any) to the said piece of land occasioned thereby..."

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The Clerk reported that the "Vendor" in this case was shown to be Mr Nigel Colin Forbes Adam. The Clerk had reported this to the Estate office who had asked for advice from their solicitor but she was currently on holiday.

Councillor Reynolds arrived at this point in the meeting.

Cllr Reynolds view was that the Parish Council had occupied the land since the 1940's and should be able to claim possessory title but that an application would have to be made to the Land Registry to correct the register. This would require the services of a solicitor.

The Chairman reported that she had put together the questionnaire mentioned at the last meeting.

PROPOSED: That the Clerk write to the owner of the property in question and let them know that the Parish Council was still clarifying the legal status of the Bus Shelter and also assure them that no change of use of the Bus Shelter would be put in place without advising them of it first was proposed, seconded and approved.

PROPOSED: That the Clerk would investigate employing Guest Walker & Co, Solicitors, to correct the register to the effect that the Parish Council were the owners of the Bus Shelter was proposed, seconded and approved.

6. To discuss the fencing around the monument

Cllr Forster asked for this item to be included but Cllr Casling had already addressed this issue and had received an offer from 2 residents, Norman Kears and Brian Raw, to maintain the wooden posts, painting them if necessary and mowing the grass on that piece of land when necessary. This was gratefully accepted by Councillor Casling.

7. To discuss the Fat Abbot car parking/new wall

Cllr Forster reported that a lot of work had been done since the planning application had been approved and he was concerned that not all of it was included in the original application. Cllr Coulson agreed to draft a letter for Cllr Casling to take to Selby District Council enforcement to investigate the issue.

8. Reports

8.1. Police and Neighbourhood Watch

None

8.2. County Councillor

None.

8.3. District Councillor

Cllr Casling was now District Councillor for the area.

9. Accounts

9.1. Accounts for Payment

L Reader	Salary May	£134.66
HMRC	Tax/NI April	£33.67
nPower	Electricity	£134.07
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NYCC	Right of Way	£40.00
Tru-Green	Strimming Woodland area	£312.00
Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire May	£10.00

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

9.2. Statement of Current Balances

Bank Reconciliation at 11th May 2015

Balance brought forward at 13th April 2015

£7,731.28

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Add Receipts for Month				
	Precept (1) 2015		£7,000.00	<u>£14,731.28</u>
Less Payments for Period				
	L Reader	Salary April	£130.47	
	HMRC	Feb	£32.60	
	HMRC	March	<u>£32.60</u>	
			<u>£163.07</u>	
Balance at bank and in hand at 13th April 2015				<u>£14,568.21</u>
	Community Account		£589.91	
	Business Money			
	Manager		<u>£13,945.70</u>	
			<u>£14,535.61</u>	<u>£32.60</u>
Less unrepresented cheques				
	Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire April	£10.00	
	HMRC	April	£32.60	
	YLCA Subs	2015	£278.00	
			<u>£320.60</u>	
			<u>£320.60</u>	<u>£14,247.61</u>
				<u>£14,215.01</u>

10. Planning

10.1. Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications

None

10.2. Notices of Decision

10.2.1. 2015/0217/TPO North House, Skipwith Road, Escrick - GRANTED

10.2.2. 2014/08/HPA Broadacres, 22 Main Street, Escrick - GRANTED

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

Cllr Goode raised the issue of Escrick becoming Dementia Friendly which she had been investigating. It was suggested that she ask Vanessa Rolfe to come to the next meeting to talk about the subject and to put it on the next agenda.

12. Date and Time of the next meeting

Monday 1st June at 7:30pm at Escrick and Deighton Club

The Clerk also mentioned Annual Parish Meeting which was to be held on 26th May 2015 at Escrick and Deighton Club at 7:30pm