

Minutes of the Meeting of Escrick Parish Council on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm 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 B Forster
Councillor J Reader
Councillor I Reynolds

Councillor A Bowman has expressed her intention not to stand ~~down from~~ on the Parish Council.
Councillor S Smowton also advised the Parish Council that he did not intend to seek nomination in the May elections.

2. Public Session

Mr Hardy asked whether any of the Parish Councillors had received a leaflet which looked official, from Selby District Council, regarding the abattoir. Cllr Casling agreed to look into this.

Mrs Cartmell mentioned the parking situation on Skipwith Road.

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

It was pointed out that the minutes of the previous meeting had the wrong date on the top and Cllr Casling asked for the words "said he would speak to local police." to be inserted next to the issue on Car Parking under item 11.

RESOLVED: Following the amendment above, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2015 were moved, seconded and approved as a correct record.

4. To receive correspondence

An email about the bus shelter from a resident who was concerned about the possible future uses. The resident believed that the bus shelter is on her land. Cllr Casling reported that at the recent meeting held in the club, it was felt that the bus shelter would be better used as some form of historic photographic display. Cllr Casling also reported that at the same meeting, the post office situation was discussed and the possibility of opening a post office in part of the club was discussed. Cllr Casling felt that a questionnaire should be put together asking the village their views on both these subjects before any decisions were made. It was also felt that it was important to ascertain the legal position regarding the bus shelter and the owner of the land should be kept informed of any information that should come to light.

RESOLVED: That a questionnaire should be prepared to ask the views of the residents of the village on the use of the bus shelter and a potential post office was proposed, seconded and approved.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should ask Escrick Park Estate for a legal opinion or clarification on the legal position regarding the bus shelter and offer to contribute to any costs was proposed, seconded and approved.

An email had also been received about the parking on Skipwith Road. The Clerk had responded to this email and advised the resident that he should contact the police on this matter. Cllr Casling agreed to speak to one or two residents and ask them to trim their trees to make visibility better.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk should draw up a polite notice, to be approved via email by all councillors and seek advice from a police contact which law was being broken by parking on footpaths was proposed, seconded and approved.

The Clerk read out an email from the Estate office regarding their Premises Licence for the Parkland until 2.00 am on Fridays and Saturdays and their civil licence for the Little Theatre at Skipwith Hall. It was agreed to put the link to the booking calendar on the website.

Cllr Casling informed everyone that there would be drain work carried out on the A19 near Hollicarrs from 20th April for 5 days. Diversions would be in place.

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

Update on the footpath near Alleyway House - the clerk reported that the Estate had looked at the footpath and it needed tarmac laying and it was on their list of jobs.

Update on the meeting between Queen Margaret's School and members of the Parish Council - Cllr Coulson and Cllr Forster would be meeting with Mr King and the new head on Monday 27th April.

Cllr Casling reported that highways had put an order in for repair to the uneven path near Cllr Reader's house on Skipwith Road.

Cllr Casling also reported that she had asked for the trees to be cut at the house opposite the former shop, in order for the light to be exposed.

6. To discuss the grass cutting contract for 2015

The Clerk reported that despite sending out more requests for tender, only one new response was received and this was to say that the job was too big. The only contractor had been Tru-Green who had quoted £175 per cut for the next 3 years (plus VAT). They had also quoted £120 + VAT per strim of the playing field paths or £260 + VAT for the whole playing field area.

PROPOSED: That the Tru-Green quote be accepted, subject to the Clerk confirming that the quote was not excessively higher than last year's was proposed, seconded and approved.

7. To discuss the dog fouling situation

Cllr Luscombe had requested that this item was put on the agenda and asked what the general feeling about the signs that had been put up. The response was that in general it was positive but that there was still a problem with this. Cllr Goode asked whether the spray paint had ever been used and it was agreed that she would use it to spray any dog mess that was noticed.

8. Reports

8.1. Police and Neighbourhood Watch

None. The Clerk reported that some equipment had been stolen from a workman's vehicle outside a property on Dower Chase during the previous week and advised that residents make sure they don't leave valuables outside their houses.

8.2. County Councillor

None.

8.3. District Councillor

None.

9. Accounts

9.1. Accounts for Payment

L Reader	Salary April	£130.47
HMRC	Tax/NI April	£32.60
YLCA	2015 Subscription	£278.00
Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire April	£10.00
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		£451.07

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

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9.2. Statement of Current Balances

Bank Reconciliation at 13th April 2015			
Balance brought forward at 3rd March 2015			<u>£8,000.98</u>
Add Receipts for Month			
Interest	£1.24		<u>£8,002.22</u>
Less Payments for Period			
L Reader	Salary March	£130.47	
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Escrick and Deighton Club	Room Hire Jan	£10.00	
Escrick Park Estate	Playing field rent	£10.00	
		<u>£270.94</u>	
Balance at bank and in hand at 13th April 2015			<u>£7,731.28</u>
Community Account		£785.58	
Business Money Manager		£6,945.70	
		<u>£7,731.28</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Less unrepresented cheques			
Escrick & Deighton Club	Room Hire Mar	£10.00	
HMRC	March	£32.60	
HMRC	Feb	£32.60	
		<u>£75.20</u>	
Difference		<u>£75.20</u>	<u>£7,656.08</u>
			<u>£7,656.08</u>

The Clerk also reported that the Parish Council would be receiving around £450 from NYCC following changes to the Highway Grass Cutting Service.

In addition, the Clerk also reported that there was some s106 funding available from the Old School House development. This money had to be spent on Recreational Open Space projects and the Clerk asked the members to come back with some suggestions at the next meeting.

10. Planning

10.1. Applications Received including Standing Order no. 34 Applications

10.1.1. 2014/0826/HPA Broadacres, 22 Main Street, Escrick - no objections

10.1.2. 2015/0217/TPO North House, Skipwith Road, Escrick - no objections

10.1.3. 2015/0290/HPA Escrick Post Office, 45 Main Street, Escrick - Planning Working group formed their observations and forwarded to the Clerk for submission to SDC.

10.2. Notices of Decision

10.2.1. 2015/0058/COU Escrick Post Office, 45 Main Street, Escrick - GRANTED

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

Cllr Luscombe - Dog Fouling

Cllr Cunningham - progress of plans to switch off street lights overnight

12. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 11th May 2015 at 7:30pm followed immediately afterwards by the Ordinary Meeting at Escrick and Deighton Club.