

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on
Wednesday 18th April 2007

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| Present: | Councillors | J Jenkin (Chair) S Wiseman W Gambold |
| | Clerk | S Leach |
| | Responsible Finance Officer | J Cook |
| | Ward Councillor | I Cuthbertson |

Members of the Public: M Leach, I Jones, J Hepworth

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Baxter, Councillor Rose.

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None received.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 21st March 2007

Councillor Gambold proposed the minutes as a true record. All agreed.

4. Officers and representatives Reports

4.1 Clerks Report

- Seven candidates will be standing for election on May 3rd
- A new Code of Conduct is due to come into force on May 3rd and will need to be adopted by the Parish Council by October.

4.2 Responsible Finance Officers Report

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| Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account No.11589436 Balance as at 31/03/07 | £500.00 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland savings Account No.11589444 Balance as at 31/03/07 | £5176.50 |
| Lloyds TSB Business Account No.2118947 Balance as at 31/03/07 | £18567.22 |
| Lloyds TSB Financial Markets Bond Ref. No. LD55655315RD | £100,000.00 |
| <u>Uncleared Cheques</u> | |
| No. 407 | £194.57 |
| No. 411 | £396.00 |

Uncleared Deposits

None

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| Total Free Assets | £23653.15 |
| Total Ring Fenced Assets | £100,000.00 |
| <u>Total Assets</u> | <u>£123,653.15</u> |

Councillors discussed the format of the budget report and resolved to add an additional column to show offset amounts.

An inventory of goods transferred to the Parish Council from Earswick Sports and Social club has been received and will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

4.3 Burial Board Report

A meeting was held on Friday 13th April. A letter is to be sent to the Burial Board informing them of the retirement of Councillors Jenkin and Baxter. **Action: SL**

4.4 Foss Internal Drainage Board

The next meeting is on 4th June.

4.5 Neighbourhood Watch Report

There have been two incidents of vandalism at the BMX track destroying the picnic table and damaging the bin. The table has been replaced with one from another part of the village and the bin repaired. There is also evidence of drug use and the police have some suspects. Councillors discussed the problem of children playing football in the village hall car park and it was resolved to contact the parents. This ongoing problem will be discussed further at the next meeting.

4.6 Village Hall Report

The gardeners question time event held on 13th April was very successful and raised £200 to be split between York Against Cancer and the Village Hall. The committee have considered the Parish Council's request to organise a village social event and have agreed to do so at a future date.

5. Planning

The following planning applications were dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers.

5.1 07/00617/FULM – Greystones Farm – formation of two ponds for amenity and fishing – No objection.

5.2 07/00618/FUL – Greystones Farm – installation of ground based lighting to serve golf driving range – No objection

5.3 07/00583/FUL – 10 Lockhouse Lane – one and two storey pitched roof side extensions.

5.4 – Councillors agreed to check the time limit for comments on the planning enforcement date for South Villa. **Action:SW**

Councillors discussed the progress of the building work at Ilford House and following concerns raised by residents agreed to write to City of York Council to check that the site of the terrace of houses complies with the planning permission. **Action:SL**

6. Action Related to the BMX Track and the Toddler Play Area.

- A copy of the RoSPA report is needed to confirm the insurance for the BMX track **Action:SL&JC**
- It was resolved to replace the sign vandalised at the BMX track **Action:SW**
- The gates for the toddler play area have been ordered and will be paid for from the budget already agreed.

7. Authorisation of Expenditure

Councillors agreed a budget of up to £150 to purchase a new filing cabinet for parish records.

£338.87 –Parkdale for swing seats

£189 – YLCA membership

£54 – Mrs Cook for the purchase of the BBQ and seats from Earswick Sports and Leisure Club as agreed at the last meeting.

£426.30 – Insurance. A further quote will be sought from Zurich. **Action:JC**

Councillors agreed to increase the fidelity insurance from £100000 to £200000.

8. Management of the Public Open Space

The new trees planted opposite the tennis courts will be checked to see if they are still alive and under planting will be needed. **Action:SW**

Councillors discussed the possibility of enabling the public to ‘adopt’ various areas in the future.

9. Blue Lands

Councillors resolved to ring fence the £70,000 compensation to be received from the Thompson estate via City of York Council, in an interest account. The interest to be used for the upkeep of the land shown green, green-hatched red and green hatched orange on Plan 1. The signed agreement is to be returned to City of York legal department. **Action:SL**

This agreement is with City of York Council and should be accompanied by the gifting of Mr Little’s field and the nature reserve (both with no money attached) from the executors of David Thompson’s estate. The transfer of the flower meadow and copse to the west of the river, from City of York, together with the apportionment of the last of the Section 106 money is awaited.

10. Report of Vermin

This situation has been resolved.

11. The Future Management of the Bowling Green

The code is to be changed immediately to stop any further access to the area until any new plans can be implemented. **Action:SL**

Councillors noted that there is a fence inside the hedge surrounding the green and discussed the possibility of removing the hedge on the river side of the green and the possibility of installing a multi purpose surface and resiting two of the benches around the village.

12. Ward Funding

no items identified.

13. Newsletter

A newsletter will be produced following the election and will include the Chairs annual report.

14. Items for Information

The road widening on Strensall Road is nearing completion and the extension of the 30mph limit needs to be followed up.

The possibility of signs being placed at either end of the new footpath on Strensall Road to enable cyclists to use the path was discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach
Parish Clerk