### **EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

#### Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Present:	Councillors	J Jenkin (Chair)
		S Wiseman
		W Gambold
		<b>D</b> Baxter
		D Duxter

Clerk

S Leach

Members of the Public: M Leach, J Nicholson, R McLone, J Gambold, Jean Hepworth, John Hepworth.

**1.** Apologies for Absence

Mrs J Cook (RFO).

# 2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None received

## 3. Minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007

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

#### 4. Officers and Representatives Reports

### **4.1 Clerks Report**

The road works presently being carried out on Strensall Road include the extension of the footpath to link Garden Village with Fosslands. Mrs Leach confirmed details of the forthcoming election timetable. YLCA has advised that there should be a minimum of seven Councillors for the parish but that it is too late to make an application to City of York Council in time for the May elections. Councillors agreed to keep this item under review.

#### 4.2 <u>Responsible Finance Officers Report</u>

Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account No.11589436 Balance as at 31/01/07	£500.00
Royal Bank of Scotland Savings Account No.11589444 Balance as at 31/01/07	£6456.10
Lloyds TSB Business Account No.2118947 Balance as at 31/01/07	£14642.28
Lloyds TSB Financial Markets Bond Ref. No. LD85147358RD	£100,000.00

<u>Uncleared Cheques</u> Cheque No 401	£ 88.13
Uncleared Deposits none	
Total Free Assets	£21510.25
Total Ring Fenced Assets	£100,000.00
Total Assets	£121,510.25

### 4.3 Burial Board Report

No meeting

#### **4.4 <u>Foss Internal Drainage Board Report</u>** No meeting

## 4.5 Neighbourhood Watch Report

Nothing to report

### 4.6 Village Hall Report

The Gardeners Question Time fundraising event is to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April. The committee has considered the suggestion to organise an annual social event for the village and would not be against assisting with a joint event. However the committee wishes to wait until after the April fundraiser to gauge the response.

### 4.7 Earswick Sports & Leisure Club

The committee has worked out a formula to return a proportion of the remaining funds to each household that has put money into the club. Some money may be held by the parish in an account for five years to enable householders who have left the village to claim back their portion. 25 households have left the village of which 8 have been traced so far.

### 5. Planning Applications

07/00068/FUL - 44 Earswick Chase – garden shed. The papers were not returned to the clerk within the specified time limit and consequently no comment could be returned to the planning department.

### 6. BMX Track and Toddler Play area.

- The report on the BMX track has now been received which will enable the Parish Council to seek insurance cover. Action:JC
- Councillor Gambold has written to Yorwaste and the Ward Committee to notify them that their grants have now enabled the work to be completed.
- Following receipts of quotes Councillors agreed to ask Martin Whittaker to carry out work to the fence and gates of the toddler play ground. Action:WG

- City of York has advised that the best way to clean the play surface is to pressure wash with plain water. Councillors agreed to install a tap in the village hall kitchen to enable the contractor (M Whittaker) to access a water supply more easily to carry out this work.
- Councillors agreed to ask Neighbourhood Services if it is possible for the litter picking service to be extended to Earswick and to move the half Edinburgh litterbin from beside the telephone kiosk to the bus stop on the opposite side of the road.

### 7. <u>Payment of Expenditure</u>

 $\pounds$ 229.13 – RoSPA for playground inspection  $\pounds$ 19.50 – SLCC for updates to WWYC

### 8. <u>Village Shelter</u>

The shelter has been in position for one year during which time one complaint has been received. Councillors therefore agreed that the shelter should remain where it is although its position may be reviewed if necessary.

#### 9. Management of Public Open Space

A further meeting of the working party is to be arranged. The provision of goal posts is to be priced up and Mike Harland will be asked to roll the football pitch. The mole man is to be asked to clear the area again. Action:SL

### **10.** Dates for Future Meetings

Councillors agreed the following dates-Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm (change to previous date) Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April -preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May- Preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

### 11. Parish Plan

The Rural Community Council will be able to send an advisor to a future meeting to talk about the process of producing a plan. A grant of £3000 may be available to produce a parish plan but there is no grant to produce a design statement which would cost approx £3000. Councillors agreed to ask an advisor to attend the June meeting.

Action:WG

### 12. Ward Funding

Earswick Parish Council's bid for £3000 for play equipment was not successful, as it did not receive sufficient votes. Ideas for future grant applications are now being sort.

### 13. Items for the Newsletter

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting is to be added.

### 14 -<u>Items for Information/ the Next Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March.</u>

No items noted

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach Parish Clerk