

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on
Tuesday 10th July 2007

Present:	Councillors	W Gambold P Anderson M Leach P Norman
	Clerk	S Leach
	Responsible Finance Officer	J Cook

Members of the Public present: - B Woodward, M Woodward, I Jones, J Nicholson, J Hepworth, V Bradshaw, R McLone.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Wiseman.

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None received

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings of 11th June and 29th June were accepted as a true record.

4. Officers Reports

4.1 Clerks Report

The clerk reported that the planning applications for 6 Willow Grove, Greystones Farm (lighting), 10 Willow Grove and the change of use from agricultural to Equestrian to the rear of Ilford Close are all pending consideration by City of York Council.

Following numerous complaints the Clerk has used her delegated power to take action to cut back the overgrown hedge on Strensall Road, which was obstructing the pavement. Correspondence and negotiations regarding the ownership and maintenance of the hedge forming the boundary to the rear of properties in High Garth that back onto Strensall Road has been ongoing between the Parish Council, City of York Council, Hoggs and the residents. Hoggs maintain that the hedge is the property of the residents whilst the residents maintain it is not. It has been made clear to the residents that it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council who will not take action in future to maintain the hedge. City of York have advised that the hedge cannot be removed and are taking action to ensure that it is cut back in future by the owners once clarified.

4.2 Responsible Finance Officer

a. Bank Report

Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account
No.11589436 Balance as at 30/06/07

500.00

Royal Bank of Scotland savings Account No.11589444 Balance as at 30/06/07	10744.27
Lloyds TSB Business Account No.2118947 Balance as at 30/06/07	18819.42
Lloyds TSB Financial Markets Bond Ref. No. LD55655315RD	100,000.00
Lloyds TSB Financial Markets Bond Ref. No. LD 55788955RD	70,000.00
<u>Uncleared Cheques</u> None	
<u>Uncleared Deposits</u> None	
Total Free Assets	30,063.69
Total Ring Fenced Assets	170,000.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>200,063.69</u>

b. Subscription to Yorkshire Rural Community Council

Councillors agreed to the increased subscription.

c. Authorisation of Expenditure

£370.13 – Deans Landscape – grass cutting
£102.50 – Garden Creation – grass cutting
£502.09 – Martin Whittaker for various maintenance works
£325.83 – S Leach, clerk’s wages
£128.67 – J Cook, RFO wages
£35 – YRCC
£88.14 – YLCA, training for Councillors

5. Planning Applications

5.1 07/01198/FUL – 51 Earswick Chase – Installation of 4 roof lights to rear.

No objection

5.2 – 07/01393/FUL – 76 Earswick Chase – single storey pitched roof side extension.

No objection

Action:SL

6. Adoption of the New Code of Conduct.

It was resolved that Earswick Parish Council adopts the Standard Board’s Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils 2007.

Action:SL

7. Alterations to the Roof of the Village Hall

Carried forward to the next meeting.

Action:JC

8. Increase in the Number of Parish Councillors

Councillors agreed that the cost of increasing the number of Councillors for the next election would be considered when setting the Precept for next year.

Action:JC

9. Alterations to the Speed Limit on Strensall Road

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

10. The Disposal of Bowling Items

Councillors agreed to sell two sets of woods and associated bowling items to Strensall Bowls Club for £50.

11. Maintenance of the Public Open Space

Councillors agreed to seek tenders for the maintenance contract in September.

Action:POS Working Party

The ownership of the grass by the bus stop needs clarifying, as it needs cutting.

Action:SL

12. Removal of Itinerant on POS

The itinerant has now moved on.

13. Items for Ward Funding

Bids from residents need to be submitted by August. The Village Hall committee will be submitting a bid for funds to alter the hatch in the Village Hall.

A group of residents may submit a bid to fund a sensory garden on the bowls green.

14. Items for Information/Next Agenda

City of York Council are hoping to include Earswick in their litter picking programme.

A meeting of the Burial Authority has taken place and the next meeting is on 5th October.

The extension to the speed limit, Maintenance contracts, repairs to the village hall, village hall insurance charge back are to be on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach
Parish Clerk