

## **EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 11th June 2007**

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| <b>Present:</b> | <b>Councillors</b>                 | <b>W Gambold</b><br><b>S Wiseman</b><br><b>M Leach</b><br><b>P Norman</b> |
|                 | <b>Clerk</b>                       | <b>S Leach</b>  |
|                 | <b>Responsible Finance Officer</b> | <b>J Cook</b>   |

**Members of the Public Present:- N Eden, S Eden, M Woodhead, A Woodhead, S Clark, J Nicholson, V Bradshaw, I Jones, D Jones, J Gill.**

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies from Councillor Anderson and Ward Councillor Kirk were accepted.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

None received.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Councillors agreed the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (10th May), the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th May, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 21st May and the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 29th May as a true record.

#### **4. Officers and Representatives Reports**

##### **4.1. Clerks Report**

- The road works on Strensall Road will be completed following installation of the new street lighting.
- The residents of the houses in High Garth that back onto Strensall Road have been asked to cut back their hedges.
- City of York Council hope to complete the transfer of the ditch within two to three weeks.
- A further letter has been sent to City of York Council requesting that the bin be moved to the bus stop.
- Councillor Gambold is unable to attend the public Ward meeting on 11th July at Strensall Methodist Church. Councillors Anderson and Leach to attend.
- Councillors agreed to limit items on future agendas to those needing action. Items for information only can be brought up together under a specific heading.

##### **4.2 Responsible Finance Officers Report**

- a. Councillors resolved to authorise the Annual Accounts. See attached report

**b. Bank Reconciliation**

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| Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account<br>No.11589436 Balance as at 31/05/07 | £500.00            |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Savings Account<br>No.11589444 Balance as at 31/05/07 | £13318.50          |
| Lloyds TSB Business Account<br>No.2118947 Balance as at 31/05/07             | £8652.65           |
| Lloyds TSB Financial Markets Bond<br>Ref. No. LD55655315RD                   | £100,000.00        |
| <u>Uncleared Cheques</u>   |                    |
| No. 421  | £ 477.51           |
| No. 422  | £1110.38           |
| Direct Debit   | £23.50             |
| No. 423  | £706.75            |
| <u>Uncleared Deposits</u>  |                    |
| None   |                    |
| Total Free Assets  | £100,153.01        |
| Total Ring Fenced Assets   | £100,000.00        |
| <u>Total Assets</u>  | <u>£200,153.01</u> |

The £70,000 compensation money has now been ring fenced until 10th September when it will be reinvested with the other ring fenced money.  
£3847.28 VAT has been reclaimed.

**c. Authorisation of Expenditure**

£37.01 – Advance Fire for fire alarm maintenance  
£176.25 – Simpson & Wood – IEE certificate for the Village hall  
£3.99 – J Cook for photocopying  
£3.84 – J Cook for postage  
£35 – Information Commissioners Office for renewal of data protection licence.

Bank Mandates are to be signed by Councillors to update the signatories.

**4.3 Burial Board Report**

The next meeting is due in July. Date not yet decided.

#### **4.4 Foss Internal Drainage Board**

Councillor Wiseman will continue on the Board as a Councillor for City of York. Councillor Norman was nominated to take over as the Parish Council representative on the Board. **Action:SL**

#### **4.5 Village Hall Report**

Councillors discussed the possibility of removing the bike shelter roof and taking the line back to the existing line of the hall's roof. The guttering also needs to be replaced. Mrs Cook will check the exact nature of the remedial work and this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **4.6 Neighbourhood Watch**

Councillor Norman is to take over from Councillor Gambold as coordinator.

#### **5. Planning Matters**

Councillor Wiseman is now on the planning committee of City of York Council and will not be able to take part in planning decisions made by the Parish Council, as this will be a conflict of interest.

#### **6. Management of the Public Open Space**

Councillors agreed that the football pitch is in need of maintenance. It was agreed that members need more information about what work needs to be carried out and the costs involved. **Action:SW**

It was also agreed that youths in the village should be asked if they wish to submit a bid for funding for some goal posts. **Action:BG**

Councillors agreed to allocate a budget of £400 from the £4000 POS budget set for the Precept to enable the estate management group to under plant the new trees. **Action:SW**

A schedule of work for the management of the public open space is to be produced for the next meeting. **Action: Estate team**

#### **7. Bowling Green**

Following discussion with residents Councillors resolved to maintain the area over the coming year and obtain a costing to remove the hedge on the river side of the bowling green whilst preserving the fence and, if feasible, carry this work out. The area will be used as a quiet area and not for play equipment or sports. Grants are to be sought for funding for a scented garden. **Action:SW**

#### **8. Adoption of the New Code of Conduct.**

Councillors have been given copies of the new code and the accompanying Guide for Members. This item will be discussed again at the next meeting when Councillors have had an opportunity to read the guidance and in particular the implications of adopting section 12 (2)

#### **9. Training for New Councillors**

Councillors agreed a budget of £90 for training for three new councillors. **Action:SL**

#### **10. Request to Lease Land to the Rear of Stablers Walk.**

Councillors resolved not to lease the land, which falls within the green belt. The enforcement officer has been involved in the past to prevent the land being used as

gardens and Councillors wish to uphold this when the land transfers into parish council ownership.

**Action:SL**

**11. Use of the Tennis Courts by Non Residents**

The Parish Council has received a number of requests from non-residents of the village to subscribe to use the tennis courts. Councillors resolved that the facility was provided for the use of the residents under the Section 106 agreement and non-residents will therefore not be able to subscribe.

**Action:SL**

**12. Items for Ward Funding**

- Youth equipment
- Scented garden to replace the bowling green
- 30mph traffic warnings
- Additional lamp posts

**13. Items for Information/next agenda**

- Code of Conduct.
- Repairs to the village hall
- Councillors to walk the Village on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am to remind residents to cut back hedges, limit the height of hedges and remove tree branches obstructing the footpaths.
- Public ward meeting

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach  
Parish Clerk