

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on
Wednesday 21st March 2007

Present:	Councillors	J Jenkin (Chair) H Rose W Gambold D Baxter
	Clerk	S Leach
	Responsible Finance Officer	J Cook

Members of the Public: M Leach, J Nicholson, B Driver, A Kirkby, P Sapsford, H Mead, I Jones.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Wiseman.

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None received

3. Minutes of the meeting of 14th February 2007

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

4. Officers and Representatives Reports

4.1 Clerks Report

The Clerk has not yet heard from City of York regarding moving the litterbin. The planning application for a touring caravan park on the Haxby side of the River Foss has now been withdrawn. The Clerk outlined the procedure for the forthcoming Parish Council elections. City of York have responded to the Chair's queries regarding the compensation for the loss of the 'blue lands' and confirmed that the £70000 can only be used to maintain the land transferred to the Parish Council under the Section 106 agreement including the flower meadow. Councillor Jenkin will proceed with the signing of the documents as agreed at the parish council meeting of 14th January.

A further agreement will be required to transfer the nature reserve and Mr Little's field.

Action:JJ

4.2 Responsible Finance Officers Report

Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account No.11589436 Balance as at 28/02/07	£500.00
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Royal Bank of Scotland savings Account No.11589444 Balance as at 28/02/07	£6115.34
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Lloyds TSB Business Account No.2118947 Balance as at 28/02/07	£14675.98
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Lloyds TSB Financial Markets Bond
Ref. No. LD55655315RD £100,000.00

Uncleared Cheques

None

Uncleared Deposits

Deposit of bond interest on 09/03/07 £3860.00

Total Free Assets £25151.32

Total Ring Fenced Assets £100,000.00

Total Assets £125,151.32

The bond has been reinvested for six months until 10th September at a rate of 4.79% Mrs Cook reported that the Audit Commission has reappointed Mazars as Auditors for a further year.

Councillors were reminded of the need to refer planned expenditure back to the Council where the pre approved amount is likely to be exceeded. Councillors discussed the variance between the individual budget allocations and the actual spend to date. This will need further discussion.

4.3 Burial Board Report

No further meeting has been held but a snagging meeting is to take place following the completion of the new building.

4.4. Foss Internal Drainage Board

Nothing to report

4.5 Neighbourhood Watch Report

A report of a car driving across a lawn has been received and the police have been informed.

4.6 Village Hall Report

An alarm siren has now been fitted in the hall itself and the broken windows replaced. A Gardeners Question time fundraising event is to be held on 13th April.

4.7 Earswick Sports and Leisure Club Report

Bryan Driver has written to the Parish Council to outline their proposals for the winding up of the club. Any equipment bought with Lottery funding will be handed on to the Parish Council as successors to the club. Councillors agreed that other items could continue to be stored in the shed until the 14th April when the club will auction them off. Peter Fawcett will accompany Councillor Rose to inspect the assets to be handed over to the Parish Council. The remaining funds will be divided amongst the members of the club. Any member who has left the village and cannot immediately be traced will be entitled to make a claim within the next five years. Councillors agreed to open a bank account and to receive and administer this money for a period of five years. Any claimants will not be entitled to any interest earned on the account. Any

money remaining at the end of the five-year period will be paid into the Parish Council accounts. **Action:JC**

Councillor Jenkin thanked the Sports Club Committee for running the club facilities so successfully over the past few years.

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Act (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public leave the meeting during consideration of the following item.

Councillors resolved to bid at the Auction for the following items to the ceiling indicated.

3 lots of plastic chairs – maximum bid £25 for all three

Gas Barbeque – maximum bid £75

Action:JC

5. To Agree Action Needed to renovate the Toddlers Play Area.

The Ward Committee have asked for the unspent grant money to be returned immediately. The new gates will cost £400 each and will be paid for from the money already set aside for the renovations. Councillors discussed the possibility of purchasing a multi goal at a cost of £1000 plus fitting. The purchase and site for this will be discussed further at a future meeting.

6. Authorisation of Expenditure

£115.20 – Oxford Glass to repair the windows in the village hall. 50% to be charged back to the parents of the child who owned up to breaking one of the windows.

£195.64 – Advance Fire Service, quarterly alarm check and installation of sounder.

£194.57 – Martin Whittaker, sand blasting and repainting the swing.

£150 – J Robertson, provision of drainage channel outside the hall.

£325.83 – S Leach, Clerks wages

£128.67 – J Cook, RFO wages.

£400 maximum - Strensall Ward Committee, reimbursement of unspent grant.

£800 plus VAT for gates to playground. (From £2500 agreed expenditure)

7. Maintenance of Public Open Space

Deferred to future meeting.

8. To Agree the Complaints Procedure.

Councillors agreed the complaints procedure to be appended to the Standing Orders.

9. To agree a Response to the Local Development Framework Draft Statement of Community Involvement.

Councillors discussed the consultation document but decided not to offer any comments to City of York Council.

10. Parish Plan

Item to be deferred until after the elections.

11. Ward Funding

Applications are being prepared for 2008/09. Councillors were asked to consider an application for £3000 for more children's play equipment.

12. Items for the Newsletter

none noted.

13. Items for Information/ Next Agenda/ Annual Parish Meeting

The agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting will be the Chairman's report and a report from the responsible Finance Officer.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Shirley Leach
Parish Clerk