

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on
Thursday 10th May 2007

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

Members of the Public: I Jones, J Hepworth, J Hepworth, J Gill, E Rose, V Clark, J Gambold, G Offler.

1. Apologies for Absence

None received

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None received

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2006 were proposed as a true record by Councillor Wiseman and seconded by Councillor Gambold. The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2007 were proposed by Councillor Wiseman and seconded by Councillor Leach and the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th April were proposed by Councillor Gambold and seconded by Councillor Leach. All agreed

4. Officers and Representatives Reports

4.1 Clerks Report

- A new Code of Conduct has been produced and will be circulated to Councillors prior to the next parish council meeting.
- Councillors have received an invitation to a presentation by the Army Presentation Team on 13th June.
- Further information is to be sought from City of York Council regarding the process and costs involved in increasing the number of Councillors to seven.
- The £70000 compensation for the 'Blue Lands' has now been received.

4.2 Responsible Finance Officers Report

a. Bank Reconciliation

Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account
No.11589436 Balance as at 30/04/07

500.00

Royal Bank of Scotland Savings Account No.11589444 Balance as at 30/04/07	10400.06
Lloyds TSB Business Account No.2118947 Balance as at 30/04/07	18610.58
Lloyds TSB Financial Markets Bond Ref. No. LD55655315RD	100,000.00
<u>Uncleared Cheques</u> No. 413	189.00
<u>Uncleared Deposits</u> None	
Total Free Assets	29321.64
Total Ring Fenced Assets	100,000.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>129,321.64</u>

b. Disposal of Assets received from Earswick Sports & Leisure club.

Councillors agreed to sell the sets of bowls, each worth £30-£40 via Earswick Indoor Bowling Club. **Action:JC**

c. Appointment of Internal Auditor

Councillor Gambold declared an interest.
Councillors agreed to appoint Mrs J Gambold as internal auditor.

d. New Bank Mandate

Councillors signed the new mandate and agreed to open a second current account to receive the remaining funds from Earswick Sports & Leisure club and the new subscriptions to the Tennis Courts. **Action:JC**

e. Subscriptions to Other Bodies

Councillors agreed to renew the following subscriptions to the ceiling indicated
SLCC - £60
YLCA - £189
River Foss Society - £20
RYCC - £30

Councillors agreed to ring fence the £70000 in a new bond for a period of three months. **Action:JC**

Authorisation of Expenditure

£151.98 – S Leach for purchase of filing cabinet and drawing pins
£26.50 – J Cook for shed keys and photocopying

£207.50 – Martin Whittaker for work carried out on the Play areas and Public Open space.

£325.83 – S Leach, clerks salary

£128.57 – J Cook, RFO salary

Councillors discussed an increase in Fidelity Insurance from £100000 to £200000 at an increase in premium of £150 and agreed that a further quote be sought from Zurich. It was further agreed that should this not be forthcoming prior to the date of renewal the existing policy would be renewed.

An IEE certificate is to be obtained prior to the insurance being renewed on the Village Hall. **Action:SW**

4.3 Neighbourhood Watch Report

Residents were again encouraged to report incidents direct to the police and to obtain an incident number. They were reminded that they could request not to receive a visit if they were afraid of possible reprisals.

4.4 Village Hall Report

- a. Alterations to the hatch. Councillors agreed to the committee's proposal to increase the size of the hatch to make serving easier. The costs will be borne by the village hall committee who will seek grant aid.
- b. Security around the village hall – following a number of incidents of vandalism Councillors discussed options such as the installation of lighting or a 'mosquito' machine giving off a noise only teenagers are able to hear. It was agreed that further information was needed. **Action:SW**
- c. The committee propose holding a village barbeque on 1st September.

5. Planning

Following publication of the agenda a planning application has been received for 10 Willow Grove. Councillors agreed to call a meeting to discuss this proposal on 21st May at 7.00pm.

6. BMX track and Children's play area.

Two incidents of vandalism have been noted at the BMX track.

7. Management of the Public Open Space

- a. Councillors decided to defer the discussion regarding the appointment of an arborist for advice until all the land has been transferred to the parish council.
- b. Councillors discussed the possibility of removing the footbridge over the river Foss to improve the security of the Public Open Space. Councillors raised concerns about the safety of the bridge. **Action:SL**

8. Future Management of the Bowling Green area

Deferred to the June meeting

9. Dates for Future Meetings

The following dates were agreed-all meetings to commence at 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th June 2007

Wednesday 11th July 2007

Wednesday 5th September 2007
Wednesday 10th October 2007
Wednesday 14th November 2007
Wednesday 5th December 2007
Wednesday 9th January 2008
Wednesday 13th February 2008
Wednesday 12th March 2008
Wednesday 9th April 2008
Wednesday 14th May 2008 including the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

10. Enquiry regarding 24 Stablers Walk

The council has received a letter from a prospective purchaser of this property querying responsibility for the possible removal of the second hedge to the rear of the property. Councillors agreed that it would not be the responsibility of the householder to remove the hedge. **Action:SL**

11. Items for Ward Funding

Village Hall hatch – bid to be submitted by the village hall committee
Children’s play equipment

12. Items for the Newsletter

List of new Councillors and contact details, Tennis courts, Mr Little’s field, Ideas for the bowling green, gardeners question time, 1st September BBQ, Chairman’s report.

13. Items for Information/next agenda

The Bryants and Earswick S&L Club signs have now been removed.
The hedge to the rear of the properties in High Garth bordering Strensall Road needs cutting back

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach
Parish Clerk