

## EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>W Gambold</b> <b>P Anderson</b> <b>M Leach</b> <b>S Wiseman</b> <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:** - J Townsend, J Nicholson, V Bradshaw, J Gambold, J Gill, I Jones, J Hepworth, M Woodward, B Woodward, S Eden, N Eden, H Mead.

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

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Anderson for the first part of the meeting.

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

Councillor Wiseman declared a prejudicial interest in item 5.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meetings of 5<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> September were accepted as a true record.

#### **4. Clerk's Report**

- The Clerk reported that City of York Council have improved the level of the footpath along the river from the bottom of The Village northwards.
- The hole by the path from the village hall to the river was dug out in January and no indication of a leaking land drain was found.
- The road works on Strensall Road are ongoing although Councillors noted that the island bollards are very large and are obstructing the site line coming out of Garden Village.
- It is noted that whilst the village hall is suitable for wheelchair access there is no loop system in place. This is to be costed for a future decision  
**Action:JC**
- Chris Newsome at City of York Council has been asked to provide an update on the transfer of the River Access lands to the parish council.  
**Action:SW**
- The Clerk gave an explanation of the terms of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 following a request by a member of the public.
- Hoggs have been asked to cut back the hedge alongside High Garth on Strensall Road and City of York Council are also pursuing this matter.

## **4.2 Responsible Finance Officers Report**

### **a. Bank Reconciliation**

Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account No.11589436 Balance as at 28/09/07	£500.00
Royal Bank of Scotland savings Account No.11589444 Balance as at 28/09/07	£14099.65
Royal Bank of Scotland Tennis Account No.10212355 Balance as at 04/10/07	£978.12
Lloyds TSB Business Account No.2118947 Balance as at 28/09/07	£22235.14
Lloyds TSB Financial Markets Bond Ref. No. LD85938058	£170,000.00
<u>Uncleared Cheques</u>	
No. 438	£52.87
No. 442	£126.31
Direct debit	£23.50
<u>Uncleared Deposits</u>	
none	
Total Free Assets	£37,610.23
Total Ring Fenced Assets	£170,000.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>£207,610.23</u>

The bond for £170,000 has been reinvested at a rate of 5.4% for one year. This will yield in excess of £9205 interest to use on maintenance of the public open space in 2008.

### **b. Repairs to the Village Hall**

Only one quote has been received for repairs to the roof. Further quotes are to be sought and the possibility of costs being covered by the NHBC insurance will be followed up. **Action:JC**

### **c. Authorisation of Expenditure**

£ 37.01 – Advance Fire Services  
£126.31 – Newsquest for advert inviting tenders for maintenance of the POS  
£15 –River Foss Society membership

£1480.50 – Deans for POS maintenance  
£338.15 – Martin Whittaker for general maintenance July-Sept.  
£345.29 – Martin Whittaker – repairs to BMX fence  
£928.25 – City of York Council for gates to the playground.

d. Purchase of Printer

Councillors agreed to the purchase of a printer up to the cost of £150 for use by the clerk.

**5.Planning Application 07/02194/FULM**

Site to the rear of Ilford Close, change of use from agricultural to equestrian use to provide two paddocks and the formation of a turning head.

Having already declared an interest Councillor Wiseman left the meeting for this agenda item.

Councillors agreed to object to this application on the same grounds as the previous application. **Action:SL**

**6. Play Areas**

a. Installation of goal posts

The playing fields association are to be invited to the next Parish Council, meeting to advise on improvements to the kick about area following the award of a grant to a group of youths in the village to purchase some goal posts.

**Action:ML**

b. Play area Inspections

Councillors were supplied with a checklist to enable them to record the dates they have each inspected the various items of equipment. Any problems identified need to be reported to the Clerk to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Action: All Members**

c. Resurfacing of the toddler play area.

Quotes for the replacement of the surface have been obtained. Councillors agreed to discuss this item further following receipt of the RoSPA playground report on the inspection that was carried out in September.

**7. Transfer of the Ditch**

The documents confirming the transfer of the ditch have now been received. Councillors agreed to write to each household in The Village which is affected to inform them of this and request that they remove any structures/planting etc back to the south side of the ditch.

**Action:SL**

Councillors will walk the ditch with Foss Internal Drainage Board to determine what, if any, action is required for maintenance.

**8. Items for Ward Funding**

Six items have been put forward for Ward funding by various parties in Earswick and will be discussed at the Ward meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October at Stockton on the Forest.

- Traffic calming on Strensall Road

- A seat in Garden Village
- A scented garden on the site of the bowling green
- Improvements to the serving hatch at the village hall
- Play equipment
- Improvements to the street lighting in The Village

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

A newsletter will be produced before the end of the year. Items suggested for inclusion were: -

Reminders about the speed limit in The Village, Reminders to dog walkers to clean up after their dogs, Neighbourhood watch update, activities in the village hall.

The relocation of the bus stop on Strensall Road away from the roundabout is to be discussed at the next meeting **Action:SW**

The meeting closed at 9.34pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach  
Parish Clerk