# EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007

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

**Members of the Public present: -** C Abbott, J Abbott, J Townsend, J Nicholson, V Bradshaw, J Gambold, J Gill, PCSO McCone S62, PCSO Piercy S562.

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Wiseman and Councillor Norman.

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

None received

#### 3. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>

The minutes of the meetings of  $10^{\text{th}}$  July were accepted as a true record.

#### 4. Officers Reports

#### 4.1 <u>Clerks Report</u>

- City of York Council continues to work on the transfer of the ditch to Earswick Parish Council.
- City of York Council is carrying out a review of the Polling procedures, which Councillors agree are appropriate for Earswick.
- High Garth House has been given permission by City of York Council to carry out work to clean the crown of the walnut tree in their front garden, which has a Tree Preservation order on it.
- City of York Council has placed an advert in the local paper on behalf of its parishes to confirm that the new Code of Conduct has been adopted.

#### 4.2 <u>Responsible Finance Officers Report</u> <u>a. Bank Report</u>

Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account No.11589436 Balance as at 31/08/07	£500.00
Royal Bank of Scotland savings Account No.11589444 Balance as at 31/08/07	£10013.03
Royal Bank of Scotland Tennis Account No.10212355 Balance as at 31/08/07	£0.00

Lloyds TSB Business Account No.2118947 Balance as at 31/07/07	£18865.81
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	
Uncleared Deposits none	
Total Free Assets	£29,378.84
Total Ring Fenced Assets	£170,000.00
Total Assets	£199,378.84

£908.12 is to be transferred into the tennis account from the Royal Bank of Scotland account. Councillors agreed that £398.12 is to be ring fenced for a period of five years as agreed with Earswick Sports &Leisure club. This will enable the Parish Council to pay out to any remaining claimants of the club who come forward in that time.

#### **b. Village Hall Insurance.**

Councillors agreed that the Village Hall committee would continue to pay the same percentage of the premium as in previous years. Action:JC

#### c. Authorisation of Expenditure

£40 Land Registry for registration of the Ditch £325.83 – S Leach , Clerks salary £128.67 - J Cook, RFO salary £52.87 – Mike Harland, Grass cutting £740.25 – Deans, grass cutting

Councillors agreed to pay membership of the Playing Fields Association up to a limit of £50. Action:SL

#### 5. <u>Planning Applications</u>

07/01510/FUL – 6 Shilton Garth Close was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers. There was no objection and City of York Council has since approved the application.

#### 6. The Hedge on Strensall Road

It has now been confirmed that the hedge forming the boundary of properties between High Garth and Strensall Road remains the property of Hoggs Builders. They are to be asked to cut it back regularly and in particular to deal with the brambles.

# 7. <u>Repairs to the Village Hall</u>

Councillors agreed to seek quotes to repair the copingstones and pointing and also quotes to remove the bike shed and make good the edge of the roof. Action:JC

### 8. Speed limit Restrictions

Councillors discussed the options for speed restrictions.

### 9. Maintenance of the Public Open Space.

Councillors considered the reports from the working party and agreed to seek as many quotes as possible to enable a decision to be made before the meeting to discuss the setting of the Precept in December. Action:SL

## 10. BMX track

The track has cost £3192.04 so far. Of this the Parish Council has paid £953.38 with the rest of the cost being met by a combination of Ward and grant funding. The Ward Committee has been asked to give a further grant of £1000 to repair the damage caused to fencing by vandals. Councillors agreed that the play areas need to be checked regularly and a signed record kept for insurance purposes. Action: SL&JC

## 11. <u>Children's Playground</u>

The area is due for inspection but still needs some maintenance work to be carried out to grout the tiles. Quotes are to be sort for replacing the play surface.

## 12. Items for ward Funding 2008.

A bid has been submitted to the Ward committee for a bench on the green in The Garden Village. Councillors clarified that the green is not the property of the Parish Council but agreed to maintain a bench if provided using Ward funding. **Action:ML** 

The village hall committee has submitted a bid to enlarge the hatch.

# 13. Items for information/ next agenda.

- Work is due to commence at the end of September to provide a third lane on the southbound carriageway of Strensall Road.
- A new internal auditor is to be sort on the advise of Mazars.
- A Neighbourhood Watch update was given.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Shirley Leach Parish Clerk