

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 16th April 2008

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

Members of the public present:- J Hepworth, I Jones, D Jones, J Gambold, G Wakefield, J Gill.

1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

2. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

Councillor Leach declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 10 and 12.
Councillor Norman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 12th March 2008

Councillor Leach proposed the minutes as true record. All agreed.

4. Officers Reports

4.1 Clerks Report

- A complaint was received from a contractor regarding problems with access to the bowling green. This issue has now been resolved and access has been restored.
- Information was given on the timing of City of York's maintenance programme
- 25 subscriptions have been received for the tennis courts since April 1st

4.2 Responsible Finance Officers Report

a. Councillors received the Bank reconciliation report.

b. Authorisation of Expenditure
£22.08 – J Cook for photocopying and postage
£751.86 – Allianz Cornhill insurance
£29.00 – Councillor Norman for gravel
£198.00 YLCA subscription

c. Village Hall Roof Repairs

NHBC have agreed that the repairs to the ridge tiles are covered by the insurance although the coping stones have been shown to be safe. **Action:JC**

d. Format for Recording Expenditure

It was agreed that where prior authorisation has been agreed such as salaries and maintenance contracts accounts can be settled without further authorisation from the Council unless the amount is in excess of the expected expenditure.

5. Planning Applications

- a. 08/00451/FUL – 4 Willow Grove - erection of 1 detached single storey dwelling with 3 pitched roof dormers to side and 1 pitched roof dormer to rear. No objection.
- b. 08/00542/FUL – 13 Earswick Chase – two storey pitched roof side extension with first floor link after demolition of existing garage. No objection but safeguards sought to ensure the property cannot be divided into two separate dwellings in the future.

6. Scented Garden Project

- a. Use of the shed. Councillors agreed to ask the Project to bring this item back to the Council when it becomes clearer what the shed may be needed for.
- b. Councillors refused permission to create a compost heap in the enclosed public open space as a previous compost heap had created problems with rat infestation.
- c. Councillors agreed to the Projects' request to resite the gates.
- d. Councillors agreed to discuss the plans for the garden at the next meeting
- e. Councillors agreed to grant £500 to the Project on the condition that the Projects grant application to Yorwaste is successful.
- f. The Project wishes to take over the cutting of the grass within the bowling green area and the contractor who presently has the contract for this area is aware that the terms may vary. Councillors therefore agreed to alter the contractor's contract to substitute mowing the Bowling Green area with mowing the goal area on the football field. The contract will continue to cover the cutting of the hedge surrounding the garden. **Action:SL**

7. Clearance of Trees

Councillor Wiseman declared a personal interest.

Councillors resolved to accept Mrs Barbara Thompson's offer to fund the removal of the trees within 6 metres either side of the land drain running through the Public Open Space providing that the Parish Council contribute £500 towards the cost. Resolution agreed. **Action:SL**

Mrs Thompson has agreed to clear the trees within 6 metres of the land drain within the nature reserve at her own expense.

8. The Hole by the Footpath to the River

This is still under investigation. Item deferred to next meeting.

9. Local Development Framework

Councillors resolved to comment on the need for a safe method for pedestrians to cross the ring road. **Action:SL**

10. Salaries

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

Councillor Leach, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest left the meeting, as did Mrs Cook and Mrs Leach.

Councillors resolved that the clerk and existing RFO would be paid SCP17 NALC from 1st April 2008. The new RFO will be paid according to SCP15.

11. Road Markings in the Village.

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the road markings are inconsistent and some may be illegal. **Action:SW**

12. Rolling of the Football Field

Councillors resolved to accept the quote of £50 from Mr Bell to roll the football field. **Action:ML**

13. Items for Information/next agenda

a. Councillor Wiseman gave the Ward report.

- Algae and weeds have been cleared from Shilton Garth Close and Stablers walk
- The white lines on Shilton Garth Close and Earswick Chase are to be refreshed
- Blocked gullies on Strensall Road are to be cleared out
- The enforcement officer will be asked to deal with the lack of progress in completing the footpaths from Garden Village
- The replacement of the 30mph signs is in hand
- The dog warden is to patrol the area in the early morning
- Operation Dawn will take place 21st-26th April

b. A report has been received regarding a man who tripped on the pavement. City of York Council has been informed.

c. Councillor Leach reported that the Burial Authority is to draw up a succession plan and that standing orders, financial regulations etc are to be put in place.

The meeting finished at 9.03

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach
Parish Clerk