

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 8th July 2009 in Earswick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m

Members of the public are invited to attend and may address the Council for fifteen minutes prior to the meeting but are not permitted to speak whilst the meeting is in session unless they have notified the Clerk in writing at least two clear days prior to the meeting that they wish to speak on a specific agenda item.

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda
3. To agree the minutes of the meeting of 13th May and 2nd June
4. Clerks report
 - a Review of Action Plan
 - b.Finance report to include authorisation of expenditure.
 - c. To discuss the new contract of employment for the clerk.
5. To make a decision regarding any planning applications received.
6. To agree all actions required in relation to the installation of new swings: - funding of the fireproof safety surface, positioning of the swings in the playground and providing a safety barrier.
7. To discuss providing allotments within the Public Open Space.
8. To discuss providing Gym Equipment for seniors.
9. To discuss the upkeep and development of the Flower Meadow and the River Access land, to agree any immediate action that is required and investigate possible sources of funding.
10. To discuss and agree action to the overgrown areas in the Public open Space : Land adjacent to Earswick Chase 48, the hedge near the noticeboard on Northlands, BMX track, verges on the roadside through to the Lock House Lane carpark, the perimeter of the carpark and the hedge and verge on Strensall Road,
11. To discuss and agree action in relation to the bin at the Northlands bus Stop
12. To discuss and agree action in relation to the contract with Odd Job services.
13. To discuss and agree action in regard to the maintenance of the Village Hall and playground:- anti vandal paint on the gutters, painting of the windows and facia, painting the Village Hall door and surrounding wall, repairing broken clips on drainpipes, removing weeds and gravel from drains and surrounding area. Repair to the broken magnet on the playground gate, repairing and painting the fence, painting the swings where rusty. Having the playground area treated by Greensleeves to remove the weeds. Repairing the lock on the official notice board.
14. To discuss and agree expenditure for the broken mechanism at the tennis courts used to adjust the height of the net.
15. Items for information/next agenda.

Information for agenda items.

- 4.b** Bank reconciliation report to be sent out when bank statements received early July.
- 4.c** Clerks contract : holiday entitlement – RFO contract gave 8 weeks, Clerks old contract gave 4 weeks.
Paid for 7 hours a week. ½ hour per week needs to be accumulated to give enough time to prepare the annual audit. Over the last 8 weeks an average of 8.75hours have been worked.
The present contract pays £25 per annum for telephone some other parishes give a working from home allowance a recent job was advertised with an extra £1 per hour home allowance, another small parish precept £6k paid clerk 4 hours per week plus £20 per month home allowance.
- 6.** need to make sure there are 3 quotes for each part of the swings expenditure to put in the file.
- 9.** Huntington Parish are interested in a joint community orchard project. Funding from Northern Green networks.
- 12.** A proposal to increase the contract to cut verges in the old village a quote of £15 for 12 cuts per year has been received. A proposal has also been received regarding the strimming in the enclosed open space. Currently there is 16 hours per annum which can be paid for this but only 6 hours are required. Odd Job services propose to use that time strimming other areas. The contract also states strimming is required with every cut in the playground. 12 cuts per year are in the contract for the playground possibly change contract to stipulate 2 weekly cuts if required between April and September plus cuts as required in March and October to a maximum of 16
- 13.** The playground grass is in poor condition Fosslands grass areas are currently being treated by Greensleeves could this be a possibility in the playground. The top lock doesn't work on the notice board possible repair or padlock to keep it secure.
- 14.** Pat asked for this item to go on the agenda.