

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11th November 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 9th September 2009, 22nd September 2009 and 22nd October 2009.
4. Clerks report
 - a Review of Action Plan
 - b.Finance report to include authorisation of expenditure
5. To make a decision regarding any planning applications received.
6. To review the Standing Orders and Financial regulations and agree any changes.
7. To discuss and agree action on the signage at the Village Hall which relates to the children's play area.
8. To discuss and agree action regarding the VAS on Strensall Road.
9. To discuss and agree action regarding the fence around the pond.
10. To discuss, agree any action and expenditure on the Flower Meadow and River Access Land.
11. To discuss, agree action and expenditure for further equipment in the Children's play area.
12. To discuss the temporary closure of the Scented Garden.
13. To discuss agree action and expenditure on the upkeep of the shrubberies in the Public Open Space.
14. To discuss and agree action regarding overgrown trees in the Public Open Space.
15. To discuss, agree action and expenditure regarding The Ditch.
16. To discuss and agree action regarding the funds received from the 106 agreement for the Ilford House Development.
17. To have a discussion regarding initial ideas for expenditure for 2010/2011.
18. To discuss any action needed in relation to RoSPA report
19. To set future meeting dates.
20. Items for Information/Next Agenda.

NOTES ON AGENDA ITEMS

4. Finance to approve:- ROSPA report £93.15
 Stamps and Stationery £23.10

To consider reimbursement to Clerk for course. I was unable to attend due to illness and have paid personally whilst trying to secure a refund but the best I have managed is a reduction from £49 to £30 plus VAT.

5. None received so far.

6. To enable the minutes to include questions and items raised by the members of the public the Standing Orders need to be changed. This will not allow for discussion or decisions to be made it will only mean a record is being kept. There is also a problem in the standing orders if exactly £500 is needed to be spent below are suggested amendments.

Insert after 14.b ‘At the ordinary meeting of the council a public session will take place lasting no more than 15 minutes and it will be held after the approval of minutes. Members of the public will be allowed to address the meeting however the session will be governed by rules set by the Parish Council. Such sessions form part of the meeting in law and shall be duly minuted.’

Change wording in section 70 Financial Matters section 2).

‘For contracts of £500 and over the council should (whenever possible) seek at least 2 quotes.....’

7. Change wording or remove the sign about children’s ages.

9. Some of the fence may need replacing and expenditure would need to be approved.

10. Access can’t be gained from the River Foss so does the fence need to be removed £500 was authorised for this in July. There is a very wet corner in the flower meadow should drainage be put in? Should a holding area be built at the Strensall road end to help keep the land secure?

11. £4000 received last financial year a further £2000 to be received total £6000.
£4652 has been spent which leaves a surplus of £1348.

13. Copies of quotes are enclosed.

 Noel Winteringham was very knowledgeable on the shrubs.

 Andy Hill cuts the grass on Fosslands

 Chris Windas is local and I used him to make 3 quotes

 Island Landscapes (Pat showed him around as I was on holiday he had just contacted old customers) He worked on the Scented Garden.

14. Could a working party be used.

15. Please see copy of e mail.

16. £10,000 was received from 106 monies. I would like to suggest a projected Budget is made for the next 3 years before a decision is made to spend the money. Interest rates are likely to remain low for several years and there are major costs incurred with the upkeep of the Public Open Spaces. The precept is high and it would be better not to increase it.

18. RoSPA report is being circulated could it come to the meeting please.

19. Set meeting dates for:- Dec, Jan, March, May etc. The Village Hall is not used on a Thursday if it would be possible to consider a change of meeting day.

20. Sian has an update on the 40MPH proposal on Strensall Road.