

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 14th January 2009

Present:	Councillors	W Gambold M Leach P Norman S Wiseman P Anderson
	Clerk	S Leach

Members of the public present: J Nicholson, I Jones, J Gambold

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Mrs Millson.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Councillors agreed the minutes of the meetings of 10th December 2008 as a true record with an amendment to item 4.2. Chain saw should read pressure washer.

4. Officers Reports

4.1 Clerks Report

- City of York Council has put the proposal to increase the number of Parish Councillors to seven out for consultation
- The grit bins have been refilled and the invoice is yet to be received from City of York Council
- Work is ongoing to complete the procedures for the Publication Scheme
- The residents of Fosslands have agreed to the formation of a Management Board.

4.2 Responsible Finance Officers Report

Councillors received the updated bank reconciliation.

Councillors authorised the following expenditure:

£72 – SLCC for membership

£270.25 – City of York Council for grit

Clerk and RFO salaries including back pay

4.3 Burial Board Report

Cllr Gambold gave the report and noted that the Board have raised the age limit for burial in the children's area from 10 to 16. Current charges for a resident purchasing a double grave are £560 and a non resident £1630.

5. Planning Application 08/02719/FUL

The application for roof lights to front and rear of 13 Earswick Chase was dealt with by the Clerk using delegated powers. Whilst there was no objection concerns were raised that the large number of roof light were out of keeping with the surrounding properties.

6. The Creation of a Cold Calling Exclusion Zone

Councillors resolved to ask Neighbourhood Watch to pursue the possibility of designating Earswick as an exclusion zone for cold callers. **Action:PN**

7. Precept

Councillors resolved to keep the Precept for 2009/10 at the same level as last year and agreed a Precept of £13500 **Action:SL**

8. Hate Mail

Councillors noted that there has been a further incident of hate mail within the village and this matter has been referred to the Police for further investigation.

9. Sealing of Land Transfer Documents

This item is deferred to a future meeting as the documents are still being prepared by the legal department at City of York Council.

10. Maintenance of the Public Open Space

A working party to include Young Offenders is to be organised to dispose of vegetation cleared by the last working party. **Action:ML**

Councillors resolved to ask Mike Harland to cut the hedge along the River Foss path before the growing season. **Action:SL**

Martin Whittaker is to be asked to replace the broken fence in the playground and to repair the manhole cover. **Action:SL**

11. Items for Information/Next Agenda

Councillor Wiseman reported that she is monitoring the progress of the Play Capital Investment Programme in her role as Ward Councillor.

The next Ward meeting is on 29th January where the applications for ward funding will be discussed.

The Urbie bus will restart its visits to Earswick when the evenings become lighter.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach
Parish Clerk