

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Earswick Parish Council meeting held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 11th March 2009

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

Members of the public present: J Nicholson, I Jones, C Forsyth, J Hepworth, J Hepworth, G Offler, N Moorcroft.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None received

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of the meetings of 14th January and 5th February 2009 were agreed as a true record.

4. Officers Reports

4.1 Clerks report

- The handover of Fosslands to the Management Board has now been completed
- The land transfer documents for the Flower Meadow have been returned to the solicitor by City of York as they are still not correct.
- The ongoing action tracker was reviewed.

4.2 Responsible Finance Officer

Councillors received the updated bank reconciliation.

Councillors authorised the following expenditure:

£937.25 – Philliskirk for work to the Southern land drain

£327.75 – Foss Internal Drainage Board for clearing the Ditch

£380 – Martin Whittaker – contract grass cutting

£132.25 – Mike Harland - contract grass and hedge cutting

£84 – Martin Whittaker – repairs to notice board

£4.32 – S Leach for stamps

Clerk and RFO salaries to include remaining inflationary increase for 2008/09.

Steve Morrell has agreed to carry out the internal audit.

5. Planning Applications

No new applications received.

6. Footpaths

City of York Council has now put down a top dressing to the footpaths using recycled material.

7. Installation of New Swings

The £2000 Ward Grant for new swings has been increased to £4000 providing the money is spent within this financial year. Councillors resolved to accept the Grant and have authorised Councillor Gambold to make the purchase and for him to be reimbursed. **Action:BG**

8. Staffing

Following the resignation of Mrs Leach a selection panel will be held on Sunday 15th March to interview prospective candidates for the job of Parish Clerk. **Action:ML,SW,PA**

9. Open Surgery

Councillors agreed to the Village Hall committee’s proposal to hold an open surgery on a Saturday in June. Representatives of the Parish Council, Police, Fosslands Management Board and Village Hall committee are to be invited to take part. **Action:BG**

10. Tennis Court Subscription

Councillors resolved to reduce the tennis court subscription for 2009/10 to £15 per household in view of the credit crunch.

11. Drainage of POS

Councillors resolved to see if it is possible for a drain to be installed under the path near the Haxby Bridge to take water away from the path. **Action:PN**

A new hole has appeared near the southern land drain following work to install a new land drain. Councillors resolved to ask the contractors to come back to site and complete the work to a satisfactory standard before any further payments are made. **Action:PN**

12. Items for Information/next agenda

Councillors agreed to circulate a newsletter after the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 13th May. Items to include the Open Surgery and tennis court subscriptions. **Action:ML**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Shirley Leach
Parish Clerk