EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 9th September 2009.

Present: Councillors W Gambold

M Leach P Norman P Anderson

Clerk S Millson

Members of the Public Present: -A Woodhouse, J Hankinson, J Gambold, C Goodhead, S Goodhead, G Offler S Eden and N Eden.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Wiseman.

1. Declarations of Interest.

None received.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Parish Council Meetings – 8th July 2009 and 26th August 2009. Councillors agreed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

3. Clerks Report

- a. The ongoing action tracker was reviewed and it was noted that:-
- i. The work on the Pond would be starting soon now that the funding was in place.
- **ii.** Maintenance to the tennis courts would be suspended until the start of the new season.
- **iii.** It was hoped a decision on the further Ward funding for the development of the playground would be made soon.
- iv. An open surgery would be arranged within the next six weeks. Action **BG**
- **b.** The following pre authorised payments have been made since the last meeting; Clerks salary for July and August.
- £100.50 Rent to the Village Hall.
- £768.20 Deans fro contracted ground maintenance.
- £18.00 River Foss Society membership.
- £46. M Harland for hedge cutting on Strensall Road (this was £16 more than previously authorised but was paid because the pavements were overgrown and potentially dangerous to pedestrians).
- £3831.80 Wickstead for the swings
- £1518.00 Playsmart for the safety surface for the swings
- £768.20 Deans for contracted ground maintenance
- £327.75 Mazars for the Audit
- £36.23 Advance Fire services quarterly inspection.
- £929.20 Deans for contracted ground maintenance and work in the BMX track.
- £749.00 Yorventure 10% of the grant to maintain the pond.
- £230.00 M Whittaker for contacted ground maintenance.

£65.00 M Whittaker for repair work in the Public Open Space.

The councillors authorised the following payments:-

£6.92 S Millson Stamps and photocopying.

4. Planning

09/01603/FUL – 27 Lock House Lane, single storey pitched roof extension to detatched garage. No objection.

5. Overgrown Areas in the Public Open Space.

Following a site meeting the Councillors have produced a list of the work required and will obtain tenders to carry out immediate work and to set in place a contract to enable the upkeep of the shrubberies.

Action SM

6.Path by River Foss.

Councillors discussed the problem of large stones in the grass by the path which are causing a problem to the contractors who cut the grass. It was decided to ask the contractor if it would be possible to strim the area rather than use their large machine.

Action SM

7. Village Hall and Playground Maintenance

The councillors discussed the bids received to complete the required work and decided to ask Mr A Dunford to paint the Village Hall and Mr T Elsegood to do the work in the playground.

Action SM

8. River Access Land and Flower Meadow

Councillors looked at the quotes to cut the land and decided to ask Mr M Harland to confirm his price of £400 to complete the work and then to offer him the cutting and to ask AJ Woodliffe to cut down the trees.

9. August Newsletter

Councillors had received responses from residents over the possible uses for the River Access Land and decided to hold a public meeting to enable residents to air their opinions. Notices would be delivered to residents who live near the land and placed on the notice boards.

Action BG?

10. Keyholders to Village Hall and Scented Garden Shed.

The insurance policy for the shed requires keyholders to be named however the Village Hall Insurance is held by the Village Hall Committee. It was decided to ask them to check the insurance and ensure that the requirements were being met.

11. <u>Ditch</u>

A letter had been received from Mr Earnshaw regarding the ownership of the ditch however, the Parish Council holds documentation to show that they own the ditch. Councillors decided to move forward to clear the blockage and they would approach Foss Internal Drainage Board to carry out the work.

Action SM

12. Strensall Road & Northlands Hedge.

The maintenance of the hedge is included in the work mentioned in item 5.

13. Risk Management Policy Document

Councillors listed to a report and decided to take the following action:-

- a. Councillors decided to increase the Fidelity Insurance to £250,000. Action SM
- **b**. Have an internal audit of the books.

Action ML & PA

c. .Enquire with York City Archives as to the possibility of storing the old minute books.

Action SM

d. Instigate a monthly safety check to the playares.

Action SM

14.<u>Items for Information/Next Agenda</u>

Youths have been seen on the tennis courts who are not members it was decided to change the access code and email all members of the change. **Action SM** Items for the next agenda include new play equipment, senior gym equipment and expenditure for the web site.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m

Signed	
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Sarah Millson Parish Clerk