

## EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010.

**Present:**

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>M Leach</b>
	<b>D Jones</b>
	<b>S Wiseman</b>
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>S Millson</b>

**Members of the Public Present:** - D Jones, I Jones, J Hepworth, B O'Connor.

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

B Gambold.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest.**

None

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings.**

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#### **4. Members of the Public.**

Comments were made concerning the regularity of visiting youths to the shelter near the tennis courts and that the River Foss was silted up.

#### **5. Clerks Report**

a. The ongoing action tracker was reviewed and it was noted that:-

i. That Foss Internal Drainage board had removed the barbed wire fence at the end of the Flower meadow.

ii. The Ward grant application had been submitted.

iii. The clerk was obtaining quotes and information to complete the Lottery Grant application.

b. The following pre authorised payments have been made since the last meeting;-  
£470.00 to Dualway Courts for cleaning the tennis courts.

£250.00 to M Whittaker for contract work.

Clerks salary for July and August.

£23.50 to British Gas for service contract for August and September.

£27.00 to Rob Warriner Lawn Services.

£18.00 to the River Foss Society.

£6.34 to Yorkshire Water.

£784.90 to Deans Landscapes for contract work.

£94.00 to A Hill for the fence repair at the BMX track.

£105.75 to A Hill for the repair to the metal seat.

£160.00 to M Whittaker for contract work.

Councillors the following expenditure.

£10.35 to S Millson for stamps.

£18.95 to M Leach for a printer cartridge and paper to produce the newsletter.

The R.F.O. reported that funds needed to be transferred from Lloyds bank to the Royal Bank of Scotland account and councillors agreed that the Lloyds account should be closed.

It was also reported that the 1 year bond where the Ring Fenced money is invested will mature on the 1<sup>st</sup> October and will need to be reinvested.

## **6. Planning Applications**

10/01408 FUL 1 Fir Tree Close, to erect a single storey pitched roof extension was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection.

10/01487FUL, Earswick Grange, Moor Lane. Conversion of a barn to a dwelling and erection of a detached garage, was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection but it was recommended to go to committee.

10/01418FUL, 31 Lock House Lane, to erect a conservatory to the rear of the house, was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection.

10/00297FUL, 4 Willow Grove, erection of 2 detached dwellings following the demolition of the existing dwelling This was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, it was recommended that the sewage should be looked at and 106 monies allocated to relevant authorities.

## **7. Litter Bin and Notice Board at the Tennis courts.**

Councillors decided to remove the litter bin from the tennis courts and re site it at the BMX track. The broken notice board will be removed and the board by the gate will be used to display the tennis rules.

**Action SW**

## **8. Tennis Court Membership**

The Councillors agreed on a set of rules of membership which will be e mailed to the members and displayed at the courts.

**Action SM**

## **9. August sports equipment review**

ROSPA are due to inspect all the equipment in September and will produce a report, councillors will then discuss if any action is needed. It was decided to re seed the football goal areas and to erect alternative goal posts and nets whilst the grass grows. Councillors authorised £260 plus VAT to A Hill to complete the work.

**Action SM**

## **10. Road Safety**

An e-mail had been received from a resident concerned about the increase in traffic in the village and had enquired to the Parish Council to see if any road restrictions could be made. The clerk had contacted City of York Council who forwarded a report for the resident to complete and gave assurance that all reports received were investigated. The clerk will contact PC Alex Dobson to enquire as to whether there are any other ways to inform the police of speeding traffic through the village.

**ActionSM**

## **11. Maintenance contracts for the Public Open Space.**

Councillors decided to seek tenders for the maintenance of the Public Open Spaces to run from April 2011 when the current contracts expire. This will include shrub maintenance and a one year contract for the River Access Land and Flower Meadow.

**Action SM. DJ**

## **12. Rock Salt.**

Councillors decided to buy 3 tons of rock salt and authorised £360.00 plus VAT to A Hill to provide the grit and fill the bins as required through the winter.

**Action SM**

## **13. Vandalism in the vicinity of the tennis courts.**

Councillors discussed the recent problems of vandalism. Youths from Huntington had gathered in the vicinity of the Youth Shelter and had left the area covered in

broken glass which a local resident had spent 2 hours clearing. A further incident had left broken glass in the playground and broken pipes and window at the Village Hall. Councillors would like to investigate how broken glass could be easily cleared up.

**Action SM**

**14. York Youth Council Project.**

A letter had been received from the York Youth Council asking for donations towards a City Centre project. Although Councillors acknowledged that this was a worthy cause they did not feel that they could justify any expenditure. The clerk to write to the organisation.

**Action SM**

**15. Vacancy for a new Councillor.**

There are two applications for the position of councillor. A meeting will be arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.am in the Village Hall.

**Action SM**

**16. Clerks employment**

Councillors discussed the provision of a mobile phone for the clerk to receive messages on for Council Business in place of her home phone. Councillors authorised £10 per month to provide O2 Simplicity. The matter will be discussed again in 3 months.

**Action SM**

**17. Items for information. next agenda**

Clerks appraisal  
Maintenance contracts  
Boundary Issue

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m

Signed.....

Date.....

Sarah Millson  
Parish Clerk