

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 13th October 2010.

Present:	Councillors	M Leach D Jones S Wiseman K Pace S Millson
	Clerk	

Members of the Public Present: -M McCarhy, M McCarthy, Ian Brown, J Brown, M Van Der Voort, P Sapsford, A Kirby, C McIntosh, D Jones, I Jones, R Cartnell, J Scott, S Halmshaw.T Gibbon.

1. Apologies for Absence

B Gambold.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Wiseman declared a personal and prejudicial interest on agenda item 15.

3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Pace accepted the role of councillor.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Parish Council Meetings 1st and 15th September were agreed as a true and accurate record by the councillors and signed.

5. Members of the Public.

Comments were made concerning the possible use of the football pitch by a Strensall football youth team. Residents commented that the car park facilities were in adequate and that increased use from people outside the village would cause an increase in traffic through a residential area. There are no changing or toilet facilities and the pitch would not be available for local residents to use. Councillors were reminded that it would be the Queens Golden Jubilee in 2012. It was also noted that the Scented Garden had received a Silver Gilt Award.

6. Clerks Report

a. The clerk had received a letter from a resident concerning the use of the football pitch and the noise from the kennels. The clerk was asked to reply to the resident explaining the football pitch discussion and asking the resident to write to the environmental officer about the kennels. **Action SM**

The clerk informed the Councillors that she had passed the WWYC course.

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

- i. New bins were on order with CYC for the BMX track and the bus stop.
- ii. It had not been possible to remove the bin from the tennis courts without damaging the surface. The notice board needs removing and will be done on Wednesday 20th October.
- iii. The clerk was meeting with a representative from the wildlife trust on Wednesday 20th October to look at the wetland area in the flower meadow.
- iv. The O2 phone contract would not allow messages to be listened to, the telephone situation will be reviewed at the next meeting.

v. An internal audit and clerks appraisal were arranged for wed 3rd November 11.am
Action, SM, DJ,ML

vi. Although PC Dobbs had told the clerk speeding forms were not available the Fire service had provided some. The clerk is to investigate moving the VAS sign to the Garden Village end of Earswick

b. The clerk reported that the Audit had been returned and displayed and that there were no matters for concern. A cheque had been sent for an incorrect amount and to ensure that this doesn't happen again councillors are to initial the Invoice which corresponds to the cheque.

The following pre authorised payments have been made since the last meeting:-
£37.01 to Advance Fire for the quarterly inspection.
Clerks salary for September.
£23.50 to British Gas for service contract for October.
£784.90 to Deans Landscapes for contract work.
£334.88 to Mazars for the Audit.
£70.50 to A Hill to remove the fallen tree at the BMX track, the clerk had authorised this using her delegated powers and councillors approved the expenditure.
£665.00 to Homeskills Handyman for painting the fence posts at the tennis courts.
£423 to A Hill for the purchase of rock salt.
£352.50 to A Hill for the white lining and rolling of the football pitch.
£305.00 to A Hill for the reseeding work at the football pitch.
£229.12 to A Hill for his maintenance contract.
£10.35 to S Millson for stamps.
The VAT refund of £2575.19 and the precept payment of £8250.00 had been received.

7. Planning Applications

10/01946 FUL 23 The Village. Alterations to rear elevation windows and internal alterations & repairs. This application had been dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection.

10/01941FUL 7 Whitelands Detached Office to rear , there were no objections.

10/01882FUL, 45 Earswick Chase, to add dormer windows to the front and back. Councillors wished to comment that this would be an over dominant development of a house which was in a cul-de-sac consisting of two houses which have already been extended from their original building.

8. The ROSPA inspection of the sports equipment.

Councillors approved expenditure of the ROSPA inspection of £98.71. The report was good and Councillors felt only one item needed attention. A bolt on the new play net needed filing down the clerk will contact the supplier.
Action SM

9. The maintenance contracts for the Public Open Space.

This item was discussed at the end of the meeting in closed session due to confidentiality.

10. Security of the River Access Land.

Councillors decided that the gate was secure and no further action was required.

11. The Pond.

Councillors were disappointed with the standard of work at the pond and requested that the clerk arrange a site meeting to discuss this with BTCV.
Action SM

12. Debris in the enclosed Public Space.

Councillors would inspect the debris and decide how to remove it. It was decided to obtain a quote to re hang the gate and add a padlock. **Action SM**

13. Football Pitch.

The Ward Councillor had been approached by Strensall Tigers enquiring about the football facilities at Earswick. Two councillors had shown their representative the pitch and no further communication had been made. Councillors resolved that if a proposal to use the pitch was made they would consult with the residents of Earswick before any decisions were made.

14. Precept for 2011/12.

Councillors decided to identify areas of work that would be required over the next few years and to include these in the budget.

Tenders for Contracts for maintenance of the Public Open Space

Councillors decided to reduce the number of cuts from 16 to 14 per annum, The first cut to be in March and the last in October with two cuts per month from April to September. Hedges and shrubs to be cut twice per annum excluding the Scented garden hedge and the hedge by the river Foss which will be cut once. The enclosed Public Space will be cut and strimmed twice per annum.

Councillors studied the quotes that had been submitted and noted that savings could be made if one contractor completed the majority of the work. It was therefore decided to award the work in Areas , 1,2,3 and 6 to A Hill. Area 4 (the riverside hedge) was awarded to M Harland. Contracts would be set up for a three year period commencing April 2011.

Councillors discussed area 5 (cutting of the grass verges in the Old Village) and decided to hand this back to CYC.

Currently a total of £8909 plus vat is spent on the maintenance contracts, this will be reduced to £ 5280 plus vat under the new proposal. **Action SM**

15. boundary issue in the River Access Land.

This item was discussed in closed session. The solicitor is contacting the residents with the proposal to buy the fence and ensure that the deeds are amended with the Land Registry.

16 . Items for information/next agenda.

Queens Golden Jubilee

Clerks Phone

Traffic Speeding

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m

Signed.....

Date.....

Sarah Millson
Parish Clerk

