

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Members of the Public Present: - J Gill, D Jones, J Hepworth, I Jones, D Jones and J Hepworth.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Wiseman declared a personal and prejudicial interest on agenda item 12.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

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Councillors agreed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

4. Members of the Public.

Mr Derek Jones commented that the new website was very good and suggested that the agenda should be added prior to the meeting.

5. Clerks Report

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

- i. Further quotes were required to cut back the trees and shrubs along the ditch before a final decision could be made. **Action SM.**
- ii. A Working party would be arranged for Feb/March to cut back trees by the tennis courts.

b. The following pre authorised payments have been made since the last meeting;-
Clerks salary for December.

£2378.20 to Deans for Contract work.

£77.46 to Advance Fire for quarterly inspection and maintenance.

£23.50 to British Gas for service contract.

The councillors authorised the following payments:-

£9.36 S Millson, Stamps.

£411.25 Stoneplan for grit..

Credits have been received from;-

City of York Council Ward Grant for playground for £2000.00

6. Planning Applications

None Received.

7. Children's Play Equipment.

Councillors had not received the catalogues for the new equipment and decided to delay any decision until March.

Action BG

8. Precept 2010/2011

It was agreed after much discussion to increase the precept to £16,500. This is mainly due to the decrease in interest which has been received from the Ring Fenced Money. It was also agreed to investigate whether any further claims could be made for Double Taxation.

Action SM

9. Tennis Courts

It was decided to clean the Courts using Councillor Anderson's power washer.

Action PA

10. Tennis Court Subscriptions 2010/2011

It was decided to keep the subscription at £15 but to deliver an application to each household with the next newsletter and to change the code regularly

Action SM

11. Newsletter

It was agreed to produce a Newsletter and items to be included are:- working party to cut back trees by the Tennis Courts, tennis court membership, increase in precept, meeting with residents on March 7th at 1.30pm by Stablers Walk footpath to discuss development of new land. Residents with gardens backing onto the land are to be invited by invitation.

Action ML, SM, PA

12. River Access Land Boundary Issue

Councillor Wiseman had requested to speak as a resident and gave information to the councillors that the field was in the Green Belt and that she had always been under the impression that the hedge was in the Green Belt land. As a resident she had known the hedge to be cut by the owner Mr Little and she had in fact planted a leylandi hedge in her own garden to mark her boundary. Councillor Wiseman left the room whilst further discussions were made.

Councillors discussed the issue and a recent letter received from the solicitor of 12 Shilton Garth. They again looked at information and maps and came to the conclusion that the fence was on Parish Council land. The Councillors instructed the clerk to write to the solicitor confirming that as per the Land Registry document NK 154755 the hedge and the Surface Water Drains were on land owned by the Parish Council and that the fence still needed to be removed. They also decided to write to Mr Little, a previous owner of the field, to ask him for any information he could give to the council.

Action ML, SM

13. Land Management Agent

Although Councillors felt it could be helpful to have the expertise of such an agent it was felt the costs would be too high and that membership of the CLA would continue to be beneficial.

14. Grit Bins

In the recent bad weather several residents had requested more grit bins.

Councillors decided to buy 1 for the Garden Village and approved a cost of £110, and to bid for Ward funding to purchase further bins.

Action SM

15. New Councillor

This item was dealt with in a closed session at the end of the meeting. Two residents had expressed an interest in the position both met with the Council individually. Each applicant gave reasons for wanting to become a councillor and then were asked questions. Councillors voted and decided to ask Derek Jones of Earswick Chase to become the new councillor.

16. Application from Mrs Thompson to Register Land to the west side of Strensall Road.

Councillors had received information concerning this application and agreed no response was necessary.

17. Items for Information/next agenda

Items for agenda include;- play equipment.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m

Signed.....

Date.....

Sarah Millson
Parish Clerk