### EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Present: Councillors W Gambold

M Leach D Jones

Clerk S Millson

Members of the Public Present:- I Jones, D Jones, Mr J Hepworth, Mrs J Hepworth, J Gambold, M Woodward, , Mrs A Woodward and Mrs G Offler.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Wiseman and Councillor Anderson.

## 2. Declarations of Interest.

None received.

# 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

**a.** Parish Council Meetings – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

Councillors agreed the minutes as a true and accurate record

### 4.Member of the Public

Mr Jones had noticed that the ditch hadn't been fully cleared and that there was an increase in the number of people playing football in the play area.

### 5. Clerks Report

- a. The action Tracker was reviewed and it was noted that:-
- i. The ditch had not been cleared at the Strensall Road end due to the fence being in the way. £30 was authorised to A Hill to complete the work.

  Action SM
- **ii** . Mole hills on the football pitch needed attention, it was decided to approach P Norman.
- **iii**. Contact had been made with BTCV on the upkeep of the pond and the hedge in the River Access Field.
- iv. The Chairman's report from the annual Parish Meeting would be included in a newsletter with the financial statement to be sent out at the end of June. Action ML
- v. A formal document has been produced to allow the residents to connect a land drain to the drain in the river access field and was ready for residents to sign. Action SM
- **b**. The following pre authorised payments have been made since the last meeting; Clerks salary for March and April.

British Gas contract £23.50 per month for April and May.

M Whittaker, £91.99 to repair the notice board and installing signs.

Sovereign Designs, £2342.60 for play tunnel.

M Whittaker £250.00 contract work for 2009/10

Wrights of Crockery Hill, £1124.25 the VAT part of the work on the pond.

A Woodcliff, £200 for felling trees in the River Access Field.

M Harland, £505.25 for cutting the River Access field and flower meadow and clearing the ditch.

R Carr, £117.50 for work clearing the ditch.

A Hill, £287.87 for erecting the fence by the pond.

Scented Garden Project, £1000.00. The first of 3 annual payments from 106 monies received.

**c.** Councillors approved the following expenditure for the forthcoming financial year (April 2010 – March 2011)

i.Maintenance contracts of Public Open Space to:-

Deans - £7500

Martin Whittaker £1500

Mike Harland £425

Andrew Hill £390

- ii. Salaries £4500
- iii. Chairman's Allowance £50
- iv. Society memberships as agreed at the Annual General Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010
- v. Meeting Room Rent £200
- vi. Insurance £1800
- vii. Audit £350
- viii. Boiler maintenance £300
- ix. Fire Equipment maintenance £200
- x. Water rates £60
- **d.** Annual Accounts. The accounts were presented and agreed and signed by Councillors. The Internal Auditor has provided a written report and concluded that the accounts show a true and fair record. All recommendations from the previous audit had been carried out and no other weaknesses had been picked up this year. The audit commission annual declaration was agreed and signed.

# 6. Planning Applications

10/00633FUL 4 High Garth, Earswick was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection.

### 7. Risk Assessment Policy

Councillors agreed that all recommendations had been implemented and approved the Policy.

# 8. Play areas and equipment.

It was agreed that the benches in the play area and near the Lock House Lane car park needed sanding and oiling, and a budget of £100 was authorised.

It was also agreed to obtain quotes to varnish the sports equipment. **Action SM** Councillors would also like to implement time scales for work to be completed when a contractor is authorised to do the work.

Councillors heard that youths were not using the football pitch because it was uneven and were playing in the play area instead. Councillors approved a maximum of £300 + VAT to be spent on rolling the football pitch and painting white lines for this financial year. It was also decided to purchase signs for the play area to say 'No Ball.

financial year. It was also decided to purchase signs for the play area to say 'No Ball Games' and £60 was authorised.

Action DJ

Councillors decided to carry forward the idea of lighting the play area until they had a quote for City of York Council.

Action SM

### 9. Tennis Courts.

Councillors decided to clean the tennis courts with a power washer on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10.a.m. They decided to obtain quotes to paint the metal post around the fence.

Action SM

No decision was made regarding the use and rules of the courts this item is to be carried over to the next meeting.

## 10. Fence between Northlands and Strensall Road.

Councillors agreed that the fence needed repairing and approved £40 +VAT to A Hill to repair the fence.

Action SM

## 11. Maintenance of the Flower Meadow and River Access Land.

Councillors decided to have the area sprayed to kill nettles and thistles and approved £300 +VAT to John Rycroft to complete the work.

# 12. Litter Bins and Broken Sign.

The clerk had received a request from a member of the public to have a sign repaired and a new litter bin purchased by the Lock House Bridge. Councillors noted that the sign was in the Nature Reserve which was not their land and that City of York Council would not empty a bin by the bridge.

# 13. Loop System in the Village Hall

Councillors decided to apply for a Ward Grant in August to purchase a Loop System for the Village Hall.

# 14. River Access Land Dispute.

A letter has been sent to Vincent Lavery's, solicitors from John Walker a solicitor at Guest Walker and Co in the Shambles, York. He has taken on the work instead of John Paice.

### 15. Items for the next agenda/information/newsletter

Newsletter to be produced and sent out in June

Next Agenda

Action ML

Painting tennis courts fence, lighting at playground, Tennis membership rules, Grant application for loop system, varnishing sports equipment.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m..

Signed
Date

Sarah Millson Parish Clerk