

## EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

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

Members of the Public Present: I Jones, D Jones.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None.

### 2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Wiseman declared a personal and prejudicial interest on agenda item 14 and Councillor Leach a personal interest.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Parish Council Meeting minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> December were agreed as a true and accurate record by the councillors and signed.

### 4. Members of the Public.

Comments were made regarding: the security of the gate on Strensall Road, one of the life belts was missing from the pond, there was an increase in the amount of dog fouling in the Village and it was mentioned that some trees were ready for pruning.

### 5. Clerks Report

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

- i. Confirmation regarding the increase in the number of councillors was still outstanding. **Action SW**
- ii. BTCV would come and complete the work at the pond in February.
- iii. The new litter bins at the BMX track and the bus stop have still not arrived despite constant chasing to CYC. Litter was a major problem at the BMX track and a e mail had been received from a local resident suggesting a litter pick. Councillors arranged to meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm to have a litter pick. Clerk to buy bin bags and display notices. **Action SM**
- iv. The new resident at Rose Cottage will confirm to the clerk that the Right of Access through the River Access Land has been removed from their deeds.
- v. The complaint to R.B.S. is ongoing they now need to talk to a signatory on the account.
- vi. City of York Council do not have funds to grit all roads but will consider requests logged at their centre.
- vii. The clerk had been informed by CYC that there were no funds available to purchase laptops for Parish Councils.
- viii. The clerk had requested that Highways took over the cutting of the grass verges in the Village, however they have reported back that the verges have not been adopted by themselves. **Action SM**

ix. The clerk suggested that the annual Parish meeting is held before the elections in May, Councillors agreed to hold it at 7 p.m. on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

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

£24.00 to British Gas for service contract for January.

£578.75 to Guest Walker solicitors.

£141.00 to M Harland for contract work.

£30.00 to MITTAS for computer service.

£173.90 to A Hill for the purchase of grit.

The following were authorised:-

£7.99 to S Millson for stationery.

An extra £38.54 to Advance Fire Services as a new fire blanket had to be purchased for the Village Hall.

The clerk obtained signatures from two councillors to transfer £802.31 from the current account to the tennis account, this means all money allocated to the tennis courts is in the tennis account.

A credit of £51.63 has been received from CYC for double taxation.

### **6. Planning Applications**

Planning Application 10/02733/FUL 1 Ilford Close, Strensall Road was discussed, there was no objection.

### **7. New Model Standing Orders.**

The Councillor's discussed the new model Standing Orders issued by NALC approved the changes made by the clerk and voted to adopt the new Standing orders.

### **8. Traffic speeding through Earswick and the Pot Holes in the Roads.**

The clerk reported that the dimensions of a hole needed to be a minimum of 300mm across and 40mm deep before Highways would mend them. If the clerk was informed of any holes she would e mail York Pride.

Councillors listened to a report concerning ways of reducing speeding through the village and decided to include the problem in the newsletter as they are unable to erect any speed signs. They were informed that before the V.A.S. sign could be resited (the cost either from the Ward or the Parish Council's funds) a speed survey would be required. This would also be required if they wanted to apply for training to use the portable speed detection equipment. Councillors decided to check the area for speeding vehicles and submit Speed Concern Reports. **Action KP, DJ**

### **9. Preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan**

With a view to the new Localism Bill which is being introduced later in 2011 giving more power to local communities the Councillors decided that work was required on a Parish Plan. A resident has started on a Plan and a councillor will contact him to check progress and if necessary take over its formulation. **Action DJ**

### **10. Precept for 2011/12.**

Councillors listened to a report on the finances and due to the fact that the Ring Fenced money is receiving an increased rate of interest for the forthcoming year and that the maintenance contracts have been negotiated at a reduced cost for the next three years Councillors agreed to reduce the Precept to £15,000.

**11. Newsletter**

Councillors authorised £50 to produce the newsletter which would be delivered in February.

**Action ML**

**12 Village Hall Rent**

Councillors discussed the payment of rent to the Village Hall and decided to write to the committee seeking a reduction in the rent paid.

**Action BG**

**13. Royal Wedding 2011.**

A report was received stating that a committee has been set up to arrange an event on Friday 29th April at 3.30pm. This will be self funding and include entertainment and food. The money pledged by the Parish Council in December towards the event will not be required.

**14. Development of River Access Land and Flower Meadow.**

After a site visit Councillors decided to remove the blackthorn and cut the hedge back on the residents side of the River Access Land. The hedge will be removed behind no's 24 and 26 Stablers Walk but the trees will be left. The clerk will write to residents informing them of the work. Councillors Wiseman and Leach left the room when the costings were being discussed . A decision was unable to be made until further quotes are received. A meeting will be called to allocate the work as soon as possible. A resident in Huntington is interested in keeping bees in the field. The clerk will arrange a site visit.

**Action**

**SM, DJ**

**15 . Items for information/next agenda.**

The next Ward council meetings on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m

Signed.....

Date.....

Sarah Millson  
Parish Clerk