

## **EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>D Jones</b> <b>P Sapsford</b> <b>P Leveson</b> <b>K Pace</b> <b>S Wiseman</b>
	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>S Millson</b>

**Members of the Public Present:-** I Jones, J Gambold, P Doughty.

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

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

None.

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

Parish Council Meeting minutes for 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were approved as an accurate record by the councillors and signed.

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

Comments were made regarding the possible sale of the enclosed public space and a request that the Parish Council approach City of York Council as the footpath from Willow Grove to Towthorpe has been encroached by the grass verge and it is no longer wide enough for two people. **Action SM**

### **5. Clerks Report**

- a. The ongoing action tracker was reviewed and it was noted that:-
- i.** The clerk had emailed CYC enquiring as to when the Parish Council would hear about the Double Taxation award. But had not received a response.
  - ii.** The Village Hall had not yet returned the new lease agreement, the clerk will chase.
  - iii.** Regarding the Ward grants received for 2011/12, the hearing loop system has been installed, the benches have arrived and been installed, the grit bins are in place on Lock House Land and Stablers Walk and have been filled with grit.
  - iv.** The hanging bars cannot be lowered and the replacement cost for the Stepping Stones was £380 plus fitting. Councillors decided not to allocate any funds for this at this time.
  - v.** The clerk reported that the newsletter and flyer informing residents about the tree planting project and the informal meeting had been distributed and councillors authorised a payment of £25 to A Kirkby for the printing. Councillors agreed to provide the wine and mince pies for the informal meeting themselves.
  - vi.** There had been seven responses from residents interested in forming an environmental group. A meeting had been arranged for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall and Councillors agreed to cover the hire expenses for the Village Hall.
  - vii.** The clerk had contacted CYC regarding a new V.A.S. sign. Councillors will look at the budget to see if any funds can be allocated towards funding a new V.A.S. The clerk will then contact CYC again.
  - viii.** The clerk had not ordered the Dog Stencil because the cost was £70 and not £20 as previously stated. Councillors would need to contact CYC to obtain permission to

spray paint on the pavements. The clerk had received further information from the clerk at Dunnington regarding the effectiveness of the stencil, she stated that the problem of Dog Fouling moved rather than eradicated the problem. Councillors decided not to purchase the stencil but to produce some laminated signs which could be attached to stakes and placed around the village and be moved as required.

**Action SW**

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

£24.00 to British Gas for service contract for November.

£378.00 to Jewson for 3 benches,

£855.56 to BTCV for work at the pond,

£24.00 to A Hill for moving bark chippings,

£48.00 to A Hill for moving barbed wire,

£804.00 to A Hill for contract work on trees and shrubs.

£672.00 to A Hill for contract work in October.

£72.00 to A Hill for contract work in October.

The following payments were authorised:-

£328.65 to Glasdon for 2 grit bins, (Ward Funding)

£25.00 to A Kirkby printing,

£269.00 for white lining and marking of football pitch,

£100.80 to R.O.S.P.A.

£6.94 to P Sapsford for petrol for Pay Back Unit

£7.47 to D Jones for hammers for Pay Back Unit,

£120.00 to A Hill for contract work,

£312.00 to A Hill for grit (ward funding)

£96.00 to A Hill for installing benches (ward funding).

The Parish Council had received 2 Ward grants for 2011/12, £1700 and £505, the clerk had requested that these amount be added together to allow all the purchases to be made. There was an under spend on the hearing loop and benches but an over spend on the grit and grit bins. There was an overall surplus of £88.35 which will be returned to the Ward,

The Parish Council had received the second Precept payment of £7500 and the interest from the bond of £4420.

**6. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications have been dealt with by the clerk using her delegated powers. 11/02879/FUL, 16 Earswick Chase, single storey side extension link to garage. The response was 'No Objection'.

**7. Monthly Equipment Check**

The playground check for November had produced no actions. The Councillors had checked the ROSPA report and were satisfied that the inspection had taken place and authorised payment of the invoice for £100.80.

**8. Dates of Parish Council Meetings**

Councillors decided to hold monthly Parish Council meetings on the second Monday of each month. The clerk will book the Village Hall and send out dates to Councillors.

**Action SM**

**9. Boundary Changes.**

Councillors listened to a report from the Ward Councillor who explained the proposed parliamentary boundary changes. It is proposed to remove the Strensall Ward from York and group it with Malton, although in 2010 Strensall was assured it would not be moved again. Councillors decided to ask the Ward Councillor to draft a letter expressing their concerns over this proposal, the residents of Earswick form part of Strensall Ward and have an allegiance to the City of York. **Action SW**

**10. CYC Core Development and Local Development Plans**

Earswick will not be affected at the moment by any proposed changes but the Parish Council need to be aware of any future developments.

**11. River Access Field**

The trees will arrive on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and be planted on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and bark chippings will be put around the base of the trees. The Parish Council have received 500 bulbs from the Street Environmental Team and it is hoped to plant them in the field on Sunday.

**12. Enclosed Public Space**

The Clerk had nothing further to report as she was waiting for a further response from City of York Council.

**13. Budget and Precept 2012/13**

Councillors proposed that Councillors Jones and Sapsford meet with the clerk to produce a proposed budget and precept for 2012/13. **Action DJ,SP,SM**

**14. York Link**

The Clerk had circulated an email received from York Link regarding Community Health Watchers. Councillors do not wish to participate in this scheme and asked the clerk to reply. **Action SM**

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

The Village Hall and Scented Garden held a joint quiz and raised £300. Councillors had received an email from the Princes Trust regarding the use of Volunteers, as the time constraints had been too tight, they asked the clerk to respond to the organisation requesting more notice if they were to be approached in the future. **Action SM**

Items for next agenda – Bus Shelter, BMX Track, Diamond Jubilee, Environmental Group, Precept.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m

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Sarah Millson