

## EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

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

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

Prior to the meeting Councillor Wiseman gave a vote of thanks to Air Commodore W Gambold for all his hard work during his time as a Councillor and Chairman and presented him with a gift.

PSCO Michael Hannon gave a short report to the meeting, only one incident had been reported during the last month from Earswick. The changes to the policing structure will be taking effect from September but as yet details were not available.

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

P Leveson.

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

None.

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

Parish Council Meeting minutes for 23<sup>rd</sup> May approved as an accurate record by the councillors and signed.

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

Comments were made regarding the sewage tanker which had been operating in the area, residents were informed that it had been cleaning out the drains and that the main problems in the area arose from residents pouring cooking fat into the system and also nappies and wipes caused problems. Councillors proposed to include this in the next newsletter.

### **5. Clerks Report**

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

- i.** The Invoice had been received from BTCV and that it showed a large proportion of the invoice was for labour and not plants. The clerk is to arrange a site meeting with 2 Councillors and BTCV to discuss the work. **Action SM**
- ii.** The bin at the bus stop has been moved but not fastened to the fence. **Action SM**
- iii.** There has been no progress on the Double Taxation issue despite the clerk chasing up CYC since the original e mail was sent on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Clerk to send a new e mail with a copy to K Bowers. **Action SM.**

- iv. City of York Council have confirmed that they will cut the verges on a fortnightly basis and this work has now begun.
  - v. A proposed new draft for the rent agreement between the Parish Council and the Village Hall has been sent to the Village Hall Committee.
  - vi. Despite contacting Foss Internal Drainage Board and Richard Hoyland from CYC no action has been taken over the safety of the footpath by the River Foss at the end of The Village where the banks have been eroded by dogs climbing out of the river. The clerk will write to both parties. **Action SM**
  - vii. Legal services are inspecting the Section 106 regarding selling the Closed Public Space and will report back in due course.
  - viii. A community event has been arranged for the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. It will be a picnic with music in the Scented Garden.
  - xi. The clerk reported that there were not sufficient available funds in the budget to purchase a Christmas Tree and lights. However it is possible for Parish Councils to hold fund raising events which could contribute. Councillors felt that they could also look at sponsorship.
  - x. Councillors have approached all residents who live near the River Access Field and they all signed an agreement to plant the field with trees. Councillors now need to approach Morewoods. **Action DJ**
- b. The following pre authorised payments have been made since the last meeting:-  
 Clerks salary for May.  
 £24.00 per month to British Gas for service contract for June.  
 £1000.00 to the Scented Garden  
 £1112.83 to Zurich Insurance  
 £46.50 to Advance Fire for the quarterly inspection.  
 £6.37 to Yorkshire Water  
 £156.15 to the Village Hall for room rent for 2010/11.  
 £864.00 to Andy Hill for Maintenance work.  
 The following were authorised:-  
 £3.48 to Sarah Millson for Stamps and photocopying.  
 £24.00 to Andy Hill for a repair to the fence at the end of the closed Public Space, the clerk had authorised the work using her delegated powers.

## **6. Planning Applications**

None received.

## **7. Monthly Equipment Check**

Councillors had been approached by Strensall Parish to see if they could make use of a wooden climbing frame. Councillors decided to arrange a site visit with City of York Council to ascertain whether the equipment would safely fit in the playground and to discuss the costing of moving and installing the equipment. **Action SW**

The BMX track is in need of attention as new jumps have been built. Councillors decided to visit the site and decide what measures needed taking and then if necessary to arrange a working party to do the work. **Action DJ, PS**

## **8. Huntington School**

A request had been received from Huntington School a donation to help set up a 'Friends of Huntington School' group. Councillors decided that it should be the parents of children at the school who should provide funding and not the Parish Council. The clerk is to write and decline. **Action SM**

### **9. Village Survey**

The Village Survey would help set up the Neighbourhood plan for the next 5 years. Councillors authorised £30 for the printing of the survey which would be delivered and collected by Councillors. Help would be offered to anyone who required it.

### **10. Village Hall Car Park**

Councillors were informed that it was not possible to white line the grass crete area as the paint would wear off. Councillors decided to allocate £350 for the white lining of the Village Hall car park.

### **11. Enclosed Public Space**

Councillors discussed a proposal to increase the number of cuts from 2 to 3 per annum but decided not to approve this. They did decide to authorise £100 plus Vat to give the field a second weed spray to try to kill off the Horse Tail. **Action SM**  
Councillors proposed to cut down some dead trees and thin out some of the other bushes in the area but decided not to authorise funding for the work. Councillors decided to approach the 'Pay Back Unit' to enquire as to whether they would be able to do the work.

A tree has fallen into the ditch and it was decided to ascertain which house in The Village owned the tree and ask them to remove it. **Action PS**

### **12. Maintenance in the River Access Field and Flower Meadow**

Councillors looked at quotes to cut the River Access Field and Flower Meadow and to spray the River Access Field. Councillors authorised £350 to cut the River Access Field and the Flower Meadow. They also authorised up to £320 to spray the River Access Field. They will use the remaining fund of £504 which was set aside from 106 money and use £170 from the Miscellaneous fund to complete the work. **Action SM.**

### **13. Dangerous Dog**

The Parish Council have been approached by several residents who are concerned about a dangerous dog which is being exercised on Parish Council land. There have been several incidents reported to the Dog Warden relating to this issue and residents would like the Parish Council to contact the Dog Warden on their behalf. Councillors believe there is a dangerous dog register and will investigate how this operates.

**Action SW**

Councillors also decided to ask the clerk to write to the Dog Warden on expressing concern over these alleged incidents. **Action SM**

### **14. Traffic Speeding**

A resident had informed the Parish Council that they had been involved in a potentially dangerous traffic incident but on reporting the incident to the Police no action had been taken. The resident had approached the Parish Council asking if they could take action. The only action available is to complete 95 Alive forms and return to the police.

### **15. Maintenance of the Pond**

Following on from the action tracker when the Councillors have met with BTCV they propose to strim the pond area. Councillors authorised £144 for 2 strims, the funds are in the fixed expenditure budget. **Action SM**

**16. Public Open Space Footpaths**

Councillors agreed that they had an obligation to keep the footpaths clear of encroaching weeds and grass and authorised £192 from the fixed expenditure budget to complete the work. **Action SM**

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

The Ward Councillor informed Councillors that there was a new Neighbourhood Officer, Carolyn Perry and that there is a Ward liaison meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July, there is also a Ward meeting in the Scented Garden on 20<sup>th</sup> July. The next edition of Your Ward would be delivered soon and Councillors were reminded that bids for Ward Funding would need to be submitted. The clerk is to chase up the funds from last years Ward Funding .

**Action SM**

Items for next agenda:- Diamond Jubilee, grit bins.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m

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Sarah Millson  
Parish Clerk