

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 8th August 2011.

Present:	Councillors	D Jones S Wiseman P Leveson
	Clerk	S Millson

Members of the Public Present:- P Doughty, I Jones, D Jones, J Hepworth, A Herbert, K Beamish, J Sharpe.

1. Apologies for Absence

K Pace, P Sapsford.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillors Leveson and Wiseman have a personal interest in agenda item 11.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Parish Council Meeting minutes for 20th June and 8th July were approved as an accurate record by the councillors and signed.

4. Members of the Public.

Comments were made regarding a sewage problem from Haxby into the River Foss, residents were informed that the environmental agency were investigating but the problem was probably due to the low water level and the storms. Residents enquired about the work which was being undertaken in the Closed Public Space, the Pay Back Unit had started some work and would return at the weekend, the area would be cut but it would take several years of treatment to kill off the invasive weeds. The Scented Garden were following up leads from the Village Survey from residents offering to help.

5. Clerks Report

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

i. The Clerk has contacted BTCV with regard to the standard of work and is awaiting a further response from them, the Invoice remains unpaid. Meanwhile Councillors would like to arrange for the other area around the pond to be strimmed. **Action SM**

ii. The clerk has today received a form to apply for Double Taxation, this can be backdated to the previous year. **Action SM**

iii. The Village Hall committee have not agreed to the change in the lease as first suggested by the Parish Council, they would like the change in the lease to be a set annual amount. The clerk will find the average annual payment and report back. **Action SM, DJ**

iv. The clerk had received replies from F.I.D.B. and City of York Council regarding the erosion of the river bank and City of York Council are going to erect a safety barrier until the repair to the bank can be undertaken by the F.I.D.B.

v. Regarding the possible sale of the closed public space, the clerk had today received contact from CYC who are looking at the details of the 106 agreement and will report back before 5th September.

vi. The clerk had received a telephone call and a letter from CYC regarding the dangerous dog issue. The Council felt that all suitable action was being taken by the

owner of the dog and at the moment no further action was required. However, they would reassess the position if the situation changes

vii. The climbing frame from Strensall which could not be accommodated in the children's play area may be able to be sited near the sports equipment. **Action SW.**

viii. The application for a Ward grant had been delivered to CYC.

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

£24.00 per month to British Gas for service contract for July and August.

£18.00 to the River Foss Society for membership.

£30.00 to A Kirby for printing.

£350.00 to Highway services for white lining the Village Hall car park.

£12.00 to Sign Express for labels.

£1176.00 to Andy Hill for Maintenance work.

The following were authorised:-

£29.00 to S Millson for stationery

£21.99 to S Millson from the Tennis Account for a new padlock for the tennis courts.

A payment of £1700.00 had been received from Strensall Ward for a hearing loop system in the village Hall and 2 new benches by the pond.

6. Planning Applications

11/01587FUI. 135 Strensall Road, single storey side extension had no objection and had been returned by the clerk using delegated powers.

11/01558/FUL, 49 Earswick Chase, move garden wall, remarks that it would remove open symmetry of access road where commented by the clerk using delegated powers.

The development at 113 Strensall Road was being investigated by the planning office as the wall and access did not comply with planning approval.

7. Monthly Equipment Check

The July check had shown that a rope was missing from a life buoy so the clerk had made the purchase using delegated powers Councillors approved the £15 expenditure to P Sapsford. The ROSPA inspection will take place in early September. Councillors agreed to investigate whether it would be possible to reduce the height of the hanging bars.

Action DJ.PS

8. Grit and Grit Bins

Councillors would like a grit bin at Rowley Court and Lock House Lane, the clerk is to liaise with the Neighbourhood Management team and place a bid for ward funding to supply two grit bins and grit.

Action SM

9. Queens Diamond Jubilee

Initial plans have been formulated to provide an event, a Hog Roast at 2 pm, Formula 1 racing, face painting and events on the Village Green. A committee will be formed to arrange the event,

10. Newsletter

Councillors decided to produce a newsletter and the clerk will approach Councillor Pace to assist her in its production. Councillors will write articles to place in the newsletter and forward them to the clerk. Items to include, endangered species in the area, road safety and the disposal of items into the drains.

11. Shilton Garth Grass Verges

Councillors listened to a complaint from 3 residents in The Village who were not satisfied with the standard of grass cutting by City of York Council. Councillors were not able to discuss the matter due to personal interest but would like to reiterate their decision from September 2010 when it was decided that the Parish Council could not pay for the cutting of the grass verges in The Village whilst other residents in Earswick were paying privately for their verges to be cut, and the matter is now closed.

Action SM

12. Cutting of the Hedge in the flower Meadow

Councillors had been approached by residents in Rowley Court whose land adjoins the Flower Meadow requesting the Council to cut the hedge which borders their property but is in the Flower Meadow. Councillors authorise £30 for the work.

Action SM

13. Cycleway along River Foss

Councillors listened to a report concerning the proposed cycle path along the River Foss. There are concerns regarding the slope to the River Foss from The Village, the height of the bridge and the possible flooding. However it would provide a safer route from Earswick to Huntington across the A1237 and a new footbridge would be beneficial. Councillors looked at the replies from the Village Survey regarding cycle paths and over 50% of respondents were in support of an idea of this type. If the access from The Village could be made safer this would be beneficial for disabled access to the riverside footpath. Councillors would like the clerk to write to Andy Vose at CYC giving their support for a path on the Earswick side of the River Foss, Richard Hoyland at CYC concerning the possibility of a new footbridge.

Action SM

14. Development of The River Access Land

Councillors had a site meeting with More wood and as a result received a lengthy proposal for the development of the River Access Field. More wood proposed the planting of 700 trees at a cost of £1000, of which they would fund 60%, councillors authorised £400 to buy trees . The site would need to be ploughed to the depth of 1 metre before the planting. Councillors decided to cancel the spraying of the field, this released £320, and authorised £420 to plough the field. The Public Footpath will be left untouched for a width of 1 metre across the field. Councillors will approach the Pay Back Unit to help hammer in the stakes for the new trees. In the Village Survey several residents had expressed a wish to be involved in an environmental group, it is hoped that this group can be formed to plant the trees.

15. Village Survey

The Councillors received a copy of the analysis of the Village Survey and were pleased with the number of responses. The results are to be looked at and a list of actions produced for the next meeting.

Action DJ

16. Items for Information/next agenda

An event had been held in the Scented Garden and 106 people had attended. Village Shelter

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m

Signed.....

Date.....

Sarah Millson

