

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 9th January 2012.

Present:	Councillors	D Jones S Wiseman P Sapsford P Leveson K Pace S Millson
	Clerk	

Members of the Public Present:- N Eden, S Eden, I Jones, P Doughty, H Thornthwaite, M Thornthwaite, H Davey.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Parish Council Meeting minutes for 21st November 2011 were approved as an accurate record by the councillors and signed.

4. Members of the Public.

Comments were made regarding; a request that there was money in the budget for 2012/13 to cover the cost of pruning shrubs and trees in the Parish, could the Parish Council look at pruning some low level branches along the boundary near the houses in the Old Village and the Public Open Space, a resident has a tree which she would like to donate to the River Access Field. The Ward Councillor told Councillors that there may not be any funds available from CYC for Ward funding for 2012/13.

5. Clerks Report

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

- i. The hedging had been planted in the River Access Field to fill in the gaps.
- ii. The clerk had spoken to Mora Scaife regarding the Double Taxation and although no confirmation had been received CYC had felt that the 106 payment made to the Parish Council should be sufficient to cover all the expenses.
- iii. The clerk had received the Invoice from Morewood but had requested that it should be altered and made out to Earswick Parish Council. The clerk had also received the agreement which needs to be signed and returned. **Action DJ,SM**
- iv. The Councillors approved the Dog Fouling sign which is to be laminated and placed on stakes to try and reduce the problem. **Action SW**
- v. The clerk had received a letter from Julian Sturdy who regrettably has had to change the date of the meeting from 23rd February to Thursday 29th March. It will be held in Stockton on the Forest Village Hall from 6pm – 8pm. The clerk will confirm attendance. **Action SM**

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

Clerks salary for November and December.
£24.00 to British Gas for service contract for December and January.
£1002.00 to The Sound Workshop for the hearing loop using Ward Funding.
£6.37 to Yorkshire Water for quarterly charge.
£28.93 to Sarah Millson for stationery and a laminator.
£200 to Parish Websites for the annual maintenance charge
£80.82 to Advance Fire services for quarterly inspection and a Fire Extinguisher refill.
Councillors authorised a payment of £97 to SLCC for the annual subscription.
The clerk had paid in a cheque from the Nature Reserve for £1182.11 which had been donated to the Council and is to be used for Environmental Work.

6. Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been dealt with by the clerk using her delegated powers.

11/03074/FUL, 238 Strensall Road, re submission, the response was ‘ No Objection ‘but a comment to consider obtaining a106 payment if planning is approved.

11/03175/FUL, 13 Lock House Lane, a loft conversion with velux windows, the response was ‘No Objection’.

7. Monthly Equipment Check

Following the monthly play area check for January it was noted that there was a bolt missing from one of the stepping stones and that there is a large hole under the press up bench. Councillors authorised £50 to have the hole filled in using some hard core under the soil, to prevent dogs digging. **Action SM**

8. BMX Track

The BMX Track is closed at the moment due to it being unsafe. Councillors discussed the problem and decided to have a final attempt at re opening it in the Spring. Details will be finalised in the March meeting. **Action SM**

9. Bus Shelter

Since it has come to the attention of the Parish Council that they are responsible for the bus shelter near the Towthorpe Crossroads they have made an inspection but decided that no work was required at the moment.

10. Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

A committee will be formed to arrange the event, it will be made up of people who organised the event to celebrate the Royal wedding. A Jubilee Lunch will be held on Sunday 3rd June, the Hog Roast, Village Hall, face painting and Karts have already been booked. It was suggested to try and organise a Village photograph, a local photographer will be contacted. **Action PL, DJ**

11. Environmental Group

An initial meeting had been held and there are six people interested in forming the group. At the moment there is little to report as they are waiting to hear back from CYC about funding that may be available. Councillors authorised payment to cover use of the Village Hall for one hour if a further meeting is to be held. **Action KP**

Enclosed Public Space

Councillors had received an e mail earlier this evening from CYC giving further information and offering advise to the Council on how to proceed with the possible sale of the land. Councillors decided to form a committee to look into the proposal and report back to the meeting in February with all possible scenarios concerning the land.

Action SW PS SM

13. Employment of a New Clerk

The clerk will be leaving the area in July 2012 and will leave the post on 30th June 2012. The clerk and Chairman will obtain all necessary paperwork from YLCA and report back to the meeting in February. Ideally a new clerk will be appointed to receive training and work alongside the current clerk from April.

Action SM DJ

14. Precept 2012/12

Councillors were presented with a breakdown of expenses for 2012/13 and agreed to reduce the Precept by 5% to £14,250. The Precept Notice was signed by the Chairman and Clerk and will be returned to CYC.

Action SM

15. Items for Information/next agenda

Burial Board Meeting – A discussion was held concerning the supply of grit but no decision made.

Foss Internal Drainage Board- There are a large number of trees fallen in the River and they will be working to rectify the problem.

There is a Ward Team Meeting on Thursday 19th January at 2pm in the Guildhall Room.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m

Signed.....

Sarah Millson

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