

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A public participation session took place with Parish Councillors immediately prior to the following Parish Council meeting.

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Friday 19th August 2016.

Councillors present: D Jones
S Wiseman
P Leveson
G Tate
G Offler

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Members of the Public Present: I Jones, M Woodward, A Woodward, D Ridley, T Bright, S Bright, J Ridley.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr O'Connor

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

There were no declarations of interest, and declarations given by Cllr Wiseman and Cllr Jones are given at appendices A and B respectively.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 18th July 2016, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following application:

- 16/01657/FUL 1 The Garden Village, YO32 9TP (Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and erection of log store and greenhouse).

The Parish Council had no objection to the land in question being changed from agricultural use into domestic garden. However, they did object to the erection of buildings/permanent structures of any sort, in accordance with planning rules.

The PC discussed how the strip of Green Belt land, of which this application forms part, acts as a 'buffer' between the Green Belt, and Garden Village and the previous Fosslands development. They felt this strip of land could not be taken out of the Green Belt unless there were extenuating circumstances and that there were none with this application. As this land,

and in particular the trees, act as a 'buffer', the Parish Council asked that these trees are not removed.

The Parish Clerk was asked to write to the planning department at City of York Council stating the PC does not support this planning application and citing the points given above. **Action: JF**

The meeting closed at 5.45pm

Joanne Fisher
(Parish Clerk)

Signed: **Date:**

Appendix A

Declaration from Cllr Wiseman to meeting on 19th August 2016:

At a meeting of the Council on 14th September 2015 I used a word to describe the activities of the Earswick Action Group. I will not repeat the word I used because I was wrong to use it in the first place and I do not want to compound my original mistake. I did however, correct myself immediately at the meeting and retracted my statement. While some who were present at the meeting heard my retraction I am aware that others did not. I am sorry that my retraction was not heard and am taking this opportunity to make my position absolutely clear.

Appendix B

Declaration from Cllr Jones to meeting on 19th August 2016:

Earswick Parish Council would like it noted that both it and City of York Council have recently received emails from the Keep Earswick Rural Action Group purporting to having been sent by one of their members, Mr John Williams. However, Mr Williams has informed both councils that these emails had not been sent by him, nor did he see drafts of these emails before they were sent. This is something that he is not happy about, and he has apologised to the Council for this. Mr Williams is continuing to investigate this matter.