

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 12th September 2016.

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

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Members of the Public Present: J Townsend, D Ridley, B Woodward, J McTurk, P Doughty.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr O'Connor, Ward Cllr Douglas.

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

There were no declarations of interest or any other declarations.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 19th August 2016 were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

Ward Cllr Doughty reported:

- The Local Plan consultation finished on the 12th September. In November the Local Plan will go to the Local Plan Working Group followed by the Executives of the City of York Council (CYC). A more formal draft of the Local Plan will go out for consultation to the public again in Jan/Feb 2017 with the aim of forwarding it to the government in May 2017.
- Two large applications for ward funding have been submitted by Strensall and Stockton on the Forest Parish Councils. Strensall PC has applied for a grant to fund a pedestrian crossing on York Road near the Barley Rise junction. A feasibility study is underway to see if the Highways Dept consider it suitable.

Stockton on the Forest PC has applied for funding to provide parking bays on a street behind the main street where cars park on the verge and footpaths. This proposal is at a very early stage and residents have yet to be consulted

on this suggestion. Earswick PC was encouraged to submit any application for ward funding, for new noticeboards, as soon as possible. **Action: JF**

5. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorized payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council meeting on 18th July 2016 :-

- J Fisher's salary for July and August;
 - £5.82 to Yorkshire Water;
 - £780 to A Hill for June grass cut to areas 1 & 8;
 - £72 to A Hill for June Centenary Wood grass cut;
 - £120 to A Hill for June Diamond Wood grass cut;
 - £48 to A Hill for June river footpath cut;
 - £136.80 to Andrew Towleron Assoc. for Neighbourhood Plan printing;
 - £7.68 to J Fisher for stamps;
 - £10 to J Fisher for ink;
 - £274 to York Against Cancer for monies collected in excess of costs at BBQ;
 - £6.29 to G Offler for strimmer petrol;
 - £177.07 to Inc Dot Com for Newsletter printing;
 - £72 to Signs Express York for Village Hall car park signs;
 - £48 to A Hill for July river footpath cut;
 - £72 to A Hill for July Centenary Wood cut;
 - £120 to A Hill for July Diamond Wood Grass cut;
 - £72 to A Hill for July Pond strim;
 - £780 to A Hill for July Grass Cut Areas 1 and 8;
 - £60 to A Hill for strimming to rear of pond;
 - £30.80 to G Offler for pond fence padlocks;
 - £112.50 to Huntcatchkill PCS Ltd (Qtr 4);
 - £83.22 to Advance Fire Services (January invoice);
 - £48.90 to Advance Fire Services (March invoice).
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- £20,000 ring fenced section 106 money was transferred from Royal Bank of Scotland into Cambridge and Counties Bank;

The following amounts have been received by the PC:

- £40.59 RBS interest on current account in July;
- £34.72 RBS interest on current account in August;
- £2,195 Neighbourhood Plan grant from Groundwork UK.

The following payments were authorised:

- £36.90 to J Fisher for stationery;
- £24.22 to J Fisher for ink.

6. Planning Applications

City of York Council Planning Dept had notified Earswick Parish Council that revised plans had been received for application 16/01657/FUL 1 The Garden Village YO32 9TP, removing the shed and greenhouse from the proposal. This application will now be considered as a change of use to domestic garden. The PC asked the Clerk to ask Ms Sharon Jackson from CYC Planning Dept if the tree line was to be maintained, as had been discussed at a site meeting with her, and requested in the PC's comments on the application which had been forwarded to CYC. **Action: JF**

City of York Council has approved the following application:

- 16/01451/FUL The Grange 388 Strensall Rd, York YO32 9SW (Single storey orangery extension to side).

7. Monthly Equipment Check

The Chairman had circulated details of the monthly check to the PC. As reported before, the play equipment needs repainting. Also, the tennis net posts and tennis court benches need repainting. On the agenda for the next meeting the PC will consider new tennis nets. **Action: JF**

A large number of mole hills have reappeared on PC land so the PC asked the Clerk to inform Huntcatchkill. **Action: JF**

The upright for the lifebuoy at the pond needs attention which the PC decided to include with any future works.

8. River Foss Society Membership Fee

The PC authorised £25 to the River Foss Society. **Action: JF**

9. Maintenance Contract 2017-2020

The PC discussed and agreed the items to be included in the maintenance contract.

The following work, which is in addition to that included in the current contract, have been added to the new proposed contract:

- Extra cuts between the trees in Diamond Wood;
- Cutting a path from Diamond Wood, along the edge of the Flower Meadow and up to the Earswick footbridge;
- Using weedkill to mark out the football pitch twice a year;
- Cutting the grass between the pond and hedge along the river.

The following work included in the current contract has been removed from the new proposed contract:

- Weedkill in Diamond Wood - a local resident has been voluntarily removing Giant Hogweed from the area over the past two years and it has reduced in size and intensity;
- Whitelining of the football pitch.

The PC agreed to commence the procurement process. A notice advertising the competitive tender will be placed on the main notice board and website. The Clerk was asked to forward tender documents to firms who had supplied tenders previously. The closing date for tenders will be 5th October. The Clerk and Cllr Wiseman will open and compare the sealed bids on 6th/7th October.

Action: DJ/JF/SW

10. Cut and strim between all Diamond Wood trees

The PC authorised £200 plus VAT to A Hill to cut and strim between all the trees in Diamond Wood.

Action: JF

11. Access for Service Providers through Lock House Lane car park gates

When the new gates were installed at the Lock House Lane car park, the Foss Internal Drainage Board (FIDB) had put a padlock on one set of gates without informing the PC. The PC asked the Clerk to update a draft letter to the FIDB asking them to remove their padlock, and informing them that the PC intend to put the same lock on all its gates so that all service providers, and the FIDB, only need one key to gain access through any gate.

Action: JF

12. Items for Information

- Mr Bill Gambold had submitted reports to the PC on Neighbourhood Watch and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party, as given at Appendix A.
- Rural Creative who provide Earswick Parish Council with web hosting for their website has merged with LazenbyBrown's systems (email received 7th July 2016). The PC authorised a budget of £147 to Rural Creative on 14.3.16 and agreed to reauthorise the same amount to LazenbyBrown.
- £100 in donations had been raised at the coffee mornings and given to Many Tears Animal Rescue.
- Cllr Offler has asked an acoustics firm to quote on possible improvements to the Village Hall. The Village Hall committee is organising a cheese and wine evening on Friday 21 October. More details will follow later.
- Cllr Offler has contacted the Clerk at Strensall PC to see if she can recommend anyone to paint the playground equipment. Cllr Offler has also started looking at potential suppliers of wooden signs.
- Cllr Wiseman had circulated to the PC a report from a liaison meeting with the YLCA and CYC in which Double Taxation, and all the claim variations from different PCs, was discussed. The matter is to be discussed at the next YLCA meeting.

- Cllr Wiseman reported that Ward Committees were being examined by the CYC Scrutiny Panel. Parish Councils had many suggestions for ward funding.
- Cllr Wiseman reported CYC is using Omnicom which digitally assesses surfaces and drainage so the CYC can prioritise repairs.
- The PC expressed their thanks to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party for all their hard work.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Joanne Fisher
(Parish Clerk)

Signed: **Date:**

NW AND NPWP REPORTS TO EARWICK PC MTG

ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2016

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY REPORT

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Party (NPWP) is currently reviewing a draft Neighbourhood Plan which will be available for parishioners to view in the village hall in the next few weeks at a date yet to be set. The draft plan will also be made available on the Parish Council web site. Following any comments from the public review the plan will be amended as necessary then passed to the Parish Council for it to submit to City of York Council for it to undertake a formal 6 week consultation process.

The Earswick Neighbourhood Plan recommends that there should be no development of the greenbelt and all the areas of conservation, sport and recreation in the village should be protected.

CYC has produced its draft Local Plan for public discussion. It does not include any planned development or safeguarded land in Earswick.

EARSWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

There have been no reported incidents in Earswick since the last meeting of the Parish Council. However, North Yorkshire Police has warned of a series of thefts from garages and sheds in the North of York. There has also been a warning about an internet scam involving British Gas accounts. The Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators have been asked to warn their neighbours.

I am still looking for someone to cover the southern part of Strensall Road and the river end of the Village Road.

Contact Bill Gambold if you would like more information (765024).