

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 9th October 2017.

Councillors present: D Jones
A Bell
G Offler
B O'Connor

Ward Councillor present: P Doughty

Parish Clerk: F Hill

Members of the Public Present: I Jones, W Gambold.

1. Apologies for absence

Parish Councillors P Leveson and S Wiseman.
Parish Clerk J Fisher

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

Cllr Jones declared an interest in agenda item 6 so did not take part in any discussion or decision on this item.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on the 11th September 2017 were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

- The City of York Council Local Plan is currently out for public consultation until end October 2017.
- There is a "Drop-In" session for residents in Strensall Village Hall, 1000-1200 hrs on Saturday 21 October 2017. The local MP and Ward Councillors will be in attendance.
- The Ward funding for the outdoor health equipment had been approved by Ward Cllrs and was now with senior officers for processing.

- Cllr Doughty is in correspondence with Cllr Gillies about the 40 MPH speed limit on Strensall Road, Earswick and was awaiting a final response, which was expected soon.

5. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorized payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 11th September 2017:-

- J Fisher's salary for September;
- £4.99 to J Fisher for tennis laminates;
- £34.00 to J Fisher for ink;
- £240 to PKF Littlejohn LLP for audit of the annual accounts;
- £420 to Andrew Towlerton Associates for consultancy support relating to the Neighbourhood Plan;
- £23.70 to G Offler for lifebelt rope;
- £6.25 to Yorkshire Water;
- £48 to Reynolds Plumbing Ltd for Carbon Monoxide detector;
- £128.50 to Inc Dot Com Ltd for Newsletter printing;
- £40.20 to Advance Fire Services Ltd for fire equipment check.

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the last meeting on the 11th September 2017:

- £546.99 interest from Cambridge and Counties bank;
- £0.40 interest on the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) savings account;
- £25 in tennis subscriptions;
- £0.43 interest on the RBS tennis account;
- £8,621.25 precept from City of York Council (CYC);
- £253.32 double taxation from CYC.

Cllr Bell had researched the bank compensation scheme and as a "Micro Local Authority", with a turnover of under 500,000 euros, the PC was covered by the £85,000 limit.

6. Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following application and recorded no objection:

- 17/01585/FUL 37 Earswick Close, YO32 9FZ (Two storey side extension to form garage, self-contained annex and single storey side and rear extensions to link to main dwelling and relocation of boundary wall);

Action: JF

The Clerk had dealt with the following planning applications using delegated powers, recording no objections on planning grounds, and the City of York Council had approved the following planning applications:

- 17/01788/FUL Hall Farm, YO32 9SW (Change of use of agricultural buildings and adjacent land to livery stables, revised application);
- 17/01830/FUL 74 Earswick Chase YO32 9FY (Single storey rear extension and dormer to rear).

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7. Monthly Equipment Check

The Chairman had circulated details of the monthly check to the PC prior to the meeting. Andy Hill would be consulted about the life belt problem.

Action: DJ

8. Wordpress maintenance as from 01 January 2018

Cllr. O'Connor had established that the operating system/host server was looked after by Mike Harding of Lazenby Brown and the software/website building were looked after by Andrew Jones. Andrew Jones had submitted a quote of £15.00 per month, which was unanimously approved. **Action: BOC**

9. Earswick Planters

Expenditure of £19.90 for plants, payable to Mrs J Pace, was unanimously approved. **Action: GO**

10. City of York Council Local Plan consultation response

Cllr. Jones had drafted a response and circulated around Cllrs. It was unanimously agreed, to submit after amendment to paragraph regarding Strensall Barracks. **Action: DJ**

11. Laptop support

The PC agreed to defer this issue until the next meeting.

Action: BOC

12. Emergency Plan

Cllr. O'Connor had circulated a draft plan around Cllrs. It was unanimously agreed that up to £20.00 could be spent by Cllr O'Connor on a container and contents towards an "Emergency Box". **Action: BOC**

13. Outdoor Exercise Equipment

A new quote from Sovereign had been circulated around Cllrs totalling £9046.31 plus VAT (includes delivery). Ward funding was expected for £4900.00. The PC would pay the balance. This was unanimously agreed.

Action: SW

The possibility of fencing the area was discussed and would be included on the agenda of the next meeting. **Action: JF**

14. Diamond Jubilee Trees

A specialist company had visited the site and advised that due to root knotting the majority of trees could not be moved. They would quote for moving the

three Oak trees. The PC had not yet received the quote so this item would be deferred until the next meeting. **Action: JF**

Cllr Jones had researched the costs associated with the trees (purchase price, ploughing site, planting, maintenance etc.) that totals over £4400.00. In addition, a value for labour, for planting the trees, would be calculated. This information would be forwarded to Stephenson's. **Action: DJ**

15. Items for Information

A receipt from York Mind for a donation of £100, made by the Coffee Morning group, was handed to the Clerk.

Cllr. Offler had inspected the public open spaces after the high winds and there was surprisingly little damage. Some small dead trees could possibly be removed. **Action: GO**

Cllr. Offler had attended the Burial Ground Committee meeting and the extension planning application was still pending, so nothing further to report.

Cllr. Bell reported that there were a number of loose/damaged manhole covers in the parish, so the PC would write to Yorkshire Water asking them to look at them all in one visit. **Action: AB**

Cllr Bell queried who owned the footpath across from the bridge, which was in a poor state. He was informed that this was the responsibility of Haxby Town Council.

Neighbourhood Watch - the newsletter article had produced a volunteer in the relevant area, which was good news. A quote would be obtained for new signs and this would be included on the agenda of the next meeting. **Action: JF**

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Jones had updated the Earswick NP in line with the latest Local Plan and this has been sent to City of York Council. There will be a 6 week public consultation of the plan prior to submission. Copies will be sent to neighbouring parish councils. An Open Exhibition will be held in the village hall. **Action: DJ**

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm