

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 11th September 2017.

Councillors present: D Jones
S Wiseman
P Leveson
G Offler
B O'Connor

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Members of the Public Present: I Jones, W Gambold, F Hill, A Bell.

1. Co-option of Mr Andrew Bell to Earswick Parish Council

The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Mr Andrew Bell onto Earswick Parish Council.

2. Apologies for absence

Ward Cllr Doughty.

3. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

Cllr Jones declared an interest in agenda item 12 so did not take part in any discussion or decision on this item.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on the 24th July 2017, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

5. Ward Councillors' Reports

There were no reports from the Ward Cllrs as they were not present. The PC decided to ask Cllr Doughty to appeal against the decision to leave the 60mph speed limit on a section of Strensall Rd, and to ask for an update on the re-fashioning of the existing footpath along Strensall Rd.

Action: JF

6. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorised payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 24th July 2017:-

- J Fisher's salary for July and August;
- £29.99 to J Fisher as reimbursement for laptop (Norton) security;
- £96 to M Drury Ltd for hogweed treatment;
- £900 to A Hill for grass cutting in June;
- £48 to A Hill for River Footpath cut in June;

- £84 to A Hill for cutting Centenary Wood in June;
- £96 to A Hill for Diamond Wood grass cut in June;
- £24 to A Hill for Diamond Wood path cut in June;
- £300 to A Hill for removal of the play equipment from the Sports Field;
- £240 to A Hill for concreting in the Sports Field bench;
- £48 to A Hill for River Footpath cut in July;
- £780 to A Hill for grass cutting in July;
- £84 to A Hill for cutting Centenary Wood in July;
- £72 to A Hill for strimming around pond in July;
- £120 to A Hill for Diamond Wood grass and pathway cut in July;
- £20.80 to J Fisher for stationery and ink;
- £5.50 to G Offler for key for Strensall Rd gate;
- £115 to Huntcatchkill PCS Ltd for mole removal;
- £30 to R Warriner for Scented Garden treatment;
- £440 to M Wilson for staining & varnishing benches;
- £60 to Reynolds Plumbing and Heating Ltd for village hall boiler maintenance;
- £168 to A Hill for cutting the hawthorn hedge in Diamond Wood;
- £60 to A Hill for supply and planting conifers in the Scented Garden hedge.

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the last meeting on the 24th July 2017:

- £3.62 and £1.68 interest on the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) savings account;
- £125 in tennis subscriptions.

The Clerk reported that £546.99 interest had been earned on the Cambridge and Counties account but that it had been invested by them in the PC's Cambridge and Counties account rather than sent to its RBS account. The Clerk has contacted Cambridge & Counties to try and rectify the situation. The 2016-17 annual accounts have been approved by the external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP.

The following amounts were authorised:

- £4.99 to J Fisher for tennis laminates;.
- £34.00 to J Fisher for ink.

7. Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following application and recorded no objection on planning grounds but wanted to raise its concerns regarding the possible hazard of slow-moving traffic accessing and leaving Strensall Rd:

- 17/01788/FUL Hall Farm YO32 9SW (Change of use of agricultural buildings and adjacent land to livery stables (revised application));

Action: JF

The Clerk had dealt with the following planning application using delegated powers, recording no objections on planning grounds:

- 17/01830/FUL 74 Earswick Chase YO32 9FY (Single storey rear extension and dormer to rear).

The City of York Council's has approved the following planning applications:

- 17/00948/FUL 1 The Garden Village YO32 9TP (Two story side and rear extension including new porch to front);
- 17/01149/FUL 45 The Village YO32 9SL (Two storey side with Juliet balcony and single storey rear extension).

8. Monthly Equipment Check

The Chairman had circulated details of the monthly check to the PC prior to the meeting. A problem was reported regarding one of the life belts. It is difficult to remove the belt from its post because the wrong bolt appears to have been used. The PC agreed to look at the bolt and consider any necessary action.

Action: DJ

9. Proposed Purchase of Diamond Wood by City of York Council (CYC) for A1237 Improvements

The PC has met with James Stephenson from Stephenson's Land Agents who have been appointed to act on behalf of the PC in negotiations with CYC over their proposal to purchase Diamond Wood for A1237 improvements.

Stephenson's want to know the original cost of the trees planted in Diamond Wood. The PC had explained Diamond Wood was 'amenity' land not agricultural land. They had also told Stephenson's that the PC wish to have sound baffling, acoustic barriers, silent tarmac, etc, and they will include this request in their negotiations with the CYC agent. The Clerk was asked to contact James Stephenson for an update.

Action: JF

The PC felt an arboreal assessment of the Diamond Wood trees would determine whether or not any of the trees could be moved. The PC agreed to contact Lewis Trees for their advice.

Action:SW

10. Possible transfer of land within Garden Village to Earswick PC

Persimmons, who own the green area in Garden Village, had sent the PC a tree survey of the trees requiring attention on this area of land. The PC agreed to take ownership of this land provided three of these trees (T2, T6, T7) are removed. The Clerk is to inform Persimmons of this proviso and to ask if there is any guarantee attached to the arborial work.

Action: JF

11. Noticeboards for Lock House Lane car park and in/or near Garden Village

Signs of Cheshire Ltd had quoted £875 plus VAT for a notice board for Lock House Lane car park, and £2,148 (inc VAT) for one in or near Garden Village. A 5% discount was offered if both were ordered. The PC asked the Clerk to

obtain a further quote from Signs of Cheshire for a smaller board for Garden Village.

Action: JF/GO

12. Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy Services

The PC authorised £420 (incl VAT) to Andrew Towlerton Associates for consultancy support with regard to the development of Earswick Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

13. Exercise Equipment for the Sports Field

The PC had obtained a quote for a number of pieces of exercise equipment for the sports field, from Sovereign Play Equipment, which amounted to £9,171.93 plus VAT. The PC agreed to seek ward funding for half the value of this equipment and report back at the next meeting.

Action: SW

The PC will make a site visit to the sports field to consider where any new equipment could be placed.

Action: All

14. Membership and Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Joint Standards Committee, and Nomination of Cllr Wiseman to the Joint Standards Committee

The Clerk had circulated the TOR for the Joint Standards Committee to the PC prior to the meeting. Apart from Cllr Bell who abstained because he had not seen the TOR, the PC agreed to membership of the Joint Standards Committee and its TOR. The PC (except Cllr Bell) also agreed to the nomination of Cllr Sian Wiseman to the Joint Standards Committee.

Action: JF

15. Business Activities on Earswick Parish Council Land

The PC agreed a policy that anyone who wished to perform any commercial activity on Earswick PC land must obtain permission from Earswick PC first. The PC approved the sum of £81.60 to Signs Express (York) for 2 signs to be erected on PC land to state that policy.

Action: SW

16. Conifers to fill holes in Scented Garden (SG) Hedge

Children had previously climbed through gaps in the SG hedge and onto the shed roof, damaging it in the process. The PC ratified a payment of £60 (incl VAT) to A Hill for supply and planting of four conifers in the Scented Garden hedge, under health and safety grounds.

17. Carbon Monoxide Detector in the Village Hall

The PC approved £48 (incl VAT) to Reynolds Plumbing Ltd to supply and fit a new carbon monoxide detector as the existing one is due to expire.

Action: JF/GO

18. Newsletter Printing

The PC approved £128.50 to Inc Dot Com Ltd for Newsletter printing.

19. Rope(s) for Pond Life Belts

The PC agreed to reimburse £23.70 to Cllr G Offler for rope which she had purchased to replace worn and damaged rope on the pond lifebelts.

20. Items for Information

Cllr Offler asked for approval at the next meeting of up to £25 for plants and compost for the Earswick planters. **Action: JF**

Cllr Offler attended the Village Hall Committee (VHC) AGM. Mrs Di Ridley is the new VHC Chairman. The VHC finances are very healthy so they are maintaining their Village Hall hire charges at £7 per hour for regular bookings and £8 per hour for one off bookings. The VHC is considering replacing the Village Hall flooring. The PC will ask the VHC if they would be willing to make a contribution towards the proposed new play equipment for the sports field.

Action: GO

A sum of £100 has been raised by residents at recent Coffee Mornings which is to be donated to York Mind.

Cllr Wiseman had attended a Foss Internal Drainage Board (FIDB) meeting. They have not been approached by the CYC regarding their views on the proposed A1237 development and how it might affect their access to the River Foss. The FIDB has been piling along the river and will continue to do so.

The PC agreed to review its laptop support contract at the next meeting. The Clerk will send Cllr O'Connor details on software and hardware arrangements with Andrew Jones and Lazenbybrown respectively.

Action: BOC/JF

The PC will discuss how it can gather residents email addresses for the Emergency Plan at the next meeting.

Action: BOC/JF

Mr Gambold will email the Clerk details of the number and costs of new Neighbourhood Watch signs, which will be included on the next agenda.

Action: WG/JF

The meeting closed at 9 pm

Joanne Fisher
(Parish Clerk)

Signed: **Date:**