

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 19th February 2018.

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

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Members of the Public Present: I Jones.

1. Apologies for absence

Ward Cllr Douglas.

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on the 15th January 2018, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

- i. A ward grant might be available for tennis coaching lessons on Earswick Tennis Courts.
- ii. All residents are to receive notification from City of York Council (CYC) regarding the final consultation on the Local Plan, which will run until the 4th April. Any comments will be considered by the Planning Inspectorate.
- iii. A Council Executive session in April will consider Cllr Doughty's (and Earswick PC's) requests to have the speed limit on a section of Strensall Rd, between Earswick the Towthorpe Rd, reduced to 40mph.
- iv. A solar light removed from a Strensall Rd bus stop, because it was faulty, will be replaced in due course.
- v. A full Council meeting will be held on 22nd February to discuss the proposed CYC budget increase of 3.5%, 1.5% of which will be ring fenced for social care.

Chairman's Signature:

Date:

5. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorized payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 15th January 2018:-

- J Fisher's salary for January;
- £125 to Team Knowhow for laptop support;
- £180 to Andrew Jones for annual maintenance of wordpress – for the PC website;
- £630 to A Towleron Associates for Neighbourhood Plan consultancy services;
- £7.78 to J Fisher for postage;
- £26 to J Fisher for ink and stationery.

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting on the 15th January 2018:

- £9.07 interest on the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) savings account.

6. Planning Applications

None. The Clerk to check on any applications pertaining to Willow Farm.

Action: JF

7. Monthly Equipment Check

The Chairman circulated details of the monthly check to the PC. No action required at present.

8. New Dog and Waste Bin at Lock House Lane (LHL) Car Park

Through contacting Ward Cllr Doughty, the PC has secured a new bin for the LHL car park, at nil cost to the PC.

9. Tennis Courts

The PC agreed the tennis court fees would remain at £25 per annum for Earswick residents, and £50 per annum for up to 10 non-Earswick residents (provided they are sponsored by Earswick residents). The PC has an annual maintenance agreement with Sports Surfacing Solutions (cost of £1,018.56 pa) till 2020/21. The PC agreed the courts should be cleaned week commencing the 19th March 2018. The Clerk will confirm with Sports Surfacing Solutions Ltd.

Action: JF

Further to Cllr Doughty's suggestion that a ward grant might be available to fund tennis lessons, the PC will investigate if there is demand and who might provide the lessons.

Action: PL

An advert for the tennis courts will be placed in the next Newsletter.

Action: DJ

10. Silver Birch Tree

In December, the PC approved £200 plus VAT to A Hill to remove a silver birch tree. Under Standing Order 11, any discussion on reversing this decision will require a special motion.

Action: All

11. Huntington Churchyard

Huntington PC has approached New Earswick and Earswick PCs with a request to contribute towards Huntington Churchyard costs. Earswick PC has no records to say it was ever responsible for any costs associated with Huntington Churchyard. The Clerk from New Earswick PC had suggested a meeting between Huntington, New Earswick and Earswick Parish Councils to discuss this matter and the Huntington Burial Authority on Friday 2nd March. The Clerk to confirm.

Action: JF

The Clerk was asked to contact Haxby Town Council and Wigginton Parish Council to see how they manage their accounts as they have shared governance of their cemetery.

Action: JF

12. Garden Village Land Transfer

Mark Taylor from Persimmons is going to provide land transfer drawings when available. The Clerk asked for an update on 1st Feb, and rang today. The PC asked the Clerk to contact Persimmons again to say work agreed on the trees situated on the land to be transferred should proceed, irrespective of when the papers for the land transfer are ready, as they pose a health and safety risk.

Action: JF

13. A1237 Improvements

A meeting is planned with Gary Frost (CYC) and Julian Sturdy on 9th March to re-examine the options affecting Earswick. Cllrs Jones, Wiseman and Offler will attend. The Ward Cllrs will be invited also.

Action: JF

14. Internal Auditor

The PC agreed to appoint Mr J McTurk FCA to perform the 2017-18 internal audit.

15. Extending Double Yellow Lines on The Village

A resident had raised his concerns with both CYC and Earswick PC regarding cars parking on the Strensall Rd end of The Village, forcing cars entering The Village to pull onto the wrong side of the road. CYC suggested the PC canvass public opinion as previously it had received objections on extending the double yellow lines. The PC will have a site meeting to discuss the options before producing a leaflet asking residents living in the old part of Earswick to give their preference.

Action: BOC

CYC estimate it will take twelve months to implement any proposals, and even longer if there are objections.

16. Original Entrance to 113 Strensall Rd & Building Plot at 121 Strensall Rd

Planning enforcement has told Earswick PC that there has been no breach of the original planning application in not closing the original entrance to the cottages at 113 Strensall Rd. They suggested it might be an issue which the PC takes up with Highways Dept, which the Clerk has done. Also, they have looked at the building plot next to 121 Strensall Rd and do not consider it untidy.

The PC asked the Clerk to go back to Planning Enforcement with copies of documents relating to planning application 07/02350/FUL which state the former entrance to the cottages must be closed. The Clerk was also asked to arrange a site visit with Planning Enforcement. **Action: JF**

17. Items for Information

- Burial Authority are preparing to advertise for a new Clerk.
- A new floor has been laid in the Village Hall (VH), and metal plates put on the VH doors for protection.
- An emergency box has been received from CYC and the PC need to agree with VH Committee as to its positioning. **Action: BOC**
- The Clerk was asked to circulate papers to the PC regarding the restrictions surrounding Section 106 monies as issued at the time the monies were allocated. **Action: JF**
- Several responses have been received following the recent NP consultation. These will be included in the formal Consultation Statement.
- New equipment for the Sports Field will be delivered 5th March.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Joanne Fisher
(Parish Clerk)

Chairman's Signature:

Date: