

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 November 2018.

Councillors present:
D Jones
P Leveson
S Wiseman
A Bell

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Two members of the public present and Ward Cllr Doughty.

1. Apologies for absence

B O'Connor

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 15th October 2018 were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

Ward Cllr Doughty reported the following:

- City of York Council (CYC) is in the process of recruiting waste collection drivers to overcome current problems with garden waste collection. The Parish Council officially thanked Cllr Doughty for his help in addressing waste collection issues in Earswick;
- Planning permission approved for equestrian centre and caravan park (April to Oct) at Hall Farm;
- It was the final week for paper responses to the CYC consultation on Council Tax budgets. On line responses can be made until Friday 30th November 2018.

5. Clerk's Report

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

- J Fisher's salary for October 2018;
- £240 to PKF Littlejohn LLP for annual audit fee;
- £159.60 to Playsafety Ltd for annual play areas inspection;
- £17.91 to J Pace for flowers for the Earswick planters;

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- £156 to A Hill for pond strimming/trimming between pond & hedge in September;
- £48 to A Hill for river footpath cut in September;
- £84 to A Hill for Centenary Wood cut in September;
- £780 to A Hill for grass cutting in September;
- £48 to A Hill for grass cutting in Shilton Garth in September;
- £96 to A Hill for Diamond Wood grass cut in September;
- £39 to J Fisher for ink and stationery;
- £8.04 to J Fisher for postage;
- £40.20 to Advance Fire Services;
- £300 to FA Bartlett Tree Expert Co Ltd for willow tree pruning;
- £50 to A Jones for adding privacy and contact form to website;

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

- £10.83 interest on the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) savings account;
- £50 tennis subscriptions.

The PC authorised the following payments:

- £4 bank charge for bounced tennis cheque;
- £50 to Laurel Bank Locksmiths to remove broken padlock on the Village Hall gates;
- £12 to J Fisher for ink.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Stead, who cut the flower meadow, and ask him for an invoice. **Action: JF**

6. Planning Applications

The Clerk had used her delegated powers to inform City of York Council (CYC) that the Parish Council had no objections to the following planning application:

- 18/02361/TPO 5 High Garth YO32 9FR (Reduce lime tree crown by 20%).

7. Monthly Equipment Check

The pond benches have been removed for cleaning and treatment.

8. Renewal of Parish Online

The PC resolved to renew Parish Online and authorised £36 to GeoXphere Ltd. **Action: JF**

The Clerk was asked to include consideration of the PC signing up to the Aerial Photography for Great Britain (APGB) agreement, making aerial photography free to public sector organisations, on the January 2019 agenda. **Action: JF**

9. 2019-20 Budget

The PC approved a draft budget which had been circulated to the Cllrs prior to the meeting. The PC resolved to increase the annual precept by 3% to £18,293.

10. Mole Removal Contract

The PC resolved to renew the mole removal contract with Huntcatchkill PCS Ltd at an annual cost of £480, commencing 1.11.18. **Action: JF**

11. Results of survey on proposal to extend the double yellow lines in The Village

The PC canvassed residents to see if there was support for a proposal to extend the double yellow lines along the Village. The survey form shown at Annex A was issued to all residents in Shilton Garth Close, The Village, Stablers Walk and Rowley Court. Forty-six responses were received, thirty-one of which supported the extension. The PC resolved to inform CYC of the results of this survey. **Action: JF**

12. Salt/grit for grit bins

The PC resolved to approve £312 to Mr A Hill for the purchase of two tonnes of salt/grit and filling of the Earswick grit bins. **Action: JF**

13. Items for Information

The PC was meeting with CYC this week to discuss the responses to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) consultation and to discuss the next stage of sending the NP to the Examiner.

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee had resigned.

Three emails had been received by the Clerk from hirers of the Village Hall who object to the closure of the larger of the two Village Hall gates on the grounds of safety. The Clerk was asked to copy the correspondence (names redacted) and the PC response to the Village Hall Committee. **Action: JF**

JD Construction has been approached for a quote to reduce the kerb under the Village Hall gates. **Action: DJ**

The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall and Scented Garden committees to inform them the PC will no longer be acquiring insurance on their behalf and that they should consider acquiring any insurance themselves. **Action: JF**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Joanne Fisher (Parish Clerk)

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Annex A



Earswick Parish Council have received a number of complaints from residents concerned about vehicles being parked near the junction of The Village and Strensall Road forcing vehicles turning into the village to take the other carriageway and directly into the path of oncoming traffic leaving The Village and High Garth. The number of accident near misses has steadily increased over the last few years.

The Parish Council is currently working closely with City of York Council Highways Department to identify measures that can be taken to ensure that both motorists and pedestrians safety is maintained at all times.

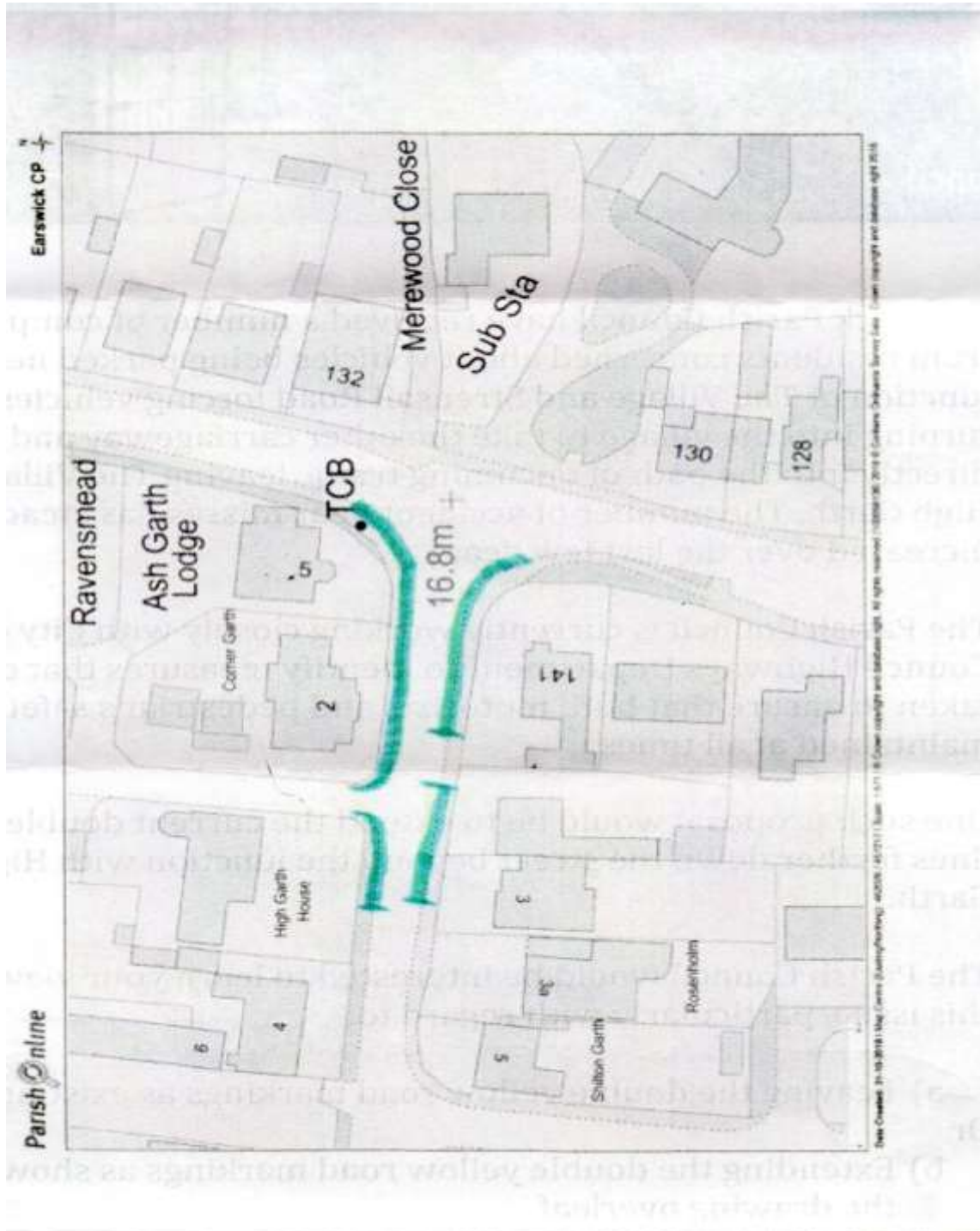
One such proposal would be to extend the current double yellow lines further down the street beyond the junction with High Garth.

The Parish Council would be interested to learn your views on this issue, particularly with regard to:

- a) Leaving the double yellow road markings as existing
- Or
- b) Extending the double yellow road markings as shown on the drawing overleaf

Comments can be sent to the Parish Clerk via email:
earswickclerk@aol.com
telephone: 01904 758615
post: 24, Lockhouse Lane, Earswick, York, YO32 9FT

Please reply no later than Friday 16th November 2018.



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