

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 February 2019.

Councillors present:
D Jones
P Leveson
S Wiseman
A Bell
G Offler

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Members of public present: Four

1. Co-option of Mrs G Offler to Earswick Parish Council

The Parish Council voted unanimously to co-opt Mrs G Offler onto Earswick Parish Council.

Action: JF

2. Apologies for absence

B O'Connor.

3. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 14th January 2019 were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

5. Ward Councillors' Reports

Ward Councillor Doughty reported the Local Plan Working Group was meeting later in February and it was likely to recommend the Housing Need Assessment Report.

The City of York Council (CYC) Executive is recommending a 3.25% increase in its budget.

6. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorised payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 14th January 2019:-

- J Fisher's salary for January 2019;
- £106 to Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) for membership;
- £24 to J Fisher for ink;
- £134 to J Fisher for reimbursement of Team Knowhow payment;
- £204 to Lazenby Brown Digital Ltd for web hosting package and domain name renewal.

Chairman's Signature.....

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The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting on the 14th January 2019:

- £11.55 interest on the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) savings account
- £254.08 Double Taxation refund from CYC;
- £17.51 from the Scented Garden Committee being £12 rent, and £5.51 contribution to insurance costs for 2018/19.

7. Planning Applications

The Parish Council discussed the revised drawing and copy drainage correspondence published by CYC on 5.2.19 for the following planning application but did not wish to make any further comments to CYC:

- 18/01923/OUT Proposed Residential Development Site, Shilton Garth Close, Earswick, York (Outline application for the erection of 2no dwellings (revised description)).

8. Monthly Equipment Check

One of the pond benches is still being cleaned and treated. The moving of the metal bench on the sports field will be included on the next agenda. **Action: JF**

The Clerk was asked to contact Strensall PC to see if they can provide details on the suppliers and cost of astro turf around their football goal posts. **Action: JF**

9. Tennis Courts

The Clerk was asked to contact Sports Surfacing Solutions and request the courts be cleaned week commencing 8th April 2019. **Action: JF**

The PC resolved to increase tennis subscription fees to £30 for residents and £55 to non-residents, from 1st April 2019, in order to cover annual maintenance costs. **Action: JF**

10. Website Maintenance

The PC resolved to authorise £180 to Andrew Jones for backing up and updating Wordpress, files, theme and plugins. **Action: JF**

Cllr Jones will speak to Andrew Jones about the possibility of a 'news banner' on the home page of the PC website. **Action: DJ**

11. Village Hall

The PC authorised payment of £523.88 to the Village Hall Committee for hall hire costs for periods ending 31.3.17 and 31.3.18. **Action: JF**

The current VH Committee (VHC) will be winding up on 31 March 2019. They are going to contact the Charity Commission to determine what they must do with monies held in their bank account. It may be that a new group of trustees be formed, or the Charity Commission may give approval to make a deed of grant to the PC for the sole purpose of maintaining the Village Hall.

Anyone wanting to hire the Village Hall from 1st April must contact the PC with their details. The Clerk was asked to contact the Treasurer to the Village Hall Committee to ask her to:

- Inform hirers of the Hall to contact the PC.

- Ensure any arrears are cleared before the Village Hall Committee is wound up on 31.3.19. **Action: JF**

The Clerk was asked to contact Molly Maids and Domestic Divas for quotes on cleaning the Village Hall. **Action: JF**

The Clerk was asked to contact Zurich Insurance to see if any additional cover is required when the PC takes over Village Hall hire. **Action: JF**

The Clerk was asked to contact Laurel Bank Locksmiths for a quote to replace the lock on the Village Hall door on 1st April, and to install a key box. **Action: JF/DJ**

The PC authorised up to £100 to Andrew Jones for installation of a Village Hall hire booking system. **Action: DJ**

12. Internal Auditor

The PC resolved to appoint Mr J McTurk as Internal Auditor.

13. 11th Edition of Local Council Administration

The PC authorised £107.98 (incl VAT and delivery) to SLCC for the purchase of the 11th edition of Local Council Administration by Charles Arnold Baker. **Action: JF**

14. Items for Information

The Clerk was asked to include road speed signs for the mini roundabouts on the March agenda. **Action: JF**

The YLCA has brought out new Local Government Ethical Standards.

New routes for the A64 are out for consultation.

The Scented Garden (SG) will be closed while the flower beds are maintained. There will be a plant sale on 7th April.

Thirty-seven people attended the Earswick Coffee Morning lunch. A talk from Dr Neil Moran was well received. The Parish Council thanked all the Coffee morning organisers.

Neighbourhood Watch is going to arrange for a PCSO from North Yorkshire police to give a talk on fraud and security at a future coffee morning.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Joanne Fisher
(Parish Clerk)

Chairman's Signature..... Date.....