

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 14th January 2019.

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

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Members of public present: None

1. Apologies for absence

Ward Cllr Doughty.

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 19th November 2018 were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

None.

5. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorised payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 19th November:-

- J Fisher's salary for November and December 2018
- £36 to GeoXphere Ltd for Parish Online;
- £70.44 to Signs Express for sign for Village Hall gates;
- £12 to J Fisher for ink;
- £50 to Laurel Bank locksmiths;
- £540 to D&J Stead Contracting for flower meadow cut;
- £120 to Huntcatchkill PCS Ltd for mole removal;
- £7.51 to Yorkshire Water;
- £48 to A Hill for Shilton Garth grass cut in October;
- £48 to A Hill for River Footpath grass cut in October;
- £780 to A Hill for October grass cut;
- £624 to A Hill for cutting hedges and shrubs;

- £44.70 to Advance Fire Services;
- £156 to A Hill for one tonne of rock salt.

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting on the 19th November 2018:

- £12.85 interest on the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) savings account;
- £0.43 interest on the tennis bank account.

The PC authorised the following payments:

- £24 to J Fisher for ink.

The Clerk was asked to remove £17.10 approved expenditure to Baton Lock Ltd from 'committed spend' as Cllr Leveson donated a padlock. **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:

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

CYC had refused a proposed reduction to a lime tree crown by 20% (planning application 18/02361/TPO 5 High Garth YO32 9FR). However, CYC did approve work to have the crown cleaned to remove epicormic growth and to lift the Lime 2.5m above the path and over the highway to 5.2m above ground level.

CYC has approved the following planning application:

- 18/01979 Hall Farm, Strensall Road, York YO32 9SW (Demolition of the existing agricultural buildings and change of use of the land to provide 17no. touring caravan pitches between April and October each year, and associated refuse storage and shower and w/c facilities.)

7. Monthly Equipment Check

The pond benches have been removed for cleaning and treatment.

8. Security Incident Policy to comply with GDPR

The PC resolved to adopt a security incident policy in line with the example from Rawcliffe Parish Council, circulated by Yorkshire Local Council Associations (YLCA). **Action: SW/AB**

9. Holes adjacent to flagstones under metal bench on Public Open Space

Dogs are digging holes around the bench flagstones. The PC resolved to ask Andy Hill for a quote to move the metal bench from its current position to a position to be decided by the Councillors. **Action: JF**

10. Street lighting on Strensall Rd and The Village

The PC asked the Clerk to contact the Highways Dept to see what options would be available to improve street lighting between 22 and 34 The Village, and on Strensall Rd between the bus stop (near Northlands) and the Earswick Chase roundabout.

Action: JF

11. Aerial Photography for Great Britain (APGB) Agreement

The PC resolved to sign up to this free agreement.

Action: JF

12. 2019/20 Annual Precept

The Chairman and Clerk signed the annual precept request to City of York Council for £18,293.

Action: JF

13. Parish Council's Laptop and Printer

The PC authorised £134 to J Fisher to purchase laptop protection from Team Knowhow. It also authorised up to £160 to J Fisher to purchase a new printer should a printer to be donated by Cllr Wiseman be inappropriate.

Action: JF

14. Items for Information

A Chairman has not yet been appointed to The Village Hall Committee (VHC).

The Clerk was asked to contact LJD Construction for a quote to reduce the kerb on one side of the Village Hall Gates.

Action: JF

The findings of a consultation for extending the double yellow lines in The Village (please see November minutes for details) have been sent to CYC. CYC are putting this proposal forward but also suggested extending the lines across the gap at the dropped kerb at 141 Strensall Rd and 1 The Village.

The Clerk was asked to contact North Yorkshire Police to see if they have any records of car collisions at the Earswick Chase roundabout over the last 5 years.

Action: JF

The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from D and J Stead Contracting to cut the flower meadow after summer 2019.

Action: JF

Earswick's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) has been approved by the Independent Examiner subject to some minor changes. CYC will forward it to the Local Plan Working Group on the 27th February, with a recommendation it will go to the Executive on the 7th March. Following approval, a referendum on the NP will be held for Earswick residents on 2nd May. The PC plan to hold an open day regarding the NP in the Village Hall before the referendum.

The Clerk was asked to include tennis courts on the next meeting's agenda.

Action: JF

The Clerk had been given a letter of thanks from the Alzheimer's Society to the Earswick Coffee Morning Group who had given the Society £150 in donations.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Joanne Fisher (Parish Clerk)

Chairman's Signature.....

Date.....