

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 22nd July 2019.

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

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Members of public present: Eight

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 17th June 2019 were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

Ward Cllr Fisher reported the following:

- The A1237 roundabout schedule is behind and may slip into next year;
- City of York Council (CYC) passed a new budget of £43k last week for recycling, bins, etc. Strensall ward is likely to receive in the region of £4k for new bins, etc;
- Cllr Fisher is pushing for a cycle track from Strensall towards York. The PC informed Cllr Fisher that they had arranged for a feasibility study for a cycle track around 2008/9 and would pass the details onto Cllr Fisher; **Action: DJ**
- There is £250k in the CYC Safer Communities Fund which might mean Earswick PC could apply for more street lighting through ward funding;
- The Local Plan Consultation ended on 22nd July 2019 and it is hoped the Planning Inspector will progress with the public enquiry.

5. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorised payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 17th June 2019:-

- J Fisher's salary for June 2019;
- £120 for mole removal;
- £2,790 for a new Village Hall footpath;
- £40.20 fire safety check;
- £15.16 for planter flowers;
- £28 to the River Foss Society;
- £32.49 to J Fisher for reimbursement for Norton Security;
- £159.99 to J Fisher for reimbursement for PC printer;
- £6.12 to Yorkshire Water;
- £130 for Village Hall cleaning;
- £35 to the Information Commissioner's Office.

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting on the 17th June 2019:

- £33.51 interest on the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) savings account;
- £910.04 interest from Cambridge & Counties bank;
- ££0.37 interest on the RBS tennis account;
- £405 tennis subscriptions.

£28 income was received, during June, by the PC on behalf of Earswick Village Hall Fund.

A further tennis account cheque for £30 was received but it was rejected by the bank because the payee had not dated it. A replacement cheque has been received. However, the bank has charged £4 for the rejected cheque which the PC authorised.

The PC retrospectively authorised £90 to Yorkshire Local Council Associations for Charity Finance Training for Cllrs Leveson and Wiseman.

The PC authorised £8.82 to J Fisher for stamps and envelopes, and £7 to J Fisher for printer paper. The PC also authorised £20 to J Fisher for black ink.

The PC decided to delay signing the form to allow the Clerk to become authorised signatory.

6. Authorisation of amounts owing to and from Village Hall Fund Account.

The PC authorised a payment of £907 to the Earswick Village Hall Fund account, being income received for hire of the Earswick Village Hall. The PC agreed to pay the Advance Fire Services quarterly fire inspection charges for the Village Hall.

Chairman's Signature.....

Date.....

7. Planning Applications

The Clerk reported CYC approval of the following planning application:

- 19/00620/FUL Fossbank Boarding Kennels, Strensall Rd YO32 9SJ (Change of use from dog grooming parlour to holiday cottage).

The PC approved the following planning application:

- 19/01420/FUL 5 Whitelands, Earswick YO32 9FX (Single storey side and rear extension). **Action: JF**

8. Monthly Equipment Check

Because the playground bench is in such a poor state of repair, the PC agreed to cancel the repairs to the bench by Mr Whittaker, as proposed at the last meeting. **Action: JF**

9. Community Speed Watch

The PC agreed to include an article about this programme in the next Newsletter, and ask for any volunteers to run it in Earswick. **Action: DJ**

10. City of York Council's Plastic Recycling Procedures

The PC asked the Clerk to contact City of York Council (CYC) to establish their policy with regard to recycling of plastic, and in particular what controls they have in place to ensure the plastic is actually recycled, and where it is recycled. **Action: JF**

11. Green Ribbon Dog Walking Scheme

The scheme involves dog owners tying a green ribbon to their dog leads to let other people know they are carrying dog bags and would be willing to give one to someone who wanted to clear up after their dog. The PC agreed to include an article in the next Newsletter to canvass opinion. **Action: PL**

12. Scented Garden

At the last meeting, quotes had been received on removing all the plants from the overgrown flower beds and reducing the beds sizes, and these ranged from approximately £4k to £6k (plus VAT).

Quotes for approximately £5k were obtained for removing the grassed areas, weed killing these areas, laying membranes and gravel or bark. So a total overhaul of the Scented Garden would cost in the region of £10k.

The PC agreed to meet with the Scented Garden Committee (SGC) to look at the quotes and agree proposals for a way forward, which will be presented at the next PC meeting. **Action: BOC**

13. Rubbish on the Public Open Space

The Clerk was asked to write to CYC regarding the amount of waste being left on Earswick's playing field, and to ask if they are able to do anything about it.

The PC has already written to Head Teachers at Joseph Rowntree and Huntington Schools (and copied to the police) asking them to highlight the issues around anti-social behaviour to their pupils. **Action: JF**

Strensall PC are having similar problems of anti-social behaviour and are arranging a meeting with the police. Members of Earswick PC agreed to join this meeting. **Action: All**

14. Additional Fencing on Public Open Space

The PC discussed the future possibility of installing fencing and a gate around the open space surrounding the Village Hall.

15. Cutting Vegetation around the pond and wooded area by the pond

The PC approved £610+VAT to The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) to remove reeds around the pond, cut back bushes and overhanging branches.

Action: GO

16. Removing trees/vegetation bordering residents' fences

The PC agreed to obtain quotes to remove bushes and trees from areas in Centenary Wood where they are leaning on residents' fences. **Action: GO**

17. Grass Cutting in Garden Village

The PC authorised £20 plus VAT per cut to A Hill, two cuts per month, from August to October.

Action: JF

18. Notice boards for Garden Village and Lock House Lane Car Parks

The PC agreed to obtain further quotes for two noticeboards. One in Garden Village will be similar to the ones in Stablers Walk and Northlands. (Ward Cllr Doughty had previously indicated there may be ward funding available for this board.) The PC will look at different options for the one in Lock House Lane - to possibly allow residents to post notices.

Action: GO/JF

19. Items for Information

A letter of thanks from Save the Children Fund had been received by the Coffee Morning Group for a £100 donation.

The Clerk was asked to include Co-option of a new Parish Councillor, and the PC rent charge to the Village Hall Sole Trustee, onto the next agenda.

Action: JF

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Joanne Fisher (Parish Clerk)

Chairman's Signature.....

Date.....