

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 October 2019.

Councillors present: D Jones
G Offler
B O'Connor
BS Wiseman
S Leach
P Leveson

Parish Clerk: J Fisher

Members of public present: Seven

1. Apologies for absence

A Bell.

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 16th September 2019, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

Ward Cllr Doughty reported:

- The Ward Cllrs have asked City of York Council (CYC) for a combined dog/waste bin for Garden Village, acquired with Ward funding.
- The 18 month trial of the 40mph speed limit along Strensall Rd has ended. Following the PC survey of affected residents, and CYC consultation, it will be recommended that the speed limit be permanent. A decision will be made in November.

Ward Cllr Fisher reported:

- All street lights have been repaired.
- Parish Councils pay for the upkeep of their play areas but City Centre play areas are maintained by CYC. Darryl Smalley, CYC, is to look into this disparity.

5. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorised payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 16th September 2019:-

- J Fisher's salary for September 2019;
- £120 for mole removal;
- £102 for riverside hedge cut;
- £1,164 for open space contract work for May 2019;
- £48 for cutting Shilton Garth in May;
- £1,152 for open space contract work for June 2019;
- £48 for cutting Shilton Garth in June;
- £1,032 for open space contract work in July 2019;
- £48 for cutting Shilton Garth in July
- £40.20 for fire safety check;
- £40 to Earswick Village Hall fund, being income received by the Parish Council on behalf of the Village Hall Sole Charity Trustee.

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting on the 16th September 2019:

- £30.25 RBS interest;
- £0.45 interest on the RBS tennis account;
- £9,146.50 second instalment of the precept.
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6. Reinvesting Section 106 Money

The PC agreed to reinvest the £85k Section 106 money in a Lloyds Bank deposit account for 3 years. **Action: JF**

7. Planning Applications

The PC had no objection to the single storey rear extension of the following planning application but did object to the height of the timber gazebo:

- 19/01756/FUL 1 Fir Tree Close, YO32 9XT (Single storey rear extension and erection of detached timber gazebo to rear (part retrospective)). Mr Bonnar reported CYC had had no issue with the height of the gazebo but did have an issue with its position. Hence he had agreed with the Planning Dept that he would make a retrospective planning application;

City of York Council gave approval to the following planning application:

- 19/01488/FUL 29 Earswick Chase YO32 9FZ (Alterations to front elevation to change all existing windows to single pane windows);
The PC had objected to the single pane windows as they felt it was out of keeping with neighbouring properties. The PC agreed to write to CYC to express its disappointment with the decision. **Action: SW**

8. Monthly Equipment Check

As mentioned in the recent RoSPA report, the matting in the children's playground may need attention shortly.

The rope on the pond lifebelt has been replaced. The PC expressed its thanks to Mr Offler for actioning this.

9. Cutting Trees bordering properties

The PC authorised £264 (incl VAT) to York Gardens Ltd for cutting down trees bordering residents' properties. **Action:GO**

10. Padlocks for wooden rails

The PC authorised £65.81 plus delivery charges (£7.14) to J Fisher to purchase 6 padlocks from padlock.co.uk. **Action: JF**

11. Work on Pond

Weeds from the pond area have been removed and will be spread under trees beside the path where they will rot down and suppress other weeds.

12. Ratification of Payment to The Earswick Scented Garden

Project/Conservation Volunteers for Scented Garden Maintenance

The PC ratified an additional payment of £100 to the Earswick Scented Garden Project – to be added to the other £2,514.18 authorised on 16.8.19 for Scented Garden maintenance. This £100 is half the additional amount payable to The Conservation Volunteers, to maintain two flower beds in the Scented Garden which were not included in the original quote authorised on 16.8.19. The Scented Garden Committee will fund the other half of the total amount of £5,228.36 payable to The Conservation Volunteers. **Action: JF**

13. Mole Removal Contract

The PC approved a new contract with Huntcatchkill PCS Ltd for mole removal for 1 year at an annual cost of £480. **Action: JF**

14. Public Open Space Maintenance Contracts

Tender documents for two open space maintenance contracts (contract 1 – grass cutting, contract 2 - Hedges/shrubs cutting) were issued to thirteen businesses on 24.9.19. Only two businesses submitted tenders for the contracts. The PC agreed to award contract 1 to Mr A Hill as his tender was the least cost option. A third contractor appeared to have misunderstood that he could have placed a tender for contract 2 only so the Clerk was asked to approach him again, clarify the situation and ask if he would be interested in submitting a tender for contract 2 by the 18th October. If the third contractor did not express any further interest, the PC agreed contract 2 would be awarded to Mr A Hill as his tender was, again, considerably lower than the other tender received. **Action: JF**

15. Noticeboards

The PC agreed to defer any decision on possible noticeboards for Garden Village and Lock House Lane car park until after ward funding decisions are made.

16. Dog/waste bins

The Ward Cllrs have arranged for a new dog/waste bin to be placed in Garden Village.

17. Extending Cold Calling Controlled Zones (CCCZ) in Earswick

Dawn Clarkson from City of York Council, Public Protection, discussed options and costs for extending the CCCZ in Earswick. Ms Clarkson suggested the PC could apply for funding, from North Yorkshire Police (NYP), to have the CCCZ extended. She indicated the cost to have the whole of Earswick made into a CCCZ, with CCCZ signs placed at the two access points to Earswick, would be in the region of £1,965. The PC agreed Mrs Kate Pace (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) would contact residents who are not currently part of the CCCZ to see if they object to being included. If no-one objects, the PC agreed to apply for funding to NYP to have the whole of Earswick as a CCCZ.

Action: JF

18. Complaint to Standards Committee

On 15.8.18 the PC submitted a complaint to the CYC Standards Board regarding the behaviour of a Cllr from Huntington PC. A final report was submitted by the CYC officer investigating the case on 19.2.19. Since then no further action has been taken. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer (copied to Ward Cllrs) to request follow up action.

Action: JF

19. A1237 dualling and roundabouts

Following a Yorkshire Local Council Associations meeting with Gary Frost from CYC, Cllr Leveson reported that of the 7 roundabouts on the A1237 earmarked by CYC for improvement by 2021, only the Wetherby Road one had been completed. While the flow of traffic along the A1237 had improved in that area, access onto the A1237 for the residents of Rufforth had become more difficult.

The PC understand CYC has not taken into account the disruption of the proposed roundabout to Earswick and Strensall residents trying to access the A1237. Traffic lights were not considered by CYC either. The PC agreed to issue a survey to Earswick residents to canvass their views on the CYC proposed changes to Earswick roundabout, including access onto the A1237, an underpass very close to residents' cottages, and removal of a large section of Diamond Wood.

Action: SW/BOC

20. Consultation on Permitted Development Rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage

The Parish Cllrs agreed to send their views on this consultation to the Clerk for forwarding to the National Association of Local Councils. **Action: All**

21. Redmond Review Consultation

The Parish Cllrs agreed to send their views on this consultation to the Clerk for forwarding to the Redmond Review team. **Action: All**

22. Items for Information

The PC thanked Mrs K Pace and Cllr Offler for planting the Village planters and placing irises in the flower meadow.

The PC discussed the planned closure of The Village on Friday 18th October to have a mobile home placed in the back garden of a property on The Village. CYC had not consulted the PC or made it aware directly because this was allowed under Permitted Development rights. Ward Cllr Doughty had written to a number of parties at CYC expressing his disappointment at the process, and the way some - but not all - affected residents had been notified.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Joanne Fisher (Parish Clerk)

Chairman's Signature.....

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