

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**Councillors present:** D Jones  
A Bell  
G Offler  
B O'Connor  
BS Wiseman  
S Leach

**Parish Clerk:** J Fisher

**Members of public present:** Three

**1. Apologies for absence**

Ward Cllr Doughty, Cllr P Leveson.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019, and the Extraordinary meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

**4. Ward Councillors' Reports**

Ward Cllr Fisher reported the following:

- Proposed changes to the Monks Cross roundabout have been deferred for one and a half years because of the discovery of a colony of great crested newts. However, this means proposed changes to the Clifton Moor roundabout will be moved forward.
- Funding for dualling of the A1237 (ring road), from the A19 to the Hopgrove roundabout, is a strong possibility according to the Head of Transport at City of York Council (CYC).
- Some CYC funding is going to be released shortly after monies allocated before the elections are distributed. It might be available to fund projects such as extra lighting in Earswick.

**5. Clerk's Report**

The following pre-authorised payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019:-

- J Fisher's salary for July and August 2019;
- £90 to Yorkshire Local Council Associations for training;
- £7 to J Fisher for paper;
- £20 to J Fisher for ink;
- £907 to Village Hall Fund (VHF) a/c for income received by PC on behalf of the Village Hall Fund(VHF);
- £100 for clearance of vegetation at the back of 56 Earswick Chase.

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019:

- £28.09 and £30.11 RBS interest;
- £550.04 interest from Cambridge & Counties bank;
- £4,521.69 from the Village Hall Fund (VHF) a/c for amounts paid by the PC on behalf of the VHF a/c during PC Sole Trustee set up;
- £120 tennis subscriptions.

£40 income was received, during July, by the PC on behalf of Earswick VHF. This amount was authorised as a refund to the Village Hall Fund a/c.

£1,600 approved by the PC for Village Hall fascias and soffits has been removed from the PC Committed spend figures as it will be paid from the Village Hall Fund a/c.

The £856 provision for ditch work will be moved into PC 'surplus' funds.

**Action: JF**

## **6. Planning Applications**

The PC approved the following planning application:

- 19/01464/FUL 356 Strensall Rd YO32 9SW (Part conversion of existing detached garage/store to form 1no. holiday let).

The PC objected to the following planning application on the grounds that the proposed windows would be out of keeping with neighbouring houses:

- 19/01488/FUL 29 Earswick Chase YO32 9FZ ( Alterations to change all existing windows to single pane windows);

City of York Council has approved the following planning application:

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

## **7. Monthly Equipment Check**

A new bench has been installed in the Children's playground. £30 was approved to Cllr G Offler for the purchase of new rope for one of the lifebelts at the pond.

**Action: GO**

Some of the padlocks on the pond fence were reported missing. Cllr Offler will ask Andy Hill if he has them following his work around the pond. **Action: GO**

## **8. Newsletter Printing Costs**

The PC authorised £143.47 to Inc Dot Com Ltd for Newsletter printing costs.

**9. Parish Council Website Updates**

The PC authorised £25 to A Jones to update the website with photographs of Parish Councillors.

**Action: DJ**

**10. Plants for Village Planters**

The PC authorised up to £25 to Mrs J Pace for purchasing plants for the Earswick Planters.

**11. Parish Council Rent Charge to the Village Hall Sole Trustee**

The PC resolved not to charge the Village Hall Sole Trustee any future annual rent for the Village Hall.

**12. Extending Cold Calling Controlled Zones (CCCZ) in Earswick**

The PC agreed to invite Dawn Clarkson from City of York Council, Public Protection, to the October PC meeting to discuss options and costs for extending the CCCZ in Earswick.

**Action: JF**

**13. Open Space Maintenance Contract**

The maintenance contracts for the open space in Earswick expire the end of March 2020. The PC discussed additional works they wished to include in future contracts, including grass cuts to Shilton Garth and Garden Village. Also, additional attention to the Strensall Rd hedge, and a twice yearly cut to the vegetation along the ditch running from Strensall Rd through Centenary Wood. The PC agreed to issue two separate contracts – one for public open space maintenance, and one for maintenance of shrubs and hedges. The Clerk and Chairman will prepare the tender documents and issue them as soon as possible, with a closing date for return of tenders by the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**Action: JF/DJ**

**14. Internal Audit**

The PC appointed Cllrs Leveson and O'Connor to carry out the internal audit.

**Action: JF**

**15. Experimental 40mph speed limit on Strensall Rd**

The PC agreed Cllr Wiseman would liaise with Mrs Pace, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, to ask affected residents if they support the 40mph speed limit currently on trial along Strensall Rd. The results will then be fed back to the City of York Council.

**Action: BSW**

**16. Items for Information**

- Following the Extraordinary Meeting of the PC in August, the Scented Garden Committee (SGC) had met and agreed to the 'Other Considerations' discussed at that PC meeting. The PC had previously authorised £2,514.18 towards the cost of remedial work to the Scented Garden if these 'Considerations were agreed by the SGC. Remedial work is due to commence on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. An additional cost of

£200 to the Conservation Volunteers, for work on two flower beds, is required. The SGC will pay £100 and has asked the PC if it will fund the other £100 (plus any VAT). The PC agreed to fund this out of its SG provision, and will ratify at the next PC meeting. Cllr Offler will reply to the Conservation Volunteers and Cllr O'Connor will liaise with other members of the SGC. **Action:GO/BOC/JF**

The PC suggested the SGC could ask the Conservation Volunteers for a quote to come and do maintenance work during the first week of each season. This could then be built into the SGC financial plan.

**Action: BOC**

- The PC is hosting the Coffee Morning on the 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- Cllr Bell will look at options for investing the £85k Section 106 money held in RBS. **Action: AB**
- Cllr Wiseman asked Ward Cllr Fisher if he could arrange for CYC to cut the path at the Towthorpe crossing.
- The Neighbourhood Watch Committee are due to meet with PCSO Andy Smith on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Joanne Fisher (Parish Clerk)

Chairman's Signature.....

Date.....