

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 27th July 2020.

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

Parish Clerk: Not present

Members of public present: 2

1. Apologies for absence

Irene Jones, Cllr Tony Fisher (Ward Cllr), Joanne Fisher

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

Cllr Barry O'Conner. Item 7

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held via email on the 29th June 2020, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

4. Ward Councillors' Reports

Cllr Paul Doughty reported that due to Covid-19 there had been remote City of York Council (CYC) meetings of some committees, mainly planning and licensing, and some informal zoom meetings of other committees. CYC will continue like this until October. The local plan has been scrutinised by the inspectorate and there is more work to be done before it will be accepted. There have also been discussions at CYC about devolution.

5. Clerk's Report

The following pre-authorized payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made since the Parish Council (PC) meeting via email on 23rd/24th March 2020:-

- J Fisher's salary for March, April, May and June 2020;
- £310 to Yorkshire Local Council Assns for membership;
- £1,200.15 to Zurich Municipal insurance;
- £300 for tree works;
- £480 for Village Hall cleaning March, April, May and June;

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- £279.87 to British Gas;
- £1,260 for grass cutting/trimming in April;
- £360 for cutting Scented Garden hedge in April;
- £224.40 to D Jones, reimbursement for Hallmaster system fees;
- £924 PC balance for Sovereign Play equipment;
- £120 for mole removal;
- £120 for grass cutting Garden Village August, September and October 2019;
- £1,416 grass cutting/trimming in May;
- £180 for cutting Strensall Rd hedge in May;
- £120 for hog weed removal in May;
- £7.02 to Business Stream for water charges;
- £44 to G Offler, reimbursement for Earswick planter plants;
- £62.86 to British Gas;
- £39.70 to Business Stream for water charges;
- £35 to Information Commissioner's Office;
- £297.11 to Npower for electricity;
- £100 bus shelter lease;
- £1,392 for grass cutting/streaming for June;
- £28 to River Foss Society for membership.

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting by email on 23rd/24th March 2020:

- £12 Scented Garden rent for 2019-20;
- £4.60 RBS interest to 31.3.20;
- £10,976 precept;
- £3.11 RBS interest to 30.4.20;
- £0.32 RBS interest to 29.5.20;
- £0.34 RBS interest on tennis account.

The PC approved £30 to D Jones as reimbursement for face masks purchased for health and safety at PC meetings, etc.

Mario Cleaning Service Ltd has agreed that, while two of the three toilets in the Village Hall are not being used, he will also clean the children's play equipment in the playground behind the Village Hall, at no extra cost.

6. Reinvesting £65,000 Section 106 Monies

The PC agreed to reinvest £65,000 Section 106 monies with Cambridge and Counties bank, for 5 years, with an interest rate of 1.3% pa. **Action: JF**

7. Planning Applications

The Clerk used her delegated powers to record no objections to the following planning application:

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20/01295/FUL 11 Whitelands, Earswick YO32 9FX (Single storey rear extension (part retrospective)).

8. Monthly Equipment Check

Check carried out by Cllr Offler and circulated prior to the meeting. No changes.

9. Repainting the Garden Village Green railings

The PC approved £980 to Aidy Szewczuk for this work. **Action: DJ**

10. Repainting the railings at Lock House Lane car park and adjacent to 13 Lock House Lane

The PC approved £980 to Aidy Szewczuk for this work but it will not be completed until the 2020-21 financial year and the amount will be included in the 2021/22 budget. **Action: DJ**

11. Removing silver birch trees adjacent to 48 Earswick Chase

The PC approved £165 plus any VAT to Steel and Maw Tree Experts for this work. **Action:DJ**

12. Pruning copse of trees adjacent to 44 Earswick Chase

The PC approved £845 plus any VAT to Steel and Maw Tree Experts for this work. **Action: DJ**

13. Removing shrubs adjacent to 38 Earswick Chase and footpath linking Earswick Chase and Lock House Lane

The PC did not approve £300 to A Hill for this work.

14. Fossland's Planning Application Process

When Fosslands was built, Earswick Parish was in Rydedale and in a Section 106 agreement there was a clause of no permitted development. This is still applicable, even though Earswick Parish Council is now within CYC. The PC accepts that CYC made an error with the planning process on 11 Whitelands and they have apologised and no further action to be taken.

15. Garden Village Noticeboard

£2,232 ward grant has been approved by City of York Council (CYC) to purchase a noticeboard for Garden Village. The PC agreed to purchase a noticeboard from Signs of Cheshire Ltd (The Parish Notice Board Company) for £1,710, plus £390 installation and £102 delivery (all incl VAT).

Action: JF

16. Cutting Lower Branches from Willow Tree adjacent to Strensall Rd

The PC did not approve £96 to A Hill to cut the willow tree and remove brush

17. Reimbursement of 2019/20 Telephone Charges to the Clerk

The PC agreed reimbursement of £50 to J Fisher for 2019/20 telephone charges.

18. Sports Field Gym Equipment

Cllr Jones proposed that the PC continues paying for security over the summer holidays (see item 19) and the PC explores the possibility of donating the equipment to another Parish within the Strensall Ward, as the equipment was purchased with the help of a Ward Grant. If no Parish would like it then it should be offered to a charity such as The Island. The recipient of the equipment would be responsible for the cost of relocation and future upkeep.

Action: JF

19. Employment of Security Services to patrol the Sports Field

The PC ratified to employ Eboracum Support Services for an initial period of 4 weeks starting 24th July at a cost of £153.60 per week (incl VAT), to patrol the Sports Field during July and August. The arrangement will be reviewed at the end of this period.

Action: JF

20. Proposed Reopening of Earswick Village Hall

The PC agreed a sum of £200 plus any VAT to P Leveson or BS Wiseman to purchase essentials (eg hand sanitiser, mop and disposable mop heads, toilet rolls, etc) for reopening the Village Hall.

Action:

PL/SW

21. Earswick Coffee Mornings

With regret, the PC felt that the Community Coffee mornings could not be restarted at the moment but will review the situation in January 2021.

Action: GO/PL

22. Vegetation Overhanging Footpaths/Pavements

The PC felt that some houses on a list (provided by a resident) of houses with vegetation hanging over footpaths require a letter, and some houses have dealt with the problem already.

Action: JF/DJ

23. Village Hall Service Providers

The PC approved the following service providers for the Village Hall, payable by direct debit:

British Gas – Gas supply;

Npower – Electricity supply;

Business Stream – Water supply.

The PC agreed not to investigate any other service providers at this time.

24. Purchase of Hallmaster Booking System

The PC ratified payment of £224.40 to D Jones being reimbursement for purchase of the Hallmaster booking system.

25. Hog Weed Removal

The PC ratified £120 to Complete Weed Control East Riding for hog weed removal in May.

26. Earswick Planter Plants

The PC ratified £44 to G Offler being reimbursement for purchase of plants for the Earswick planters.

27. Earswick PC Website Update

The PC ratified £25 to A Jones to add a tennis 'folder' to the home page of the Earswick PC website.

28. Standards Board

The PC noted Cllr Wiseman's resignation from the Standards Board. The PC discussed its membership of the Standards Board and decided that the PC should no longer be a member of the Standards Board.

Action: JF/SW

29. CCTV

The PC will look for sites suitable for CCTV whilst enquiring about grants available from the Police Commissioner to install the system.

Action: JF/DJ

30. Items for Information

Cllr Jones informed the meeting that he and Cllr Wiseman had had a meeting with Inspector Pointon and the security patrol company Eboracum Support Services. The outcome is that they will police as much as possible but urge people to continue to ring 101 if they see any ASB as this is the way they decide which areas need patrols.

Cllr O'Connor reported that the Scented Garden Committee (SGC) had met a few times since the relaxation of lockdown and the outcome is that Cllr Wiseman and a committee member have drawn up a planting plan which will be adhered to. The garden is looking in reasonable shape but the work is being done by committee members and the volunteers have not been apparent.

The meeting closed at 9 pm

P Leveson

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