

## EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

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

**Parish Clerk:** J Fisher

**Members of public present:** None

**1. Apologies for absence**

Ward Cllr Fisher, Ward Cllr Doughty, Cllr E Dowsett, Kate Pace.

**2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations**

None.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and a Parish Council (PC) meeting, both held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

**4. Ward Councillors' Reports**

None.

**5. Ratification of Expenditure Items**

The following items of expenditure were ratified:

- i. £721.68 to BHIB Insurance;
- ii. £36.94 to J Fisher for postage and stationery;
- iii. £25 to A Jones for website update of Cllr photos;
- iv. £307.20 to Eboracum Security for 28th & 29th May 2021;
- v. £460.80 to Eboracum Security for 23rd, 24th & 25th July 2021;
- vi. £22.50 to Yorkshire Local Council Assns for Cllr Dowsett training.

**6. Clerk's Report**

The following pre-authorised payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made from the RBS bank a/c since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021:-

- J Fisher's salary for May and June 2021;
- Village Hall cleaning:£150 (May);
- Mole removal (qtrs 3) - £120;

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- Business Stream payment for Village Hall water rates - £33.37,
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £69.30, £71.67;
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £41.04, £56.45;
- Business Stream payment for the field tap - £7.72;
- Bus shelter lease -£100;
- Demarcation tape reimbursement to Cllr Wiseman - £10;
- Hallmaster booking system reimbursement to Cllr Jones - £224.40;
- Reimbursement to J Fisher for telephone charges 2020-21 - £50;
- BHIB Ltd Insurance - £721.68;
- Advance Fire Services fire check- £47.40;
- Stationery and postage reimbursement to J Fisher - £36.94;
- Advance Fire Services works to fire alarm and emergency lighting - £1,323;
- Email accounts creation & Cllr detail updates on website - £100;
- Data protection licence - £35.

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the RBS a/c since those reported at the meeting on 17th May 2021:

- £215 in tennis membership fees;
- £0.23 RBS interest to 30.4.21;
- £0.24 RBS interest to 28.5.21;
- £0.57 RBS tennis a/c interest to 15.6.21.

The PC has received £510 in the Village Hall Fund NatWest account from April to June 2021.

## **7. Planning Applications**

(a) The Clerk used delegated powers to record no objections from the Parish Council on the following planning application:

- 21/01238/FUL 37 Earswick Chase, York YO32 9FZ (Two storey and single storey side extension to form self-contained annex and garage following demolition of existing detached garage);

The following planning application was refused by City of York Council:

- 21/00194/FUL Proposed Residential Development Site Shilton Garth Close YO32 .For: Erection of detached dwelling with associated access, landscaping and air source/ground source heat pump.

## **8. Monthly Equipment Check**

A check was carried out by Cllr Offler and papers circulated prior to the meeting. Please see item 12 below.

## **9. Repainting the Village Hall sign & an internal wall of the Village Hall where a new alarm box was installed**

The PC approved £225 (no VAT) to A Szewczuk to carry out this work.

**Action: DJ**

**10. Purchase of an A4 sign requesting dogs be kept on leads on paths**

The PC approved £35 plus VAT to Signs Express for purchase of the sign.

**Action: PL**

**11. Norton Security for PC Laptop**

The PC agreed reimbursement of £84.98 to J Fisher for 2020/21 (£39.99) and 2021-22 (£44.99) Norton Security charges.

**12. Play Area Grant**

The PC has been awarded £3,346 from City of York Council to install all weather play surfacing under the Children's Play Area equipment.

The PC agreed to obtain a revised quote from Sovereign Play for 50mm thick wetpour, to go under three pieces of the equipment.

**Action: PL/SW**

**13. Co-option Policy**

The Clerk had circulated an example of a Co-option Policy from the Yorkshire Local Council Assns before the PC meeting. The PC agreed to accept this Policy, amended for Earswick Parish Council, and place on the website.

**Action: JF**

**14. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The PC agreed the Parish was too small to invest in any Jubilee Beacons.

However, the PC agreed to ask if there were any Earswick volunteers willing to arrange a Platinum Jubilee Event in June 2022, in the next Newsletter.

**Action: DJ**

**15. Balancing Pond**

The PC agreed to arrange a meeting with the Foss Internal Drainage Board (FIDB) to see if they have any suggestions about plant removal, the condition of the island and any other ways to improve the condition of the pond.

**Action: SW/GO**

**16. Ratification of Non-financial decisions made since 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The PC ratified the following decisions made via email since the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021:

- i. Removal of the Scented Garden shed following a break-in, and giving the Scented Garden Committee permission to place a skip on PC land (outside the Scented Garden) for shed clearance;
- ii. Meeting with Stewart Hamilton from Stephenson's Rural LLP on 14<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the City of York Council (CYC) compulsory purchase process in relation to Diamond Wood;

- iii. Writing to Avison Young (CYC agents) to inform them Stephenson's Rural LLP are the Parish Council's agent in relation to the A1237 developments;
- iv. Writing to Prince Charles on 24<sup>th</sup> May requesting he support the saving of Diamond Jubilee Wood;
- v. Seeking clarification of City of York Council Planning Department's interpretation of its Neighbourhood Plan Housing Development Policies;
- vi. Removing broken wood fencing and tree trunks from a den at the far end of the public open space, and placing manure there to deter further den building.

### **17. Items for information**

Cllr Leveson had attended a Yorkshire Local Council Assns (YLCA) meeting. Peter Powell has withdrawn his resignation as Chair of the YLCA.

Cllr Offler suggested coffee mornings may resume the first Monday in September – subject to covid-19 developments.

Cllr Wiseman had attended a FIDB meeting. Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Co-ordinator, Kate Pace, had circulated the following report prior to the meeting:

*'Very little to report in the NW camp. Lots of scams around as I've posted to coordinators. I appreciate people get fed up of hearing about them but sadly some are still being taken in.*

*No feedback received from anyone after the resident reported feeling uncomfortable when approached with her puppy. Hopefully nothing sinister. I'm still waiting to hear from the Police with regard to Speed Watch. It seems it's a shortage of equipment. The assessment has been filed.'*

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

**J Fisher**