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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish
held on Monday 29 May 2023 at 7.30 pm
in Earswick Village Hall

There were 3 members of the public present.

1. Apologies from Tony & Linda Murphy, Sian Wiseman & Cllr Bell

The Chairman gave a brief report – see appendix 1

2. It was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 30 May 2022 be adopted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed.
3. Pat Leveson gave a report on Community Affairs. See appendix 2.
4. Pat Leveson read the neighbourhood Watch report from Linda and Tony Murphy. See appendix 3
5. A member of the public highlighted a problem whereby the lack of sufficient cutting back of overhanging hedges is reducing the effective width of the path that can be used by pedestrians especially those in wheelchairs or with pushchairs/walking aids. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the matter would be raised at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

Appendix 1.

Chairman's Remarks: Annual Parish Meeting

On behalf of the residents in the village I would like to start the meeting by thanking the members of the Parish Council for their commitment and dedication to the task of overseeing the various official requirements and issues that have arisen over the past year.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Sian Wiseman who, after serving on the Parish Council for 36 years, decided not to stand for re-election and wish her well in her well deserved retirement.

Finally I would particularly like to mention the following residents who have given up their time in helping to make Earswick a better and safer place in which to live:

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Jim Mc Turk for continuing to act as our unpaid Internal Auditor
Linda and Tony Murphy for their work as the village NHW coordinators
Graham Tate, who along with Councillor Gill Offler, helps to maintain and improve the overall environment of the village.
Jackie Holland, Judith Stevens, Lesley Eddington, Donna Hodgson and David Jones for their sterling work in the Scented Garden
Adrian Clay who very kindly made a number of Bird Boxes that have been put up in Diamond Wood. Sadly, Adrian passed away quite recently and my thoughts and sympathy goes out to his widow, Sandra, and family.

Appendix 2.

Community Report 2022-2023

The Earswick coffee mornings are held in the Village Hall on the first Monday of every month at 10.30 and are going from strength to strength. These coffee mornings are open to all and it is a good chance to catch up with neighbours and meet new people. We do have acoustic boards in the Hall but it can be quite noisy – if this is a problem, please do tell whoever is serving the coffee and they will try to put you with a small group so you can hear what is being said. A small donation is all that is asked to pay for the coffee and the money left over has been given to several local charities. These charities are all chosen by the people attending the coffee mornings.

Once a year we have a Coffee Morning Lunch and following the lunch in February Pete Mathers gave a talk and slide show about London Gardens. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Gill Offler and I would like to thank everyone who helps with the coffee mornings and the annual lunch as without this help there would be no coffee mornings or lunch.

The children's playground has had the surface replaced where it was badly worn, the football pitch is unfortunately the subject of vandalism and the Parish Council will decide how to take this forward – we are lucky to have this facility even if it just small children who want to kick a football at their parents but nets are very expensive to keep replacing.

Membership of the tennis courts has remained fairly static over the past few years. The courts are on our website, cleaned every year in the spring and we would like to encourage more people to use them. – details are on Earswick website. One member is trying to organise sessions where people can turn up to play and if this something you would like to do please let me know.

The public open spaces are well – we do have a lot of people with dogs on the open spaces and the Parish Council asks that dogs are kept on leads on the paths, everyone



picks up after their dog and it would be appreciated if they were kept away from the football pitch.

In 2019 the Parish Council took over the day to day running of the Village Hall – this continues to thrive and is well used. A thank you is due to Cllr Derek Jones who organises the bookings. The Parish Council is now running the Scented Garden and there is a team of volunteers working hard to improve the space – they would love more help and meet on the first Friday morning of the month. Cllr Gill Offler co-ordinates this as well as keeping an eye on all the open spaces with a resident keeping the paths and woodland around the village in good shape.

We still do not have any more news about the dualling of the ring road or the improvement of the roundabout but hopefully this will be forthcoming during 2023.

Pat Leveson

Appendix 3

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT - MAY 2023.

Things on the Earswick Neighbourhood Watch front have been very quiet, which is very reassuring.

An ex member of our local community went missing recently and it was encouraging to see the high number of responses to the plea via the NW network for any information about the person's whereabouts. Thankfully the individual was found safe and well.

The concerns about the various scams via text, email, etc persist and we have continued to circulate guidance and advice in dealing with these from North Yorkshire Police.

We learned recently that the local Police link for Earswick NW has changed again and requested further details re our new contact last month and are still awaiting a response.

Dialogue pertaining to the Community Speed Watch Programme has been on hold, due to ourselves potentially leaving Earswick. We have moved house and remain in the village and will pursue this again now we are settled.

New members continue to join the scheme. Residents who are not members are welcome to join and can contact us via email if they are unsure who their street co-ordinator is. Our details can be found on the Earswick website earswick.org

Linda and Tony Murphy
Earswick NW Scheme Coordinators.

