

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 11th March 2024.

Councillors present:
D Jones
G Offler
P Leveson
M Lumley-Holmes
A Bell
C Ellis

Parish Clerk: B O'Connor

Members of public present: 18

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Wiseman, Ward Cllrs Fisher & Healey

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

Cllrs Leveson, Ellis & Offler, as dog owners, declared an interest in item 17.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 8th January 2024, were approved as an accurate record by the Councillors and duly signed.

4. Member Of The Public Section

Items 13 & 17 were dealt with at this point in the meeting after which the members of the public left the meeting

5. Ward Councillors' Reports

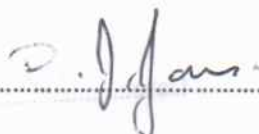
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6. Clerk's Finance Report & Authorisation Of Expenditure

The following pre-authorised payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made from the Barclays bank account since the PC meeting on 8th January 2024:-

- Clerk's salary for January & February 2024
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £116.78, £122.08 & £100.96
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £102.24 and £105.94
- For Village Hall cleaning: £210 (Jan) & £120 (Feb)
- Playground signs - £76.80
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.50 x 3

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- Reimburse Cllr Lumley-Holmes for pergola repairs in Scented Garden - £55.95.
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley-Holmes for Arbor repairs in Scented Garden - £54.78
- Mole Control - £120
- Cutting Riverside Hedge - £150
- Cleaning of tennis courts - £1,037.76

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the Barclays account since reported at the meeting on 8th January 2024:

- £972.50 in Village Hall Bookings
- £180 in tennis membership fees for 2024-5
- Interest on the Redwood Bank account £248.71 and £232.66

7. Ratification of Payments

The PC approved the following payments:

- Reimburse Cllr Lumley-Holmes for parts for fence to help keep rabbits out of the central bed in the Scented Garden - £44.98 (£29.99 & £14.99)

8. Planning Applications

The Clerk used delegated powers to record no objections from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

- N/A

The following planning applications were approved by City of York Council:

- N/A

Developments at the following sites were discussed:

- Land behind fire station accessed from Strensall Road – Earswick PC will monitor the situation – we are still awaiting the outcome of the City Of York Council’s application for a warrant to enter the premises.
- 258 Strensall Road – Earswick PC await a revised planning application.
- Enforcement Complaint 24/00038/NOCONS – removal of hedge at Eden House, Shilton Garth Close.

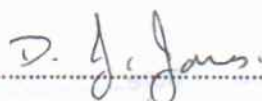
9. Monthly Equipment Check

A check was carried out by Cllr Offler and a report circulated prior to the meeting. This was discussed and it was agreed to spend up to £50 to securely attach existing nets to the football posts. **Action Cllrs Offler and Leveson**

10. Brush For Use On Tennis court

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we could spend up to £27 on a sweeping brush for use on the tennis courts. **Action Cllr Leveson**

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11. Purchase Of Equipment For Use In The Scented Garden

The matter was discussed and it was agreed to spend up to £60 + VAT for equipment for use in the Scented Garden (namely a spade, half-moon hoe and a brush). **Action Cllr Lumley-Holmes**

12. Purchase Of Replacement Life Buoy

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we could spend up to £100 + VAT on 2 replacement life buoys. **Action Cllr Offler**

13. Uncontrolled Dogs In Public Open Space Improved Signage

Using emergency powers, it had been agreed that we could spend up to £300 on the purchase of improved signage to help control dogs. The meeting authorised a further £10 to pay for concrete to embed posts.

14. Membership Of The River Foss Society

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we should renew membership at a cost of £33. **Action BOC**

15. Repair Of Solar Light At Bus Stop Outside 344 Strensall Road

The matter was discussed and that this would be deferred to the next meeting. **Action Cllr Wiseman**

16. Actions/Expenditure Associated With The Potential Use Of The Government's Parish Council Domain Helper Service

The matter was discussed and it was agreed with a majority of 5 to 1 that we would not pursue this.

17. Actions/Expenditure Associated With Setting Up Of Area Where Dogs Can Be Let Off Lead

Cllr Lumley Holmes stated that he was not suggesting an off-lead area for dogs as implied by the agenda title. He explained that his proposal was to consider making the area from the public footpath/car park, up to and including the football pitch an "on lead" area for dogs with a separating barrier between this and the large open area beyond. This would be a preventative measure to improve the safety and security of children using this area.

Members of the public were allowed to express their views and after discussion Cllr Lumley-Holmes withdrew the proposal due to lack of support.

18. Unauthorised Cutting Down Of Trees In Centenary Wood

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that no further action was needed at this time.

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19. Expenditure Associated With Use Of Green Bins In Scented Garden

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we would pay City Of York Council £46.50 for each of the 4 bins used in the Scented Garden, if required to do so.

20. Pre-Authorised List Of Expenditure For 2024-5

The list of expenditure to be pre-authorized was discussed and agreed. A signed copy is attached to the minutes. **Action BOC**

21. Ratification of decisions

The PC ratified the following decisions:

- N/A

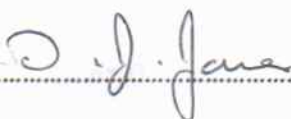
22. Items for information

- It was noted that on the day of the meeting Earswick PC received a letter from the City Of York Council saying that the planning application for the A1237 will be decided at the Planning Committee A meeting on 19th March 2024

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

B O'Connor
Clerk To Earswick Parish Council

Chairman's Signature.....



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