

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 8th January 2024.

Councillors present: D Jones
G Offler
P Leveson
M Lumley-Holmes
BS Wiseman

Co-opted as Councillor C Ellis

Parish Clerk: B O'Connor

Members of public present: 0

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Bell

2. Co-option Of Mr Craig Ellis to The Council

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that Mr Craig Ellis should be co-opted on to Earswick Parish Council.

Councillor Ellis duly completed and signed the Legal Declaration of qualification to hold public office, the declaration of acceptance of office and the register of interests.

3. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 11th December 2023, were approved as an accurate record by the Councillors and duly signed.

5. Member Of The Public Section

N/A

6. Ward Councillors' Reports

Ward Cllr Fisher gave a brief report – the planning application for the dualling of the ring road is expected to be submitted in March.

7. 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 11th December 2023:-

Chairman's Signature.....



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- Clerk's salary for December 2023 (£686.50) and backpay (£400)
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £74.02
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £124.78;
- Scottish Water £72.1 & £9.24
- For Village Hall cleaning: £130 (Dec)
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.50
- SLCC Membership - £148
- Bus Shelter Lease - £100
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley-Holmes for Roses to be planted in Scented Garden - £66.50
- Reimburse Cllr Leveson for Village hall Supplies - £73.84
- D&J Stead for cutting the flower meadow - £180

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the Barclays account since reported at the meeting on 11th December 2023:

- £933.50 in Village Hall Bookings
- Interest on the Redwood Bank account £248.71

8. Ratification of Payments

The PC approved the following payments:

- i. AFS – call out & repair - £90 +£240
- ii. Reimburse Cllr Lumley-Holmes for Scented Garden Repairs & Compost - £37.56 & £37.95

9. 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:

- 23/01904/TPO, 2 Shilton Garth Close - Crown lifting and dead wood removal on 1 no. Oak tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 247 – no objection.

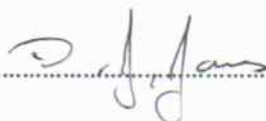
Developments at the following sites were discussed:

- 112 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.

10. Monthly Equipment Check

A check was carried out by Cllr Offler and a report circulated prior to the meeting. This was discussed. Cllr Offler agreed to obtain quotes for the replacement of life buoys by the pond. To be discussed at the next meeting.

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11. Tennis Membership Fees For 2024-5

The matter was discussed. It was agreed that the fees would remain unchanged at £30 for Earswick residents and £55 for non-residents.

12. Rates For Hiring Village Hall For 2024-5

The matter was discussed. It was agreed that the fees would remain unchanged at £14 per hour for one off bookings, and £13 per hour for regular ones

13. To discuss and agree budget, financial reserve & precept For 2024-5

The matter was discussed. It was agreed that for 2024-5 we would set the financial reserve to be £35,000 (from £30,000), and to submit a request to City Of York Council for a precept of £28,774. This is an increase of £285 / 1% compared to that for 2023-4. **Action BOC**

14. Repairs To Various Wooden Structures In The Scented Garden

The matter was discussed and it was agreed to spend up to £120 To repair the various wooden structures in the Scented Garden. **Action Cllr Lumley-Holmes**

15. Roundabouts On Strensall Road/Traffic Speed

The matter was discussed. Ward Councillor Fisher agreed to arrange a site meeting to discuss options. At the same time, we would want to discuss the installation of a light near the bus stop (near Northlands) and the hedge on Strensall Road. **Action Ward Councillor Fisher**

16. Water Tap In Field

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk should write to Business Stream to tell them that the tap is no longer required. **Action BOC**

17. Uncontrolled Dogs In Public Open Space

The matter was discussed **Cllr Wiseman** agreed to obtain quotes for the improving signage - to be discussed at the next meeting. The clerk was asked to reply to the resident who raised the matter. **Action BOC**

18. Dates For Meeting In 2024-5

The matter was discussed and the following dates agreed:

13/5/24(Annual Meeting Of The Parish Council)
8/7/24 9/9/24
11/11/24 13/1/25 10/3/25

The next meeting is on 11th March 2024

The Annual Meeting Of The Parish will be on 20th May 2024

Chairman's Signature.......... Date..... 11-3-24

19. Ratification of decisions

The PC ratified the following decisions:

- N/a

20. Items for information

- Cllr Lumley-Holmes gave a report on the Foss Internal Drainage Board meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.

B O'Connor
Clerk To Earswick Parish Council

Chairman's Signature..... D. J. Jones Date..... 11.3.24