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**EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 7th August 2023.

**Councillors present:** D Jones

 G Offler

 P Leveson

M Lumley-Holmes

A Bell

 BS Wiseman

**Parish Clerk:**  B O’Connor

**Members of public present:** 0

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

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

None.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 10th July 2023, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

1. **Quote to Maintain Trees In Public Open Space Near LHL Car Park & To Fell Diseased Tree In Diamond Wood**

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we would accept the quote to:

* Fully dismantle the Weeping Will that had split – at a cost of £695
* Cut back to near ground level, 2 other Weeping Willows – at a cost of £785
* To fell the diseased Lime tree in Diamond wood – at a cost of £295.

The clerk was asked to write to Steel & Maw to inform them of this. **Action BOC**

1. **Update On SINC At 112 Strensall Road**

The matter was discussed. The clerk was asked to write to CYC expressing concern that there has been no real progress and that we have run out of patience. **Action BOC**

1. **Quote To Maintain/Replace Fencing Around Playground**

The matter was discussed. Cllr Offler proposed that we accept the quote from Linear Fencing to repair fence, replacing where necessary – at a cost of £456. This was unanimously agreed. **BOC** to inform supplier of this.

1. **External Auditors Increase In Fees**

The clerk explained that the increase was due to Earswick PC having more than £50,000 income and so attracting the fee associated with this higher band. £277 had been pre-authorised for this expenditure but the invoice is for £378. The additional £111 was authorised.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

**B O’Connor**

**Clerk To Earswick Parish Council**