**EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 6th February 2023.

**Councillors present:** D Jones

 G Offler

 P Leveson

 BS Wiseman

**Members of public present:** 1

1. **Apologies for absence**

 Ward Cllr Fisher

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

None.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th January 2023, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and signed.

1. **To discuss/agree whether to hold a community event to celebrate the Coronation in May, and to authorise any associated expenditure/set a budget**

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council will not be organising any event but would encourage people to celebrate the occasion in their own way.

1. **To discuss/agree whether to install a defibrillator in Earswick and to authorise any associated expenditure**

The matter was discussed and it was agreed (with one abstention) that Earswick Parish Council would purchase a defibrillator with necessary spares, and arrange installation in a lockable cabinet. (When a member of the public phones the emergency services they would be able to tell them the access code to the cabinet.) The total cost would be about £2,058 + VAT.

Ward Cllr Doughty confirmed that a ward grant of £2,058 would be available to help with the purchase.

The clerk was asked to order the equipment and installation **Action BOC**

1. **To discuss further work to extend ‘wet pour’ surface in the playground and to authorise any associated expenditure**

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we would accept the quote from LJD construction to do the work at a cost of £5,970 + VAT. As £4,180 has already been authorised, it was agreed that a further £1,790 could be spent on the project. The clerk was asked to write to the supplier to confirm this. **Action BOC**

A ward grant of £4,180 has already been received to help with this work.

1. **To discuss whether and when to varnish benches/furniture in Community Garden, and to authorise any associated expenditure.**

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would authorise up to £500 to pay Domestic Chores to power-wash the paths within the Community Garden, and to cut back the plants near the arbour. **Action Cllr Offler**

1. **Response to HMICFRS’s Latest Report On North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Services**

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Juliann Sturdy MP expressing our concerns about the report and in particular making Huntington Fire Station an unmanned one, and also our concerns about the 101 call system. **Action BOC**

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

**B O’Connor**

**Clerk To Earswick Parish Council**