**EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 13th March 2023.

**Councillors present:** D Jones

G Offler

P Leveson

BS Wiseman

A Bell

**Members of public present:** 2

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

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

None.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th February 2023, were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and duly signed.

1. **Ward Councillors’ Reports**

Ward Cllrs Doughty & Fisher gave brief reports covering Shilton Garth, funding for more Wet Pour in playground, and the Local Plan.

1. **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 Parish Council (PC) meeting on 9th January 2023:-

* Clerk’s salary for January & February 2023
* St Nicks – work on pond - £600
* E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £62.21 & £70.62
* 2 months Barclays charges - £8.50 x 2
* For Village Hall cleaning: £230 (January) & £200 (February)
* British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £109.75 & £114.89
* Andy Hill – cutting back shrubs - £240
* British Heart Foundation – defibrillator - £1,963.99
* Sports Surfacing Solutions – clean tennis court - £1,037.76
* Hunt Catch Kill - £120
* Domestic Chores – pruning in Scented Garden - £160
* A Hill – Cutting Scented Garden Hedge - £540
* Mike Harland – Riverside hedge - £114
* Advance Fire Services – bi-annual service/inspection - £118.20
* Domestic Chores – SG Power spraying - £320
* Deighton Electrical – installation of defibrillator - £177.60

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the Barclays account since the meeting on 9th January 2023:

* £1,566 Village Hall Bookings
* £260 from CYC – double taxation
* £4,180 from CYC – a grant for playground repair
* £358.67 interest from Redwood Bank investment account.
* £325 – tennis membership fees for 2023-4

1. **Asset Register & Reserve Amount**

The matters were discussed. The revised asset register was agreed. Also, the financial reserve amount was agreed to be £30,000 to keep it in line with the annual spend.

1. **Pre-Authorised List For 2023-4**

The matters were discussed. The list was agreed and a signed copy is attached to the minutes

1. **Ratification of Payments**

The PC approved the following payments:

1. £168 to A Hill for salt in salt bins
2. £374.40 – Deighton Electrical for replacement of Village Hall lights.
3. Clerk’s telephone expenses for 2022-3 - £50
4. **Planning Applications**

The Clerk used delegated powers to the Parish Council’s views on the following planning application:

* 23/00020/FUL - 258 Strensall Road – change of use from dwellinghouse (use class C3) to a 10no. bedroom House in Multiple Occupation - Earswick Parish Council objected to the application.
* 23/00020/FUL - 258 Strensall Road – revised plans. These were discussed and it was agreed that the clerk should write to CYC to object to the application and also to ask Ward Cllr Doughty to call it in (i.e. to ask for the application to be discussed at committee) **Action BOC**

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

* 22/02430/FUL 21 The Garden Village – replacement of 2 external doors & 8 windows – approved
* 22/02485/TPO 2 Shilton Garth – cutting back of 2 trees with a TPO on them – application refused

1. **Monthly Equipment Check**

A check was carried out by Cllr Offler and a report circulated prior to the meeting.

Replacement of the matting under the swing has been delayed until 17th March due to the weather. CYC have agreed to provide a full grant less VAT to do this work.

The information board needs repair. The clerk was asked to approach the River Foss Society about its repair **Action BOC**

1. **Treatment Of Equipment In Scented Garden**

The matter was discussed and it was agreed (with 2 councillors abstaining) that we should spend up to £720 on treating the 2 picnic tables/seating and the wooden fences as per the quote – less the repair of the hand rail which has already been done**. Action Cllr Offler**

1. **Maintenance Of Scented Garden**

The matter was discussed. It was agreed that the name should continue to be ‘The Scented Garden’.

The central bed is unsafe. It was agreed that we should get a quote to make it safe and, in the meantime, put up a ‘Keep Off’ notice. **Action Cllr Jones**

As part of our longer-term planning, it was agreed that we should get a quote for the maintenance of the Scented Garden in the possible eventuality of there being insufficient volunteers. **Action Cllr Jones**

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

**B O’Connor**

**Clerk To Earswick Parish Council**