**EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 18th November 2024.

**Councillors present:** D Jones

 M Lumley-Holmes

 P Leveson

 BS Wiseman

 C Ellis

**Members of public present:** None

1. **Apologies for absence**

Parish Clerk: Barry O’Connor

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

Cllr Wiseman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 as her land backs onto some of the boundary covered by the proposed works.

 **3**. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 28th October 2024, were approved as an accurate record by the Councillors and were duly signed.

 **4. Members Of The Public Session**

 No members of the public attended the meeting.

 **5. Maintenance of the Hedge on Strensall Road**

It was confirmed that the City of York Council (CYC) is responsible for the ownership and future maintenance of the hedge on Strensall Road.

It was resolved that the Parish Council will now seek to reclaim from CYC all past costs associated with the maintenance of this hedge via the Double Taxation system in January 2025. **Action BOC**

 **6. Standing Order 3.**

 It was resolved to amend Standing Order 3 “Meetings Generally” to recognise and record in the minutes comments made by members of the public during the Members of the Public session and any comments raised on any specific agenda item**. Action BOC**

 **7. Diamond Wood Hedging**

 It was resolved to accept the quote of £1,700 inc.Vat to carry out the cutting back of vegetation and hedging in Diamond Wood**. Action BOC**

**8. Flower Meadow**.

It was resolved to amend the contract for the cutting of the Flower Meadow to a twice yearly ‘Cut & Mulch’ system rather than the current annual baling system, which is not feasible. The contractor had agreed to this amendment. **Action BOC**

**9. Village Hall Wi-fi**

It was resolved to accept the quote of £39.95 a month for 2 years to provide wi-fi services to the village hall. **Action Cllr Lumley-Holmes**

**10. Additional Defibrillator**

It was resolved to apply to the Government Community Match Fund Defibrillator Scheme for the part funded provision of an additional defibrillator at a cost of £750 excl. Vat. The Minster Veterinary Practice on Strensall Road/Willow Grove has agreed to the defibrillator being sited on the side of their building. **Action Cllr. Jones**

It was also resolved to authorise £200 towards the cost of installation.

**11. Items for Information**

 Cllrs Lumley-Holmes and Ellis had repaired the grasscrete base in Lockhouse Lane car park at no cost to the Council.

Meeting ended at 8pm.

**B O’Connor**

**Clerk To Earswick Parish Council**