

## EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Councillors present:**  
D Jones  
M Lumley-Holmes  
P Leveson  
BS Wiseman  
C Ellis

**Parish Clerk:** B O'Connor

**Members of public present:** 0

**1. Apologies for absence**

None

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

None

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes for the extraordinary Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 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 were present

**5. Clerk's Finance Report & Authorisation Of Expenditure**

The following pre-authorised payments (including VAT where appropriate) have been made from the Barclays bank account since the Parish Council (PC) meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024:-

- Clerk's salary for November & December 2024, and backpay after salary increase
- For Village Hall cleaning: £147, £132 & £165 (Oct, Nov & Dec)
- Wifi installation £27.32
- Wood for Scented Garden - £302
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £89.22 & £136.90
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £42.44 & £45.80
- Purchase & installation of defibrillator - £840
- Repair Village Hall roof - £900
- Trees for Scented Garden - £249.88

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- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for nails and plants for planters - £20
- Lewis Trees – flailing - £1,764
- Mole control - £120
- Scottish Water - £48.07
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for plants for the Scented Garden - £25
- Public Open Space maintenance - £2,298
- Lawn treatment in Scented Garden - £75
- SLCC membership - £150
- BT wifi one-off costs + rental - £87.07
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for nails for use in Scented Garden - £29.58
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for roses for the Scented Garden - £25.96
- Reimburse Clerk for IONOS subscription - £59.40
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.50, £8.80 & £8.50
- Replacement of playground fencing - £4,794

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the Barclays account since reported at the meeting on 28th October 2024:

- Village Hall Bookings £1,592.50
- Tennis membership fees - £30
- Interest on the Redwood Bank account £240.68, £248.71 & £88.25
- Interest on the Barclays Bank Savings account £208.42

## **6. Ratification of Payments**

The PC approved the following payments:

- i. Extra required for path to Scented Garden - £80 + VAT

## **7. Planning Applications**

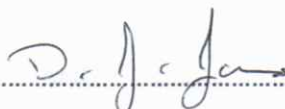
The Clerk used delegated powers to record views of the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

- 24/01927/FUL-23 Lock House Lane – detached garage to side with driveway, alterations to fenestration. No objection
- Hall Farm, Strensall Road 24/01923/FUL Change of use of stables to create additional cat pens and timber boarding to be overlaid to existing roof. No objection
- 350 Strensall Road 24/01896/FUL - Single storey rear extension and access ramp with hand rails to front elevation. No Objection
- Annexe 258 Strensall Road, 24/01960/CLD - Certificate of lawful development for a self-contained annexe building as use as an independent dwelling. No planning objections but concern about enforcement

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

- 24/01667/FUL-26 Lock House Lane - Single storey rear extension – approved.
- 24/01927/FUL-23 Lock House Lane – detached garage to side with driveway, alterations to fenestration - refused

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- Hall Farm, Strensall Road 24/01923/FUL Change of use of stables to create additional cat pens and timber boarding to be overlaid to existing roof. Approved
- Eden House, Shilton Garth Close 24/00038/NOCONS Unauthorised removal of hedge from the roadside – no further action needed

Applications where the CYC have outstanding actions:

- Land Behind Fire Station accessed from Strensall Road, Earswick – awaiting reply from CYC
- HMO at 258 Strensall Road – awaiting reply from CYC

#### **8. Monthly Equipment Check**

A check was carried out by Cllr Jones. This was discussed and no action required.

#### **9. Damaged Willow Tree Near Pond**

The matter was discussed. It was agreed to accept the quote from Lewis Trees (less stump removal) at a cost of £775 + VAT. The clerk was asked to notify the contractor. **Action BOC**

#### **10. 2025-6 Membership Fees For The Earswick Tennis Club**

The matter was discussed. It was agreed that the membership fees should increase by £5 i.e. to £35 for Earswick residents and to £60 for non-residents.

It was also agreed that the resident who paid for membership in December 2024 should be given 2025-6 membership.

#### **11. Rates For Hiring The Earswick Village Hall**

The matter was discussed. It was agreed that the rates should increase i.e. from £14 to £16 / hour (or from £13 to £14 / hour for regular bookings). This increase would apply to bookings made after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

#### **12. 2025-6 Budget And Reserve Figure**

The matter was discussed and the budget agreed. It was also agreed that the Parish Council's reserve figure should remain at £35,000.

#### **13. Parish Council's Asset Register**

The matter was discussed, agreed and duly signed by the chairman.

#### **14. 2025-6 Precept**

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*D. J. Jones*

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The matter was discussed. Using the budget above, it was agreed that we should increase the precept applied for by 1% and so will apply for £29.062. **Action BOC**

**15. Possible Sale Of Land In Diamond Wood (Related to Dualling Of The A1237)**

The matter was discussed. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Stephenson's asking for an on site meeting, with CYC Foss Internal Drainage Board representatives, to discuss access to the public open space during and after the development; to tape out/mark exactly what land is required for the development; to clarify what is happening to the Earswick planter and to understand how the cottage foundations are being protected. **Action BOC**

**16. Possible Replacement Of The Hearing Loop In The Village Hall**

The matter was discussed. It was agreed not to pursue just yet.

**17. Possible Installation Of A HIVE System In The Village Hall**

The matter was discussed. It was agreed to spend a maximum of £550 on installation & equipment for the HIVE system, and a further £40 p.a. on the software to manage it. **Cllr Ellis** was asked to get a quote for installation.

**18. Ratification of decisions**

The PC ratified the following decisions:

- To write again to CYC asking for them to repair light above bus stop outside 344 Strensall Road and to copy the leader of CYC council. **Action BOC**
- To apply to City Of York Council for £3,822 regarded as double taxation

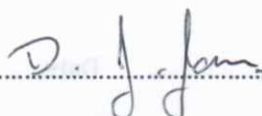
**19. Items for information**

- We have agreed with contractor to 'cut & mulch' the flower meadow twice per year
- The following are to be added to the agenda of the next meeting
  - List of pre-authorised expenditure for 2025-6
  - Road signs for defib
  - Replacement defibrillator pads
  - Dates of Parish council Meetings for 2025-6

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

**B O'Connor**  
**Clerk To Earswick Parish Council**

Chairman's Signature.....



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