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EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Tuesday 13th January 2026 starting at 5:00pm.

Councillors present: D Jones
M Lumley-Holmes
P Leveson
BS Wiseman
C Ellis
I Yeowart
G Offler

Parish Clerk: B O'Connor

Members of public present: 0

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

Cllr Wiseman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the extraordinary Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 10th November 2025, 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 10th November 2025:-

- Clerk's salary for November & December 2025.
- Flower meadow - £330
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for plants for the Scented Garden - £139.96
- Reimburse Cllr Ellis for defibrillator pads - £95.94
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £92.34 & £68.79
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £41.31 & £45.98
- BT wifi - £51.40 x 2
- Mole control - £120

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- For Village Hall cleaning: £150 x 2 (Nov & Dec)
- Lawn treatment in Scented Garden - £85
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.80 & £8.50
- Public Open Space maintenance - £40
- Reimburse Cllr Leveson for Christmas decorations - £11.96
- Village Hall fire inspection - £140.82
- SLCC membership - £158

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting on 10th November 2024:

- Village Hall Bookings £1603
- Tennis membership fees - £0
- Interest on the Redwood Bank account £324.84, £335.66 & £119.11
- Interest on the Barclays Bank Savings account £117.88

6. Ratification of Payments

The PC approved the following payments:

- i. Defibrillator pads - £95.94
- ii. CCTV training for Cllr Ellis - £27.40
- iii. Removal of dangerous tree in Centenary Wood (in September) - £360

7. Planning Applications

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

- N/A

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

- N/A

Applications where the CYC have outstanding actions:

- N/A

8. Monthly Equipment Check

A check was carried out by Cllr Offler. It was agreed to spend a further £35 + VAT on the purchase and installation of a bench in addition to the amount authorised in item 9 of the November meeting. No other action required.

9. Hedge / Boundary In Diamond Wood (Alongside Shilton Garth Properties)

Cllr Wiseman wished that a record be added to the minutes that number 10 Shilton Garth Close's boundary is approximately 1 metre north of the ancient field hedge as detailed on her land deeds. This is defined by a post and chain link fence together with a gate and post and rail wooden fence.

It was agreed to take no further action on maintaining the hedge in the short term. The clerk was asked to notify the contractor. **Action BOC**

10. Repair To Loft Door Hatch In Village Hall

Cllr Ellis agreed to arrange for the loft door hatch to be fixed with the costs being a maximum of £500 + VAT.

11. 2026-7 Membership Fees For The Earswick Tennis Club

It was agreed that the membership fees for 2026-7 would remain at £35 for Earswick residents and £60 for non-residents.

12. Rates For Hiring The Earswick Village Hall

It was agreed that the rates should be increased by £1 i.e. from £16 to £17 / hour (or from £14 to £15 / hour for regular bookings). This increase would apply to bookings made after 1st April 2026.

13. 2025-6 Budget And Reserve Figure

The budget was agreed. It was also agreed that the Parish Council's reserve figure should be in line with the precept requested and therefore reduced to £30,000 from £35,000 as of 1/4/26.

14. 2026-7 Precept

Using the budget above, it was agreed that we should increase the precept applied for by 2% and so will apply for £29.062+2% i.e. £29,643. **Action BOC**

15. Dates For 2026-7 Meetings

It was agreed that meetings would generally on be Mondays starting at 7.30PM in the Earswick Village Hall. Provisional dates are as follows:

- May 18th, 2026. The Parish Council meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council
- July 6th 2026
- September 7th 2026
- November 9th 2026
- January 11th 2027
- March 8th 2027

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on May 25th in the Earswick Village Hall.

16. Ratification of decisions

The PC ratified the following decisions:

- To apply to City Of York Council for £750.39 regarded as double taxation

17. Items for information

- The following are to be added to the agenda of the next meeting
 - List of pre-authorised expenditure for 2026-7

The meeting closed at 5:40 pm.

B O'Connor
Clerk To Earswick Parish Council