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EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 13th October 2025.

Councillors present: D Jones
M Lumley-Holmes
P Leveson
BS Wiseman
C Ellis
Parish Clerk: B O'Connor

Members of public present: 9

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Offler

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

Cllr Wiseman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 1st September 2025 were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and duly signed.

4. Members Of The Public Session

Several concerns about the planning application relating to 229 Strensall Road were expressed. The main ones being:

- Large number of houses being proposed in an area where currently there is just a bungalow
- The development is not in keeping with surrounding area
- Impact on bio-diversity
- Ability of infrastructure to support new dwellings

5. Planning Application 25/01771/FULM– 229 Strensall Road. Erection of 14no. dwellings with associated access and landscaping following demolition of existing bungalow.

It was unanimously agreed that we object to this planning application because:

- It is not in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan for Earswick in that the application does not take into account the need for affordable housing.

- It does not state how it will improve bio-diversity by 10% - this should be measured against the site before most of the trees were chopped down earlier this year.

In addition, Earswick Parish Council has concerns about:

- The number of car parking spaces is likely to be too few for the number of dwellings proposed.
- The capacity of the foul water/sewage system – we already have problems at times in Earswick
- The safety of access onto Strensall Road. The front boundary of nos 10,11 & 12 which comprises a stone wall with metal railings above should be set back towards the houses by at least two metres with a grassed area between the wall and the footpath (with a covenant it must remain grassed with no tree or shrub planting). This would significantly improve line of site for both the existing and new road entrances and reduce the risk of accidents.

The clerk was asked to write to CYC. **Action: BOC**

At this point 8 members of the public left the meeting.

6. Planning Application– 25/01901/FUL Land to the west of Strensall Road. Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping and boundary treatment following demolition of existing stable building

It was agreed that Earswick Parish Council object to this planning application because it does not specify that the gardens associated with these properties must stay designated as part of the green belt. This restriction already applies to some properties within Earswick. The clerk was asked to write to CYC. **Action: BOC**

7. 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 PC meeting on 1st September 2025: -

- Clerk's salary for September 2025
- For Village Hall cleaning: £150(August) and £187.50 (September)
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.80 and £8.50
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for plants for use in the Scented Garden - £20.00, £19.49 & £27.48
- Public Open Space – regular maintenance - £1,284 & £1,752
- Village Hall Boiler maintenance £100
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £36.95
- Mole control - £120
- Scented Garden Lawn maintenance - £100

- Resurfacing Lock House Lane Car Par - £15,816
- BT fee for Broadband in Village Hall - £51.40
- Reimburse Cllr Offler for plants for use in Earswick Planters - £24.00
- ROSPA Playground inspection - £100.80
- Fees for External Auditor - £378

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the Barclays account since reported at the meeting on 1st September 2025:

- Village Hall bookings £721
- Interest on the Redwood Bank account £335.66 & £324.84
- Interest on the Barclays Account - £165.65
- CYC Precept - £14,531

8. Ratification of Payments

The PC approved the following payments:

- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for repair of gate to Diamond Wood - £19.67

9. Planning Applications

To make a decision regarding any planning applications; and to record details of any applications dealt with by the Clerk using delegated powers including the following planning applications:

- None

and to discuss/record any planning applications approved/rejected by City of York Council, including approval of the following planning applications:

- none

Applications where the City of York Council have outstanding actions or we are awaiting progress:

- None

10. Monthly Equipment Check

A report was received from Councillor Ellis regarding the monthly equipment check plus the ROSPA report. No action required for the time being.

11. Removal Of Boundary Hedge Between Diamond Wood & 10, 11 & 12 Shilton Garth Close

It was noted that the 'hedge' was in a poor state and, subject to getting full support and cooperation from the residents of 10, 11 & 12 Shilton Garth Close, it was agreed to accept the quote from Top Cut Tree Services to remove it at a cost of £1,600 + VAT. Cllr Wiseman abstained. The clerk was asked to inform the contractor. **Action: BOC**

12. Assertion 10 & AGAR For 2025-6

The clerk reported that to be compliant with Assertion 10, the clerk's email address must be changed / migrated to a 'gov.uk' address. The clerk was asked to organise a free 'gov.uk' email address from Parish On Line plus 10GB additional storage at a cost of £24 p.a. **Action: BOC**

The clerk was also asked to present at the next meeting details / costs to migrate the councillors to 'gov.uk' addresses. **Action: BOC**

13. Changes To CYC Process For Dealing With Planning Applications

It was noted that some of the planning procedures within CYC have changed

14. Riverside & Flower Meadow Maintenance Contracts For 2026-9

The quote from Mike Harland to cut the Riverside Hedge at a cost of £145 + VAT was accepted. **BOC** to inform Mr Harland

The details of the work to be done on the flower meadow have been changed. The clerk was asked to inform the potential contractors of these changes.
Action: BOC

15. Revised Asset Register

The revised asset register, with the addition of the Lock House Lane Car Park surface was agreed and duly signed.

16. Review Date Of Next Meeting

It was agreed to keep the 10th November as the date of the next meeting.

17. Ratification Of Decisions

The PC ratified the following decisions:

- None

18. Items for information

Cllr Offler was thanked for her work with the planters

Ward Councillor Fisher gave a report

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

B O'Connor
Clerk To Earswick Parish Council