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EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 1st September 2025.

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

Members of public present: None

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

None

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 7th July 2025 were approved as accurate records by the Councillors and duly signed.

4. Members Of The Public Session

No members of the public attended the meeting

5. 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 7th July 2025: -

- Clerk's salary for July & August 2025
- Clerk's pay increase – back dated to 1st April 2025
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £35.07
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £39.60 & £41.12
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for plants, labels & tools for use in the Scented Garden - £245.88, £22.99, £10.49, £31.45 & £39.98
- Maintenance of flower meadow - £330
- Repairs to Village Hall - £300
- BT fee for Broadband in Village Hall - £51.40 x 2
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.50
- For Village Hall cleaning: £225 (July) & £225 (August)

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- Public Open Space – regular maintenance - £1,368
- Reimburse Cllr Leveson for Village Hall supplies - £42.55
- Painting of railings and parts of Village Hall - £1,150

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the Barclays account since reported at the meeting on 7th July 2025:

- Donation from resident of £200 for use in Scented Garden
- Tennis membership fees £155
- Village Hall bookings £847
- Interest on the Redwood Bank account £335.66
- Interest on the Cambridge & Counties Bonds £290.04 & £845.03

6. Ratification of Payments

The PC approved the following payments:

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

7. 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:

- 25/01200/FUL 11 Shilton Garth Close, Earswick - Single storey side and rear extension – approved
- 25/01144/FUL Cherry Tree Cottage 3 Laurel Close Earswick - Single storey rear extension and first floor rear balcony – approved
- 5 High Garth – Fell 1no. (decayed) Ash and prune 1no. Lime tree by crown reducing up to 1m and crown lifting up to 4m above ground level on trees protected by TPO CYC155 - no objections from CYC but subject to conditions
- 24/01217/FUL – The Grange, 388 Strensall Road Erection of 1no. two storey dwelling to rear with swimming pool and associated landscaping - refused

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

- None

8. Monthly Equipment Check

A report was received from Councillor Offler regarding the monthly equipment check. Following queries raised, the bench on Lock House Lane carpark path will be checked again, and simple measures will be trialled to enable the playground gates to be firmly closed.

9. Removal Of Rough Edges On Playground Fencing

There is a concern that the rough edges on the fencing may result in splinters. The fence supplier has agreed to look at the issue.

10. Cutting Back Overgrown Bushes In POS

It was unanimously agreed to spend a maximum of £400 + VAT on 2 days work to cut back the bushes in question. The clerk was asked to write to supplier to confirm this. **Action BOC.**

11. Resurfacing Of The Tennis Courts

It was agreed **Cllr Leveson and the Clerk** would look to see if there is any funding available to help with this project and also see how we can maximise use of the courts.

12. Cutting Back Of Vegetation Behind Properties Bordering Centenary Wood

It was agreed to spend a maximum of £500 + VAT to cut back the vegetation in question. **Cllr Lumley-Holmes** agreed to get quotes from 2 suppliers to do this work.

It was agreed to remove what is left of the hedge in Diamond Wood bordering some Shilton Garth properties so long as the residents of these properties do not object

13. Maintenance Contracts For 2026-9

There are several maintenance contracts that are due for renewal on the 1st April 2026. We need to know the renewal costs by the end of the year so that we can prepare the 2026-7 budget. Cllrs are asked to forward proposed changes to the clerk so that they can be incorporated into the tender document. **Action ALL**

14. Ratification Of Decisions

The PC ratified the following decisions:

- i. To reinvest £65,000 in Cambridge & Counties 3-year bond at 3.9% p.a. interest.

15. Items for information

CYC are progressing the fly-tipping prosecution but outcome not yet finalised.

Cllr Offler is ensuring Lock House Lane residents near the car park know of the resurfacing that is being planned to be done week commencing 8/9/25.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

B O'Connor
Clerk To Earswick Parish Council