#### EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Councillors present:

D Jones

P Leveson

M Lumley-Holmes

C Ellis

Parish Clerk:

B O'Connor

Members of public present: 0

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Wiseman

## 2. Declarations of Interest and Any Other Declarations

None.

# 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes for the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025, were approved as an accurate record by the Councillors and duly signed.

# 4. Member Of The Public Section

No members of the public were present

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025:-

- Clerk's salary for January & February 2025
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall £13.84, £192.12 & £243.14
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall £56.07 and £50.86
- Clerk's phone allowance, and A4 paper £57.59
- Reimburse Cllr Leveson for Village Hall supplies £26.99
- River Foss Society Membership £33
- Flower Meadow £300
- Diamond wood hedge cutting £912
- Reimburse Cllr Leveson for mugs for Village Hall £48.00
- BT Broadband fee £47.94 X 2
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.50 & £8.80
- Bus Shelter Lease £100
- For Village Hall cleaning: £176 (Jan) & £155 (Feb)

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- Cutting Diamond Wood Hedge £1,700
- Installation of HIVE system £354
- Mole Control £120

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the Barclays account since reported at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024:

- £1,106.50 in Village Hall Bookings
- £235 in tennis membership fees for 2025-6
- VAT refund £4,394,39
- Interest on the Redwood Bank account £216.56 and £303.24

# 6. Ratification of Payments

The PC approved the following payments:

- i. YLCA training for Cllr Ellis £26.30
- ii. Repair of Scented Garden tap £294

# 7. Planning Applications

The Clerk used delegated powers to record no objections from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

- 25/00272/FUL Longmeadow 11 Shilton Garth Close 2 storey extension – no objections
- 25/0007/FUL The Old Barn Moor Lane Earswick change of use of detached out building to a 3 bedroom dwelling. No objections
- N/A

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

N/A

Developments at the following sites were discussed:

Land behind fire station accessed from Strensall Road
 – this is basically now a 'Glamping Site' and unfortunately no longer a SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) despite the best efforts of Earswick Parish Council. No further action is planned.

# 8. Monthly Equipment Check

A check was carried out by Cllr Jones who reported that currently no action is needed apart from the fallen trees – see item 15 of the agenda.

# 9. Road Signs Indicating Location Of Defibrillators

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that do not need signage for the defibrillators as the Emergency Services can direct callers to the defibrillators very well without any extra signage.

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# 10. Purchase Of Replacement Defibrillator Pads

The matter was discussed and it was agreed to spend up to £200 + VAT in total for spare replacement pads for use with each of the defibrillators. **Action Clir Ellis / BOC** 

#### 11. Meeting Dates For 2025-6

The matter was discussed and the following dates agreed.

- May 19th, 2025. The Parish Council meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council
- July 7th 2025
- September 8th 2025
- November 10th 2025
- January 12th 2026
- March 9th 2026

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on May 26th in the Earswick Village Hall

The clerk was asked to publish them on the web site and the notice boards.

Action BOC

## 12. Pre-Authorised List Of Expenditure For 2025-6

The list of expenditure to be pre-authorised for 2025-6 was discussed and agreed. A signed copy is to be circulated to councillors. **Action BOC** 

### 13. Possible Installation Of Solar Panels On The Village Hall Roof

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we should look to get some quotes for supply & installation of some solar panels, possibly with batteries to store some of the electricity generated. **Action Clir Ellis / BOC** 

#### 14. Possible Installation Of Pickle Ball Court(s) On Existing Tennis Courts

The matter was discussed and it was agreed not to pursue, mainly due to concerns about the level of noise.

#### 15. Dealing With The Fallen Tree Near The Football Field.

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we should continue with the quote we have already authorised / accepted in a previous meeting.

It was agreed to accept a quote from another supplier to deal with the other two trees at a cost of £400 incl VAT. The clerk was asked to inform the suppliers of the decisions made. **Action BOC** 

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## 16. Uneven Surface in Lock House Lane Car Park.

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we should get a quote for the car park to be covered with a layer of gravel. **Action: Cllr Jones** 

## 17. Pedestrian Warning Signs on the A1237.

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that we should write to City Of York Council (CYC) asking for 'Pedestrian Warning' signs to be installed on the A1237 near the Earswick roundabout. **Action: BOC** 

# 18. Partial grant from CYC for the installation of wi fi in the Village Hall

The matter was discussed. It was noted that CYC have funded the purchase and installation of a HIVE system and wi-fi in the Village Hall. The on-going cost of the wi-fi can be justified by the increase in hire of the Village Hall.

## 19. Ratification of decisions

The PC ratified the following decisions:

N/A

### 20. Items for information

 Cllr Lumley-Holmes gave a brief report on a meeting of the Foss Internal Drainage Board.

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

B O'Connor Clerk To Earswick Parish Council

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