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EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 18th May 2026.

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

Parish Clerk: B O'Connor

Members of public present: 2

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Offler

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 27th April 2026 were approved as an accurate record by the Councillors and duly signed.

4. Members Of The Public Session

Nothing was raised

5. Clerk's Finance Report & Authorisation Of Expenditure

The following pre-authorized payments (incl VAT where appropriate) have been made from the Barclays bank account since the PC meeting on 30th March 2026:-

- Clerk's salary for April 2026
- YLCA Membership - £389
- For Village Hall cleaning: £187.50 (March) & £150 (April)
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.50 x 2
- BT fee for Broadband in Village Hall - £51.40 & £55.60
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £97.85 & £59.84
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £54.03
- Deposit for replacing Village Hall door - £75
- Hallmaster licence for Village Hall booking system - £279

- Lawn Treatment in Scented Garden - £102
- Web site maintenance - £756
- Reimburse Cllr Leveson for various supplies for use in the Village Hall - £53.40
- Public Open Space maintenance - £1,380
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for perennial plants for use in the Scented Garden - £17.97
- Insurance - £1,045.43
- Replacement Salt Bin - £236.29
- Employers NI contribution for 2025-6 - £538.20

The following amounts have been received by the PC into the Barclays account since reported at the meeting on 30th March:

- £14,821.50 precept from City of York Council;
- Village Hall Bookings £1,431
- Tennis membership fees £435
- Double Taxation refund for CYC - £506.43

6. Ratification of Payments

The PC approved the following payments:

- N/A

7. Annual Governance Statement 2025-6

The PC approved the Annual Governance Statement 2025-6 which was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.

8. Accounting Statements 2025-6/Internal Auditor's Report

The PC approved the accounting statements for 2025-6 and these were signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.

9. Planning Applications

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

- 26/00498/FUL 23 Lock House Lane Single storey side extension and alterations to rear fenestration – no objections
- 26/00524/FUL 70 Earswick Chase Two storey side extension, single storey front extension and single storey rear extension – majority objection as the extension forward of the porch makes the frontage of the building cumbersome.

The City of York Council (CYC) reached decisions on the following planning application:

- 26/00524/FUL 70 Earswick Chase Two storey side extension, single storey front extension and single storey rear extension – approved

- 25/01901/FUL - Land To The West Of Strensall Road York - Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping and boundary treatment following demolition of existing stable building - refused Applications where the CYC have outstanding actions:
 - 50 Earswick Chase – the clerk was asked to write to CYC on a weekly basis to urge them to take action on the development taking place without planning permission. **Action BOC**

10. Monthly Equipment Check

Cllr Offler produced a report – no action required at this stage.

11. Replace Of Three Hand driers Inn The Toilets Of The Village Hall.

It was agreed that we should replace 3 hand driers at a cost of £789 each (incl. VAT) and £500 for installation. The clerk was asked to write to the supplier to order the purchase and installation of the driers. **Action BOC**

Once fitted the items need to be added to the asset register and we need to check with the insurers as to whether there is any change required to the policy. **Action BOC**

12. Ratification of decisions

The PC ratified the following decisions:

- i. N/A

13. Items for information

There has been an incident in the Lock House Lane area recently where a resident was attacked by a bully type dog on a rope lead causing damage to her coat and injury to her arm where she had been bitten.

The clerk was asked to officially raise this matter with the police/PCSO. **Action BOC**

The wording of a notice drafted by Cllr Jones was agreed. **Cllr Wiseman** agreed to laminate the notice and put it up around the village.

The clerk was asked to write to CYC asking them to initiate a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for the Public Open space in Earswick. **Action BOC**

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

B O'Connor
Clerk To Earswick Parish Council