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EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Earswick Parish Council, held in Earswick Village Hall on Monday 30th March 2026 starting at 7:30pm.

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

Parish Clerk: B O'Connor

Members of public present: 0

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Offler

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 13th January 2026, 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 13th January 2026:-

- Clerk's salary for January, February & March 2026.
- British Gas payments for the Village Hall - £111.03, £149.11 & £131.94
- E-on Next payments for the Village Hall - £42.78, £45.60 & £35.78
- Reimburse Cllr Lumley Holmes for plants for the Scented Garden - £38.99, £10.99
- River Foss Society membership - £33
- Barclay's Bank charges £8.50 x 2
- For Village Hall cleaning: £175 (Jan) & £150 (Feb)
- BT wifi - £51.40 x 2
- Public Open Space maintenance - £480

- Replacement Bench - £702
- Labour too assemble bench - £120
- St Nicks – work on pond - £720
- Reimburse Cllr Ellis for loft ladder - £399.95
- Installation of loft ladder - £264.46
- Mole control - £120
- Cutting of riverside hedge - £150
- Clerk’s phone allowance - £50
- Reimburse clerk – 5 months IONOS fees plus domain name fee - £94.20
- Cleaning of tennis courts - £1,046.40
- Village hall – water bill - £301.78
- Cut Scented Garden Hedge and remove fence in Diamond Wood - £720

The following amounts have been received by the PC since reported at the meeting on 13th January 2026:

- Village Hall Bookings £914
- Tennis membership fees - £365
- VAT Reclaim - £6,449.98
- Barclays Savings Account interest - £98.32

6. Ratification of Payments

The PC approved the following payments:

- £170 for installation of loft ladder in Village Hall in addition to that authorised on 13th Jan item 10
- £78 for PAT testing electrical equipment in Village Hall
- £25 for installation of bench in Public Open Space in addition to that authorised on 13th January item 8

7. Planning Applications

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

- 26/00434/FUL - The Old Barn Moor Lane Earswick York YO32 9LL - Erection of 1no. dwelling following demolition of existing outbuilding. This was discussed and there were no objections
- 25/02547/FUL – various extensions to 70 Earswick Chase – the PC objected to this planning application.
- 25/01901/FUL – Land to the west of Strensall Road– the PC objected to this planning application.

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

- 25/02164/FUL - Hall Farm Strensall Road York YO32 9SW - part change of use of stables to 2no. storage units with associated external alteration – REFUSED
The clerk was asked to write to CYC as the original application was not received. **Action BOC**

- 25/02547/FUL – various extensions to 70 Earswick Chase - REFUSED Applications where the CYC have outstanding actions:
- N/A

8. Monthly Equipment Check

A check was carried out by Cllr Offler. No further action required at this time but equipment near slide to be cleaned using jet spray when weather is warmer.

9. Village Hall Rendering And Repair Of Front Door)

It was agreed that we would look to get another quote for both items and to defer a decision until the next meeting. **Action Cllrs Leveson, Ellis & Yeowart**

10. Replacement Of Warm Air Hand Dryers In The Village Hall Toilets

It was agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting. **Action Cllrs Ellis & Offler**

11. Grit Bin At Junction Of Strensall Road & Earswick Chase

It was agreed to purchase a replacement bin at a cost of £236.79 including VAT. **Action Cllr Lumley-Holmes**

12. Re-coating Garden Seats, Picnic Benches, Arbors And handrail In The Scented Garden

It was agreed to accept the quote for the picnic tables (£510) and the benches (£550). Cllr Lumley Holmes agreed to see if it's feasible for him to re-coat the other items. The clerk was asked to write to Domestic Chores to confirm arrangements. **Action BOC & Cllr Lumley Holmes**

13. Repair / Cleaning Out Of Centenary Wood Ditch

It was agreed to accept the quote for £1,200 to clean out the ditch in Centenary Wood. The clerk was asked to write to the contractor to accept the quote subject to them having an insurance certificate. **Action BOC**

14. Painting Metal Fence At Lock House Lane Car Park

it was agreed to accept the quote for £995 to paint the metal fence at the Lock House Lane car park. **Action Cllr Jones**

15. Painting Metal Fence Adjacent To 13 Lock House Lane

it was agreed to accept the quote for £490 to paint the metal fence at adjacent to 13 Lock House Lane. **Action Cllr Jones**

16. Painting Metal Fence In Garden Village

it was agreed to accept the quote for £995 to paint the metal fence in Garden Village. **Action Cllr Jones**

17. Pre-Authorised List Of Expenditure

The list was agreed. A signed copy is attached to the minutes

18. Ratification of decisions

The PC ratified the following decisions:

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19. Items for information

- The vegetation that was fly-tipped in Diamond Wood by a resident has now been removed by the City of York Council.
- There have been reports of some dogs becoming ill after possibly eating recreational drugs in the public open space.
- The clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council asking for the Haxby bridge to be condemned and for the Earswick bridge to be repaired. **Action BOC**

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

B O'Connor
Clerk To Earswick Parish Council