

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 1st July 2024.

24131: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

24132: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr S Allen, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Croasdale, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hawes, and Cllr King. Clerk; S Look. Member of the public.
- b. Apologies: Cllr M Allen and Cllr Hopkinson. It was noted that Cllr Marian Allen has resigned from the Parish Council.

24133: **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Cunningham registered an interest in item 24148c.

24134: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Electricity Network to The Old North Selby Mine. Noted.

24135: **Public session:**

- a. Nothing to report.

24136: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Cllr Cattanach reported that he will not be updating the PC on matters discussed at the other meetings he is attending in his division as they tend to be informal meetings to discuss their own parish issues rather than divisional matters. Work continues on the SDC Local Plan but obviously without Heronby. Cllr Cattanach has got concerns about the amount of traffic on the A19 at present. Work has only just started on the North Yorkshire Local Plan and NYC have been asking for potential building sites. The NY Local Plan will still need years to put together as officers endeavour to bring together all the local plans from the old District and Borough councils that now make up North Yorkshire. At County level, in a recent meeting Cllr Cattanach attended, Councillors were adamant that local councils be kept up to date and consulted. Officers agreed that this would be done. Cllr Cattanach suggested that the PC bus shelter lighting proposals could be explored with officers at NY as the shelter is a North Yorkshire asset. However, the Parish Council noted that the bus shelter in question is within the CYC boundary.

24137: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2024.

Finance and Governance

24138: **Finance report:**

- a. Councillors considered and resolved to adopt of the revised NALC model Financial Regulations.
- b. Noted invoice sent to NYC for the Urban Grass Cutting provided by Escrick Parish Council.
- c. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 27 May 2024:	£4968.74	£37,504.54
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		

	S Look – May expenses	-£30.15	
	S Look – Clerks May salary	As agreed	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
		Nil	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
		Nil	
v.	Receipts:		
		Nil	
	Account balances as at 24 June 2024:	£4471.83	£37,504.54

d. Routine payments to be made:

viii.		
	S Look – June expenses	-£18.00
	S Look – Clerks June salary	As agreed
	A Hodgson – Fountain memorial plants	-£57.96

e. Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:

ix.		Nil
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It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

24139: Maintenance issues:

- No new maintenance issues raised. It was noted that there is overgrowth on some footpaths in the village making them difficult to navigate.
- No further update from NYC on the S106 funding to replace the small fence posts surrounding the Dolphin fish fountain.
- Cllr Croasdale raised issues relating to the maintenance of the village green and the bridge with the village green committee and reported actions to be taken by the team. It was noted that more volunteers are needed to support the committee either on an ad hoc or regular basis.
- Councillors resolved to write to a resident on Wenlock Drive concerning an overgrown hedge on the corner of Wenlock Drive / Skipwith Road. To request that it is cut back as visibility is difficult when turning out of the road.

Playing Field / Play Area

24140: Playing field update:

- Inspections done. Cllr Fairbairn reported that the summer event planned by the Playing Field committee will no longer take place due to the lack of volunteers.
- Playing Fields Association meeting was held on 11 June 2024. Noted.

Planning

24141: Planning, new applications:

- ZG2023/0798/REMM. Land Between New Road And Wheldrake Lane, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick. Reserved matters application including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of approval 2019/0045/EIA Outline application for redevelopment of the former North Selby Mine site to a leisure development comprising of a range of touring caravan and static caravans with associated facilities submission of details relating to condition 5 (colour of caravans) and 12 (landscape). Additional info & plans uploaded 20.06.24. Councillors object to the application. Concerns raised about the proposed pedestrian access to

public transport on the A19 as there is not a pedestrian footpath or safe crossing to the northbound bus stop into York. P11 V.5 says permission will be granted if the site is readily accessible to public transport - which it is not. 2.3.2 Policy DP2 on sustainable development says the aim should be to improve Highway network capacity safeguarding routes and sites - the increased traffic flow will not do that. EC5 - states:

1) location should be accessible to local amenities - again it is not, even in their own works they say the site is remote;

2) within walking distance of public transport to York - it at least 40 mins walk;

3) will not create significant volumes of traffic - this is not the case as the report admits that access will primarily be by car. Section T1 - is about sustainable access and states no issues getting onto A19 - councillors strongly disagree with this - especially if towing a caravan.

The wording in the rest of the plan is questionable and has no measures attached to them – e.g. promoting shared car usage - but using their own words on an informal basis.

Concerns were also raised with regards to limiting the access times to avoid congestion on A19 but uses the phrase - initial timings for handover - which means they may change. In short councillors are concerned that this is a fundamental change to the original proposal and feel NYC planning are in breach of their own rules on granting permissions for developments like this, and that greater certainty on future changes should be applied e.g. timings of handovers. Councillors would also like confirmation if NYC are resurfacing the whole mine road. If not, then that could be interpreted as another breach of NYC's own rules as the current road surface is not suitable for current levels of traffic never mind what is being proposed in this application.

- b. ZG2023/1096/TCA. Escrick Church Of England School, Carr Lane. Remove deadwood, diseased and dysfunction material over 50mm in diameter to 10No Beech (500, 499, 498, 497, 495, 489, 488, 486, 483, 481), 1No Purple Beech (492), 2No Mountain Ash (371, 373) and 2No Ornamental Cherry (374, 375), clear communication wires to provide 1.2m clearance to 1No Sycamore (496), remove deadwood, diseased and dysfunction material over 50 mm in diameter and install non injurious cable brace to 1No Beech (494), remove deadwood, diseased and dysfunction material over 50mm in diameter and install 1No non injurious cable brace and crown lift to 5m to 1No Horse Chestnut (493), remove deadwood, diseased and dysfunction material over 50mm in diameter and clear BT communication cable to 1No Beech (491), clear communication wires and crown lift by 5m to 1No Sycamore (490), crown lift canopy to 5m to 1No Sycamore (485), remove stem with poor form to 1No Beech (482), fell 1No Ash (480), crown lift to 5.2m to 1No Ash (G480), fell 2No Acacia (479 and 478), clear adjacent building by 1.8m to 1No Silver Birch (476), crown lift to 2.4m to 1No Crab Apple (370), fell 1No Crab Apple tree (376), c rown lift canopy to 2m to 1No Lime (377), crown lift canopy to 2m to 5No Lime (378, 379, 380, 381 and 382), crown lift canopy to 2.4m to 5No Lime (383, 384, 385, 386 and 387), remove deadwood, diseased and dysfunction material over 50mm in diameter and crown lift to 2.4m to 1No White Poplar Group (388), remove low level tree guard and damaged limb to 1No Copper Beech (389), fell 2No Alder (390, 392), reduce structure to 4m above ground level to 1No Oak (392) and prune branches to clear by 1.2m in width and 3.6m in height to mixed broad leaf (393), fell 1No Norway Maple (394), crown lift to provide 1.8m clearance to 1No Norway Maple (395) and crown lift to provide 1.8m clearance to 1 No Ornamental Cherry (396) covered by TPOs 1/1993 and 18/2022 in the conservation area. Councillors support this application providing replacement native trees are planted and the TPO's are adhered to.
- c. ZG2024/0629/TCA. 2 Church Cottages, Main Street. Fell 1 No Oak tree in the conservation area. Councillors object to an Oak tree being felled unless it is absolutely necessary and it is having a fundamental impact on the outbuilding stated.
- d. ZG2024/0598/TCA. 1 Carrs Meadow. Fell 1 No Ash tree in the conservation area. Application withdrawn.
- e. ZG2024/0627/HPA. 2 Escrick Park Gardens, Escrick. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a sunroom. 4 councillors objected to this application on the basis that the proposed balcony is overlooking the park and is in a sensitive location. Councillors have no objections to the proposals to the ground floor on the plans. 3 councillors abstained from comment.

24142: Planning ongoing:

- a. No further update from Hannah Blackburn in the area planning department regarding the corporate complaint raised in November 2022 with them in relation to 2022/0357/TCA. Hellings House, 73 Main Street, Escrick - the tree work and 2021/1375/HPA. Resolved to request Cllr Cattanach follows this up.
- b. ZG2023/0691/HPA. Grove House Skipwith Road. Gas tank relocation. No progress has been made to remove the gas tank. Resolved to request Cllr Cattanach follows this up with NYC to request the gas tank is relocated as soon as possible.
- c. 2023/0110/FUL - Traves A, Abattoir, Main Street, Escrick, YO19 6JP. No further update.

24143: Planning determinations:

- a. ZG2023/0691/HPA. Grove House, Skipwith Road. Installation of submerged gas tank in the front garden and replace existing tarmac driveway with permeable materials (part retrospective). APPROVED.

24144: Other planning matters:

- a. Selby Local Plan. No further update.
- b. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. Call for sites issued.

Highways items

24145: Streetlighting:

- a. Streetlight 1 is now fixed. Bollard is still damaged on the island in the middle of the A19. Cllr Cattanach to follow up with NYC.

24146: Bus stop lighting:

- a. Cllr King is investigating installing a high powered solar powered light at the York bound bus stop on the A19. Awaiting plans and quote.
- b. Cllr King has investigated the bird scarer noise disturbance reported at the June Parish Council meeting. He has spoken to the farmers, and they have confirmed that they will look at re-setting the equipment where possible.

Other items

24147: Ways of working:

- a. Cllr Croasdale presented a detailed proposal on future ways of working for the Parish Council looking at pro-active community improvement initiatives. Councillors to look at any project ideas / activities and bring them back to the next meeting.

24148: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. North Yorkshire Council Keep North Yorkshire Clean - new anti-littering campaign. It was resolved to order 6 x A4 weatherproof posters to be located on the village green, the bus stop, at the garage (with permission), for the village notice board and in the park.
- c. Letter from the Village Hall Committee requesting that the Parish Council venue arrangements are reconsidered to support the village amenity. Councillors confirmed that arrangements for meetings had been voted on and agreed at the annual meeting in May. It was resolved at the annual meeting to hold monthly meetings at The Parsonage for the next year.
- d. Email received from a resident suggesting wood from the sweet chestnut trees on the playing fields could be used for the jubilee fountain fence posts as it is extremely resistant to rot. Councillors agreed not to pursue this.

24149: Comments from public present on agenda items:

- a. No further comments from members of the public present.

24150: Items for the next meeting:

- a. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 9th September 2024, 7pm** in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.

Meeting closed at 21.20.

Signed: Cllr T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 9th September 2024