

MEETING OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2010 IN ESCRICK & DEIGHTON CLUB

PRESENT: Mr Steve Smowton (*chair*); Mr Brian Forster (*vice-chair*); Mr Mike Russell; Mrs Gina Mannix; Mr Peter Skilbeck; Mrs Sara Cunningham; Mr Bill Reader; Dr Jon Askham; Mrs Lilian Coulson; Mrs Liz Casling *North Yorkshire County Councillor and Selby District Councillor*

APOLOGIES: Mr Charles Forbes Adam; Mr John Reader.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Confirmed as true record with the following alterations.

Store for village green committee – to read:

Should read Mrs Coulson.

As a Parish Council we have deemed planning consent and therefore no application will be required for the store.

Planning application: add:

There was a short discussion on the application to fell the tree at Dower Chase but no conclusion was reached.

POLICE REPORT

Next Joint Action Group meeting on Wednesday 24 February 2010 at 7.15pm prompt in Hemingbrough Village Institute. Practitioner meeting on Friday 26 February 2010 at 10.00 in the Committee Room 1 Civic Centre Selby. Mr Skilbeck would like the issue of speeding at the A19 Skipwith Road junction to be brought to the meeting. The more people representing Escrick at this meeting gives a greater chance of any issues Escrick would like raised being acted upon. The chair will produce a leaflet about this meeting and the need for as many people to attend as possible to all houses along the Skipwith Road corridor. *Action SS*

As the police were unable to attend and had promised the Clerk a report, she is to chase them for this report and add these to the minutes. *Action VC*

MATTERS ARISING:

ESCRICK PLAYING FIELDS

Mrs Mannix had no nothing new to report. Moles are in evidence and she will contact the contractors. *Action GM*

FLOODING

MP John Grogan sent a copy letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive of Yorkshire Water.

They are planning to introduce the fat digesting enzymes into the public sewer located on the A19 outside the Parsonage Hotel. As the bacteria flow through the system they coat the inside of the pipe and digest the fat which is put into the pipe. The system will be dosed annually to maintain the colony of bacteria.

In addition to the introduction of the bacteria they also have a rolling programme of investigations into the public sewer network in Escrick to ensure that the correct disposal of unsuitable materials is followed.

Their Network Protection Officers, Fran Winter and Gemma Hanson will attend the next Parish Council meeting.

The disposal of unsuitable items and fats, oils and greases into public sewers is a regional issue and this campaign to highlight the issues caused by this practise is on their website <http://www.yorkshirewater.com/bin-it.aspx>

NYCC FOOTPATHS

Report the pavement along the A19 south of Main Street to Carr Lane the branches are overhanging onto the pavements making it dangerous for walkers. *Action VC*

SALT BINS

A location has been established and Mrs Mannix to establish the bin is not the way of the local residents. *Action GM*

Another Salt Bin for Woodlands has been requested, but councillors felt this was not justified at this stage.

CHEAPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER

A quote has been received from North Yorkshire County Council with their supplier. The chair will compare with our previous electricity bills to ascertain which is the better option. *Action SS*

DOG FOULING SIGN

Mrs Mannix to remove dog fouling signs. *Action GM*

ACCOUNTS:

The accounts are in credit

A/c No 1	£1697.49
A/c No 2	£3198.44
Agreed to pay:	
Escrick & Deighton Social Club	£10.00
Mrs Cumberland – broadband – Jan & Feb	£27.40
Staples stationery	£92.70
Escrick Estate – rent playing field	£10.00
Rural Action Yorkshire	£35.00
Escrick Estate – tent village green	£328.90
Bruton Knowles – license for Escrick School footpath	£35.00

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

8/10/36E/PA fell or pollard sycamore tree within TPO 4/1977 3 Dower Chase Escrick - *no objections – SDC permission granted*

There was a discussion on this application to fell the sycamore tree, but as permission has been given no further action could be taken.

It was however decided that if a planning application refers to the potential felling of a tree that is subject to a TPO, any decision to support the felling must be made by the full council or, if time does not allow this, the clerk should be informed so that she can convene a sub-committee to make the decision.

York Road Garage – alterations and extensions including extension to car park and vehicle manoeuvring areas and reconfiguration of access arrangements and forecourt layout.

York City Council approved.

Mrs Casling Report

She has made a request for roads/footpaths in the village to be cleaned of leaves and tidied. The pot hole outside the shop has been filled in.

She reported that social care for the elderly is an issue and North Yorkshire County Council have plans to address this.

The Joint Action Group is going to be replaced by Community Engagement Forum. This has been successful in Tadcaster and will cover wider issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Gina Mannix sent a letter of resignation from the Parish Council. The chair thanked her for her services to the council. The new chair of Escrick Playing Fields would be asked to give a report to the meetings.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association have sent a note to all Parish Councils about the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee in 2012. *This item put on next agenda.*

The recent cold weather conditions are difficult for everyone in the village but particularly for those that cannot get out of the house. The chair checked with those that live in Wenlock/Southlands/Northlands and found that nearly all either have professional help or are helped by near neighbours, family or friends, but there are one or two that are virtually reclusive that no-one knows how they are. The chair enquired if there is anything we can do in this instance and was wondering how things are in other parts of the village, perhaps councillors could advise of their knowledge of their part of the village.

Could a register of the vulnerable be made and a note placed in the parish magazine asking if people would like local assistance. The chair wondered about the practicalities of this and requested any suggestions. The meeting agreed that the Chair should put a note in the next parish magazine asking if residents would like to be contacted during periods of difficult weather.

Action: SS.

The following notice was placed in this month's Parish Magazine:

ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL – SERVICES IN THE EXTREME WEATHER. The Council would like to express their appreciation to all the people that provide home services during the extreme weather conditions; the carers, the milk deliveries, the newspaper deliveries and the post. Their dedication to venture out through the worst of the weather has been exceptional and is much appreciated by the village.

Bruton Knowles sent a draft of terms for the license for the footpath at Escrick Church of England School. The fee for this license for five years is £35.00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

Meeting ended 9.02pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 22 March 2010