

MEETING OF ESCRICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 22nd MARCH 2010 IN ESCRICK & DEIGHTON CLUB

PRESENT: Mr Steve Snowton (*chair*); Mr Brian Forster (*vice-chair*);
Mr Charles Forbes Adam; Mr Mike Russell; Mrs Sara Cunningham;
Mr Bill Reader; Dr Jon Askham; Mrs Lilian Coulson;

APOLOGIES: Mr Peter Skilbeck;
Mrs Liz Casling *North Yorkshire County Councillor and Selby District Councillor*

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Confirmed as true record with the following addition:

Mr Reader asked that we add to the minutes that we would check on Mr John Reader's eligibility to continue as a Parish Councillor and the comments on application number 8/10/36E/PA to fell or pollard sycamore tree within TPO 4/1977 3 Dower Chase Escrick.

The Meeting declared open

FLOODING

The chair welcomed the Yorkshire Water representatives Network Protection Manager Fran Winter and Field Case Manager Gemma Hanson to the meeting.

Fran Winter spoke on the progress of the work of the enzyme treatment to be installed shortly in Escrick. Some of the flooding problems have been due to unsuitable material going into the system mainly from The Parsonage Hotel and unfortunately the General Manager is not prepared to accept they are the main cause of the problem. The enzymes are designed to eat the fat in the sewers – the system has been trialled in other areas and has proved successful. The Parsonage Hotel, on condition that this system works, will continue to pay for the maintenance of this system. There will be initially a trial of three months and monitoring will be monthly. The Sang Thai Restaurant have efficient grease interceptors which are working very well and YW do not believe they are responsible for causing the problems. No date was given for commencement of the installation of this treatment system but it is anticipated to be within the next two to three weeks.

Gemma Hanson reported that a study on the pumping station will probably show that additional work will be needed. Main Street flooding was much better than Carr Lane outside the school during the last heavy downpour three weeks ago – it is believed that the clearance of the gulleys into the Beck in this area has helped. The pumping station has been flagged as a priority in the next financial year which starts in April 2010 and there is funding available. Programme for monitoring the pumping station starts in April.

A member of the public spoke about damaged drains and a pipe which used to go into the beck. The garden of "Runnmidd" was flooded recently when there was heavy rainfall. She was reassured that the new enzyme treatment will reduce the smell.

The meeting asked if the Black Bull, Queen Margaret's School and the local Primary School could also be investigated to ensure all potential sources of blockage have been looked at, and YW promised to do so.

YW left complimentary packs of fat busters for removing excess fat in frying pans and grills for home use. These are recyclable.

The chair thanked them attending and leaving us the fat traps and will invite them back in mid summer to give an update on progress of both projects.

The Meeting declared closed

POLICE REPORT

The latest Police Report can be found on the web.

<http://maps.police.uk/view/north-yorkshire/selby>

Mr Reader has reported to the police an attempt was made to break into the church by the door. Mrs Cunningham reported that heating oil had been stolen from the tank outside her home.

DISQUALIFICATION OF COUNCILLOR

After the last meeting the clerk made enquiries about attendances of Parish Councillors and was informed that if a councillor has not attended for six months they are automatically disqualified. Mr John Reader was therefore disqualified as he had not attended any meetings since June 2009. The clerk informed him by letter and the Chair wrote to all councillors advising them of the situation.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES PROGRESS

Mr John Reader has applied for one of the two vacancies. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr John Reader onto the Parish Council. The clerk to inform him. *Action VC*

MATTERS ARISING:

JOINT ACTION GROUP – SPEEDING ON SKIPWITH ROAD

A JAG meeting was held at Hemingbrough, with a good representation from Escrick of three councillors and a dozen residents. This had been in response to the leaflets distributed by Dr Askham, Mrs Coulson and the chair to properties adjoining Skipwith Road; the chair thanked them for their help. It was decided at this meeting that speeding on Skipwith Road would be a priority for the next period.

The chair attended the JAG Practitioners meeting at the Civic Centre in Selby. At this meeting it is decided what actions will be taken to carry out the priorities determined at the JAG meeting. It was decided that a speed monitoring device will be placed near the junction of Skipwith Road and Carr Lane. Progress on this will be reported at the next Community Engagement Forum meeting in April, and NYCC Highways will let the parish council have access to the information from the speed monitoring device. The chair has informed the residents that attended the meeting of this proposed action

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM

The JAG meeting is being replaced by this forum, which includes SDC and NYCC Highways in addition to the police. The next meeting is on 14th April at Barlby High School.

ESCRICK PLAYING FIELDS

Picnic benches have not yet been installed. They will have a tidy up. Chair has contacted Clean Streets in Selby to clear the bins etc. Mole clearance has been carried out on the Playing Fields and the Village Green. The Escrick 10k run is on August 22nd. Their bank balance is £4232.00.

NYCC FOOTPATHS

The clerk contacted the Highways and the footpath along the A19 has been cleared.

TREE ON WENLOCK DRIVE OBSCURING LIGHT

The overhanging tree at Wenlock has been dealt with by the Chair who has asked the property owner to trim the tree.

SKIPWITH ROAD - TREE OBSCURING LIGHT

Mr Forster advised that the property owner was intending to trim the tree which partially blocks the light.

SALT BINS

Mrs Mannix has not spoken to the appropriate persons.

Action Chair

CHEAPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER

Quote was higher than our current supplier, so no further action will be taken.

DOG FOULING SIGN

Mrs Mannix has taken the sign down. A note to be placed in parish magazine about people leaving their bags with dog's excretion on the paths and not taking them to a bin.

Action SS

DIAMOND JUBILEE IN 2012

Put on agenda next meeting.

REGISTER OF THE VULNERABLE

Mrs Vivienne Smith of 5 The Glade requested to be on the register.

ACCOUNTS:

The accounts are in credit

A/c No 1	£1697.49
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A/c No 2	£2972.44
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It was agreed to pay:

Escrick & Deighton Social Club	£20.00
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Mrs Cumberland - broadband - March	£13.99
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Mrs Cumberland - Salary 2009/2010	£1,988.00
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Mrs Cumberland - postage	£7.20
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Yorkshire Local Councils Association	£262.00
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Tarmac Lighting	£146.82
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Website Hosting - 3 months	£12.30
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Mrs Cumberland - postage	£15.16
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Mole Control	£126.00
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Meeting declared open

8/10/123L/PA Erection of detached dwelling with car port on land at the junction with Poplar Row Street Record Carr Lane Escrick

Mr Forbes Adam declared an interest.

Mr Luscombe, the designer of the building and a local resident, was present during this open session and answered questions from councillors and the public. He then withdrew, together with Mr Forbes Adam, whilst the members of the public put their views to the council.

Mr Forster had visited all the local residents and summarised his findings. It was an interesting application due to the position, the narrow plot and the unique design. The applicant had sought advice from the Chair and Vice Chair before submitting the application and had taken their concerns before finalising the plans.

Conservation area: The Applicant has sympathetically addressed the conditions in this area. This plot of land is bigger than the eight properties which front onto Carrs Meadow and the plot is comparable with No 2, No 16 and No 8 Carrs Meadow. It was noted that there had been no objections raised by councillors or members of the public about the building itself which was of a high standard, but there was a view expressed by many that the area should not be developed at all.

Flooding issues: Mr Luscombe has liaised with the Environmental Department at Selby District Council and Internal Drainage Board, and had commissioned an independent survey of the flood risk. The proposed plot will be eighteen inches above the existing footpath which is higher than the recommendations of the Environment Agency

Highways: He has liaised with Gary Lumb from North Yorkshire Highways who visited the site, and has taken the plans to Glen Donaldson at North Yorkshire County Council. They had no objections to the proposal; the car parking area includes space to turn a vehicle round so that it can leave facing forwards.

Safety: The applicant has taken into consideration the sight lines from the old part of Main Street onto Carr Lane. A property will be obvious and at night there will be domestic lighting at the property which will give some light compared to the present where there are no lights at all. The proposed wall has been set back to provide two metre visibility and this meets the design standard of North Yorkshire County Council. Setting the fence back and keeping the original three trees will potentially provide better visibility than at present. The elevation from the balcony overlooks Carr Lane and not onto private properties. The only property it will overlook is Mr Luscombe's own property.

Public response: This is one of the few areas in the centre of the village which is a green area and local residents do not want to lose the green space. There were concerns expressed of safety especially as the Fulford High School bus stops at this point and at school times children are crossing the road here. Cars are sometimes illegally parked in the area at school dropping off times.

The issue of the building line was raised and Mrs Coulson reported that there are no restrictions. There is no formal building line, and the properties already built along Carr Lane will have complied with highway conditions at the time where access for vehicles was a requirement in front of garages.

There were concerns about safety during the building work and Mr Luscombe acknowledged this is a valid concern and one he is working on. He is making plans to control conditions, e.g. building material deliveries will not be made during school times.

The Meeting declared closed

Mr Forbes Adam left the meeting.

By majority, it was decided that the council supported the application and had no objections but would reflect in the comments to Selby District Council that there was a strong desire by local residents and some councillors that the area should remain an open space.

8/10/144D/PDA - 3 Dower Park Escrick Consent to carry out works to oak tree T1 to within TPO No 5/1984 - *no objections*

8/10/138A/PA Works to trees within TPO 2/1992 Runnidd, 40 Main Street Escrick

Planning sub-committee – *to be discussed at the next meeting*

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Paul Harrison thanked the Parish Council for supporting his application for extensions and improvements to York Road Garage. Thanks were expressed by the council to Mrs Coulson for her work in connection with this planning application.

Selby District Council - Consultation on draft core strategy. The consultation period is between 18th February and 1st April 2010.

Tarmac Lighting will continue with their maintenance contact at the fixed schedule of rates fixed until 31st March 2011.

Email from Peter Oxley, North Yorkshire County Council:

Arriva will re-register service 415, which will include the rationalisation of the 2325 late Friday evening journey from Selby; to terminate at Riccall Chapel at 2338, in line with the current Monday to Thursday timetable. In addition, there will be a minor route change to some evening Monday to Saturday services, which will operate via Fulford Broadway. The service is scheduled to start on 12th April 2010.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Reader – light near to the fountain is obscured. *Action VC*

Meeting ended 9.53pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: AGM - Monday 10 May 2010