

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 5th October 2026.

26148: Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting

26149: Co-option of a new councillor:

- a. It was resolved to co-opt Stewart Allen as a new councillor.
- b. Register of Interest and Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms completed and signed

26150: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. Present: Cllr Allen, Cllr Barber, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr Hopwood and Cllr King. Clerk; S Look. Members of the public.
- b. Apologies: No apologies received.

26151: Declarations of Interests: Cllr Hopkinson declared an interest in item 26161b. 26/03643/FUL. Glebe Cottage.

General updates

26152: Public session:

- a. Request made by member of the public present for a zebra crossing to be installed on the A19 to allow residents to get to the doctors surgery and church safely. It was explained that national guidelines would discourage this due to it being an 'A' road with a 40mph speed limit.
- b. Concerns raised again about Wendlo House being operated as an Air BnB. It was confirmed that a decision has not been received by the planning inspectorate yet. Clerk to contact NYC for an update again.

26153: Public correspondence received:

- a. Emails regarding informal discussions with the new owner of the former Queen Margarets School. It was pointed out to residents that any discussions that have taken place with the new owner of QM have taken place outside of the official Parish Council meeting and therefore are not in the minutes of September meeting.
- b. Email regarding Heronby asking if the Parish Council will be objecting to the proposals again and supporting the Halt Heronby campaign group. This was confirmed to be carried forward as a policy.
- c. Email regarding a community WhatsApp society set up by a resident for members of the 'Village Green Preservation group'. The resident is leading the campaign about the trees that were felled prior to the planning applications for Carrs Meadow. It was argued that the resident needs to amend the name of his group as the trees in question were not on the village green and it is a misrepresentation.
- d. Email regarding the lack of grass cutting outside 1 Wenlock Drive. It was noted that it is not on the grass cutting contract as the residents around this area tend to maintain the areas around their own properties. Some residents have also planted up bulbs and requested in the past that the contractors do not cut it as they prefer it to be done to their standard rather than a contractor trim. It was resolved that as it is the Parish Councils responsibility to maintain all these areas, it was agreed to get a quote from the grass cutting contractor to add it on to the contract to consider at the next meeting.
- e. Email regarding grass cutting that has been missed on Escrick Park Gardens. It was noted that the Parish Council contractors do not maintain this area as residents have historically done it. It has become apparent that, as vehicles have been parked on the grass it has churned it up making it difficult to cut easily. Cllr King to look at options in the coming weeks if required.
- f. Councillors to consider adding this area to the grass cutting contract at the next meeting once a quote has been received.

26154: Updates from other authorities:

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattnach not present. No report.
- b. Community Police Support Officer not present. No report.

26155: Minutes:

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026.

Finance and Governance

26156: Governance:

- a. Confirmed the 2026-27 annual insurance renewal. Still in a long-term agreement until October 2027.
- b. Suggestions considered for 2027-28 expenditure in preparation for the budget meeting in December. To consider adding the extra grass cutting to the village maintenance contract.

26157: Finance report:

- a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 1st September 2026:	£4520.94	£44,721.18
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – August expenses	-£18.00	
	Escrick Park Home Farm – Village Green rent	-£10.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	S Look – Clerks salary and back payment	AS AGREED	
	HMRC- September payment	-£56.33	
	Clear Councils – Annual insurance premium	-£1445.95	
	Npower – Fountain electricity	-£1.51	
iv.	Internal Transfer	Nil	
v.	Receipts:	Nil	
	Account balances as at 28th September 2026:	£3045.48	£44,721.18
II.	Routine payments to be made:		
viii.			
	S Look – September expenses	-£18.00	
	Unity – monthly payment	-£7.00	
III.	Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:		
ix.		Nil	

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

26158: Maintenance issues:

- a. No new maintenance issues reported.
- b. No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. Clerk to keep chasing this.
- c. Yorkshire Water drainage / pumping station issues. Yorkshire Water have opened an investigation into the adequacy of the system in Escrick and the recurring problems. No update.

Village Green

26159: Village Green update:

- a. A representative from the Village Green Association (VGA) present reported that the Walnut trees have been assessed and trimmed by a contractor with further work to be done.
- b. Investigation works ongoing into the pond levels as they are dropping regularly.
- c. The wildflower meadow has been cut back that had a lot of Blackthorn in it. To be re-seeded again with wildflowers.

Playing Field / Play Area

26160: **Playing field update:**

- a. The Playing Fields Association have confirmed that they are looking into the rabbit hole problem.
- b. Update received on Escrick 10K 2027. Concerns raised whether the grounds of the former Queen Margrets School will be accessible. Contingency measures to be investigated.

Planning

26161: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. 26/05039/FUL. Charnwood 27 Wenlock Drive Escrick. Internal and external alterations including a replacement staircase, repositioning of a window and replacement roof tiles and addition of solar panels. No objections raised by the PWG.
- b. 26/03643/FUL. Glebe Cottage Church To Glebe Farm Escrick. Variation of planning permission 2016/1320/HPA to replace the approved summerhouse with a garden room and amend the approved single-storey extension to incorporate bifold doors and a flat roof forming a roof terrace. No objections raised by the PWG.

26162: **Planning determinations:**

- a. No planning decisions received.

26163: **Other planning matters:**

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan update. Briefings for Parish Councillors to be held in October to introduce the consultation process the Council is holding on the Local Plan Scoping Consultation and draft Engagement Strategy. Noted.
- b. Light Valley Solar project. No further update at this stage.
- c. ZG2026/0178/FUL. Land Off Carrs Meadow. Erection of five detached homes with garages, parking and landscaping. No update.
- d. ZG2026/0165/COU. Wendlo House, 38 Main Street, Escrick. Change of use of residential property to short term let (retrospective). REFUSED. Appeal lodged. No update.
- e. Councillors resolved no further action is required at this stage regarding any plans for the former Queen Margarets School.
- f. City of York Local Plan. CYC are now undertaking a [Scoping Consultation](#), the first stage in the new plan-making process. This Scoping Consultation asks for your views on: What the new Local Plan should cover and how York could change and grow; What evidence can help us better understand York and its communities; How we should engage with you. The Scoping Consultation takes place between **Monday 28 September 2026 and 11:59pm on Sunday 8 November 2026**.
- g. 26/05591/SCOPE. Land South Of Stillingfleet Road And West Of The A19, Approximately 1km South-west Of Escrick (NGR SE 61740 41392). **Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion** for outline planning permission, all matters reserved except access, for a multi-phased sustainable new settlement comprising: up to 3,500 dwellings; employment floorspace; settlement centre and neighbourhood centre retail and commercial uses; public and social uses including community centre, sports pavilion and health centre; 1 no. 3-form entry primary school; 1 no. 2-form entry primary school; 1 no. secondary school; 1 no. senior living/care home facility; 1 no hotel; a new Country Park; park and ride facilities, comprising up to 150 spaces; associated landscaping work; highways work including 2 new roundabout junctions on the A19 and priority junction improvements on Stillingfleet Road; associated active and sustainable travel improvements;

and associated infrastructure including Sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme (SuDs), utilities and enabling works. Comments by 17 October 2026. This is NOT a request for comments to a planning application, it is an EIA scoping assessment only. Councillors resolved to object. Response agreed by councillors.

Highways and lighting items

26164: **Streetlighting:**

- a. Proposed lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai is still in the planning stage. No update. Clerk to follow this up again and ask Cllr Cattnach to help escalate it again.

26165: **Highways:**

- a. Renewal of line markings outside Escrick School. The road markings have been refreshed however further markings require refreshing. This has been reported to NYC. No update.

Other items

26166: **Escrick Quarry Community Liaison Group annual meeting organised by Plasmor:**

- a. Cllr King to give an update at the next meeting when the annual meeting minutes have been issued.

26167: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Parish Liaison updates noted.
- c. Request for Declaration of Third-Party Attachments and Electrical Connections to North Yorkshire Council Streetlighting Assets. Not applicable to the Parish owned lights.
- d. Email from Keir Mather MP regarding a correspondence received from an Escrick resident requesting a 20pmh speed limit on the A19 near the church and the doctors surgery. Clerk to respond to explain that Escrick Parish Council would welcome any reduction in the speed limit on the A19 through Escrick village and explain about the requests for a controlled crossing to enable residents to get to the doctors surgery and church safely.

26168: **Comments from councillors and public present on agenda items:**

- a. It was noted that, according the mobile librarian, the school are no longer taking the children to the mobile library due to staffing issues. Clerk to write to the school to clarify this and see if there are any issues they would like the PC to raise.
- b. It was noted that a red car has been abandoned on Skipwith Road with a shredded tyre. Clerk to contact the PCSO.
- c. Clerk to advertise the Mayor of North Yorkshires Local Transport consultation on the PC website. Suggestion to add a request for extra flashing 'people crossing' warning speed signage on the A19.
- d. Concern raised regarding the Carr Lane/ Carrs Meadow junction white / yellow lines and people parking dangerously and illegally.
- e. Concern raised about lack of progress made by NYC to the PC queries.

26169: **Items for the next meeting:**

- a. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 2nd November 2026** at a revised time of 7.30pm. Admin & Finance committee to meet at 6.30pm prior to the full Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 2nd November 2026