

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 1st December 2025.

Part 1

25230: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

25231: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr S Allen, Cllr Barber, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hawes and Cllr Hopkinson Cllr King. Clerk; S Look. Members of the public.
- b. Apologies: None

25232: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations received.

25233: **Co-option of new councillor:** Councillors resolved to co-opt James Hopwood onto the Parish Council.

25234: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Recommendations made to the Parish Council on responses to planning applications and planning assessment methods going forward. Clerk to forward response from councillors to the member of the public concerned.
- b. Light Valley Solar correspondence. Noted. See item 25244b.
- c. Open letter regarding development and infrastructure in Sherburn. Noted.
- d. Ponding of water on Wheldrake Lane. Matter has been reported directly by a member of the public to Cllr Cattnach and NYC. Clerk to follow up with Cllr Cattnach to see if progress has been made.

25235: **Public session:**

- a. Member of the public again expressed concerns that Wendlo House, 38 Main Street may be being used as a 5-bedroom Air BnB. It was confirmed that planning permission has not been granted for change of use.

25236: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattnach not present. Cllr Cattnach sent councillors an update on the potential bus stop lighting options for the A19/Sang Thai stop. NYC have already agreed that they will put in financial backing but CYC are yet to say if they will contribute. Cllr Cattnach has also agreed put in some of his locality budget if he is allowed to do so as these shelters sit in the City of York area.
- b. Community Police Support Officer. No updates received.

25237: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Finance and Governance

25238: **Finance report:**

Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i	Account balances as at 28 th October 2025:	£4464.84	£49379.74
ii	Payments made since last meeting:		
	Unity – monthly service charge	-£6.00	
	PWLB loan payment	-£1467.74	

	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
		Nil	
iii	Internal Transfer:	£3000.00	-£3000.00
iv	Receipts:	Nil	
v	Account balances as at 28th October 2025:	£5991.10	£46,379.74
vi	Routine payments to be made:		
	Unity – November monthly service charge	-£6.00	
	Ark – Village Maintenance / Grass cutting 2025	-£4618.15	
	HMRC – November payment	-£16.02	
	S Look – Clerks November salary	As agreed	
	S Look – November expenses	-£18.00	
	Autela Payroll Services – Aug to Nov 2025	-£84.00	
	S Look – Printer ink for Chairman	-£45.49	
vii	Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:		
		Nil	

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

25239: Maintenance issues:

- No new maintenance issues raised.
- No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. Escalated complaint to Cllr Cattnach.
- Report at last meeting of overgrown hedges adjacent to two properties on the east side of the A19. Clerk has contacted one of the properties that the hedge could belong to in order to ascertain who is responsible. No response to date.

Playing Field / Play Area

25240: Playing field update:

- Inspections done. Clean up took place on Sunday 30th November.
- It was confirmed that the Escrick 10k organising committee has disbanded as a separate legal entity, and the EPFA legal entity will organise future events. There will be no event in 2026.

Village Green

25241: Village Green update:

- Village Green Association update given.
- As discussed at the November PC meeting, residents have reported three overgrown Walnut trees on the village green which are extending over Halfpenny Close. NYC have confirmed that the trees are protected under TPO 7/2023 and therefore an application is required to do any works to them. An arboricultural specialist has now confirmed to the VGA that as a result of the survey they recommended that an application is made to North Yorks Council to crown lift the 3 trees above Half Penny Close to a height of 5.2m to avoid any future damage to trees or vehicles. VGA to meet on 14th January 2026 to consider what further action will be taken.
- The VGA have made an application to NYC to remove and replace the decayed Corkscrew Willow on the village green on the recommendation of a tree surgeon.
- VGA have made a request to the Parish Council to order a Christmas Tree for the village green on behalf of the VGA however the mature Nordman Fir requested is out of stock. Awaiting further instruction from the VGA.

Planning

25242: Planning, new applications:

- a. No new planning applications received.

25243: Planning determinations:

- a. ZG2025/0932/TPO. 15 Dower Park Escrick. Stem clean to the main union, reduce canopy height and spread by 2.4 metres and remove dead and dysfunction material over 30 mm to 1 No Oak tree (T1) protected by Tree Preservation Order 5/1984. REFUSED.
- b. ZGPD/2025/0106. 39 Skipwith Road, Escrick. Permitted development enquiry to establish if planning permission is required for removal of boundary hedge and erection of a new boundary fence (1.8m high) and a new driveway surface. Formal planning permission is not required for the driveway or boundary fence with 37, however planning permission required for the proposed fence along the private road.
- c. ZG2025/1014/TPO. Land Off Carr Lane Escrick. Application for consent to fell 3No. Scots Pine trees (T1, T2 and T3) covered by TPO 12/2023 and in a conservation area. REFUSED.

25244: Other planning matters:

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. No further update.
- b. Targeted consultation in place for Light Valley Solar. Councillors noted further objections received including the submission to consultation objecting to the application from Skipwith Parish Council. Councillors resolved to add Escrick Parish Councils name to a collective PC letter to NYC that South Milford Parish Council have proposed.
- c. ZG2023/1110/FUL: Post Office Row 7 Main Street Escrick. Planning enforcement issue raised regarding the unauthorised felling of a mature Cherry tree. Enforcement ref; 2025/0167/HTREE. No update. Clerk to follow up.
- d. Update given on the complaint received regarding permissions required for Wendlo House being used as an Air BnB. Resident has contacted NYC planning and Keir Mather MP. It was confirmed that an application has not been submitted to NYC for change of use.
- e. Councillors considered installing EV chargers in Escrick as part of the NYC electric vehicle charging infrastructure programme and looked at possible sites for locating them. It was resolved to not apply to the scheme based on the stringent requirements and location issues.

Highways items

25245: Streetlighting:

- a. Proposed lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai. Cllr Cattnach is investigating options with NYC and City of York Council Officers. See 25236a.

Other items

25246: Correspondence received:

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Parish Liaison update November 2025 noted.
- c. Mobile library service will start in the parish on 19th January 2025 at 11.30am until 12.30pm. It will park on Main Street and visit once every four weeks. It was noted that the advertising poster supplied by NYC does not have specific times and dates of the service for Escrick, just a QR code which could lead to accessibility issues for the targeted audience. Clerk to contact NYC for a poster with information printed on it. Cllr King to print.

25247: Comments from councillors and public present on agenda items:

- a. Speeding concerns on Skipwith Road raised again.

25248: Items for the next meeting:

- a. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 5th January 2026**.
- b. It was noted that the Pocklington School minibus is now using the old layby on the A19 at the bottom of Carr Lane during rush hour traffic which is dangerous and causing congestion due to the number of cars dropping

off/picking up. Clerk to contact the school and ask them to find a more suitable location such as outside the club on Main Street.

Part 2

25249: **Confidential items:**

- a. Resolved to exclude Public and Press as confidential items to be discussed.

25250: **Village Maintenance contract:**

- a. Quotes for village maintenance contract for 2026/27 received and considered. Councillors resolved to accept the quote from Ark Facilities Ltd based on a three-year contract.

25251: **Budget 2026-27:**

- a. Proposed budget/precept setting arrangements made by the Admin & Finance accepted by councillors. It was proposed to keep the precept at the current rate of £22,560 for 2026/27.

Meeting closed at 21.00hrs.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 5th January 2026