

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 2nd June 2025.

Part 1

25113: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

25114: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr S Allen, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hopkinson and Cllr King. Clerk; S Look. Members of the public.
- b. Apologies: Cllr Hawes.

25115: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations of interest received by councillors.

25116: **Co-option of new councillor:** No new councillors have applied to join the Parish Council.

25117: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Correspondence regarding planning application EZ2025/0338/FUL - Carrs Meadow, Escrick. Noted.

25118: **Public session:**

- a. Members of the public expressed concerns about the proposed development on Carrs Meadow. A resident raised concern that the land proposed is not big enough for development as it is too narrow with the houses proposed are too close to the road. A resident said they were not informed about the proposed development until a neighbour informed them recently. It was noted that unfortunately, NYC no longer notify neighbours of planning applications however the proposal was put in the parish magazine by the Parish Council in October 2024 and has been on subsequent Parish Council agendas and minutes. Concerns raised that if the development is approved there is a possibility that the developer may only build one property at a time however this has not yet been confirmed.

25119: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattnach not present. Cllr Cattnach has received many emails regarding the planning application for Carrs Meadows. As Planning Chairman, he reported it would be inappropriate for him to comment as that would bar him from taking part in any committee decision. Concern raised by councillors and members of the public present there is no longer anyone to represent Escrick parish at a Divisional level.
- b. Community Police Support Officer report. There has been a couple of incidents of note which are road related incidents and ASB nuisance – a report of kids throwing stones at cars on the A19. There has also been a report of travellers camping on private land, however they have now moved on.

25120: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025.

Finance and Governance

25121: **Finance report:**

- a. Resolved to defer suspending Financial Regulation 5.8; For contracts greater than £3,000 excluding VAT the Clerk shall seek at least 3 fixed-price quote. This is in relation to the contract with CYC to install a new streetlight next to the York bound bus stop on the A19 near Sang Thai. It was noted that as the PC no longer has General Power

of Competence and S137 funding power would be required for this expenditure. The PC needs two thirds of the number of PC seats (11) elected to qualify for GPC.

b. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 2 May 2025:	£5113.96	£45,257.38
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – April expenses	-£23.94	
	NYC – streetlighting energy 2024-25	-£1322.23	
	S Look – Clerks April salary	As agreed	
	NYC – streetlight maintenance 2024-25	-£1065.61	
	B Hopper – Internal Audit 2024-25	-£120.00	
	HMRC – clerks pay	-£10.07	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:	Nil	
iv.	Internal Transfer	Nil	
v.	Receipts:	Nil	
	Account balances as at 28 May 2025:	£5113.96	£45,257.38

c. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – May expenses	-£23.94
	S Look – Clerks May salary	As agreed

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

25122: Maintenance issues:

- CLlr Chambers has planted up the flowerbeds at the village signage and done general weed clearance on Skipwith Road. It was noted that the hedges need cutting. Clerk to contact the village contractor.
- No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. Clerk to follow up.
- No update on funding available for the replacement fencing around the fish fountain. CLlr Chambers to repaint it as a temporary measure.
- Clerk has contacted the owner/representative responsible for the hedge/tree maintenance required on the A19 near the York bound bus stop (near Sang Thai) who have confirmed they will look into getting it cut back. No timeframe given.
- The hedge outside 1 Wenlock encroaching the path and limiting visibility when turning onto Skipwith Road from Wenlock Drive again. Clerk has reported it to NYC who have confirmed they will write to the property. Clerk to write to the property and the property owner requesting action.
- Report of overgrown vegetation on A19 central reservation verge near the Stillingfleet junction. Clerk to report to NYC highways.
- Report of a car that is being repaired on the cut through between Main Street and Carrs Meadow near the iron gates to QM school entrance. Clerk to ascertain who owns the land.
- Report that the silver spruce outside Sangthai is overgrown again. Clerk to contact them.
- Report on Facebook about a Rose bush on the cut through footpath opposite the Parsonage. The estate has confirmed it is on their maintenance list to do. It was noted that both sides of the hedges need cutting back. Clerk to contact the Estate about the hedge and write to the property on the east side.

Playing Field / Play Area

25123: Playing field update:

- Inspections done. Damage to the springing duck reported. Area needs resurfacing.

Village Green

25124: Village Green update:

- a. Nothing to report.

Planning

25125: Planning, new applications:

- a. No new planning applications received.

25126: Planning ongoing:

- a. ZG2024/1279/TCA. The Holt, 9 Carr Lane, Escrick. Tree work and proposed TPO's. Escalated to local MP Keir Mather. NYC have now agreed to a meeting with the property owner. Cllr Chambers to attend.
- b. ZG2025/0338/FUL - Land Off, Carrs Meadow, Escrick. Erection of No. 8 dwellings and associated garages and landscape.

25127: Planning determinations:

- a. ZG2025/0354/HPA. 4 Southlands Close, Escrick. Single storey side rear extension to form kitchen/diner and cloak room to front. Permission granted.

25128: Other planning matters:

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan.
- b. Noted the following consultations:

North Yorkshire Local Plan: our first conversation, May 2025 - NYC are asking for views on the priorities and issues the North Yorkshire Local Plan can help address. Planning working group presented a proposed response to councillors. To be signed off at the July Parish Council meeting. Deadline for comments Tuesday 15th July 2025.

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, May 2025 - Sustainability Appraisal is a legal requirement to assess the economic, social and environmental effects of the local plan and to monitor its impacts.

- c. Update on the Light Valley Solar project. Drop-in events for local residents and businesses in the vicinity of the Project at the end of June 2025 and consultee workshop 18th and 24th June for just key stakeholders including Parish Councillors. Clerk has contacted Light Valley Solar to express concerns that both events are during office hours making them inaccessible to most councillors. No response.

Highways items

25129: Speeding:

- a. Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 40mph speed limit on Skipwith Road and Mill Hill ongoing. NYC have acknowledged the Parish Councils request to extend the 40mph to past Mill Hill towards Skipwith rather than stopping at the brow of the hill. This is going to be discussed with the Traffic Management Officer at North Yorkshire Police to seek their support.
- b. A request was made to NYC for speed monitoring signage in the village. NYC Highways have confirmed this is not allowed. Speed camera signs can only be installed where there are fixed camera locations.

25130: Streetlighting:

- a. Councillors discussed the options for lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai. Breakdown of the installation costs to get a streetlight installed adjacent to the York bound bus shelter received. It was noted that to get a full unmetered connection light installed on the York inbound bus stop it would cost more than the PC has the power to spend under S137. Resolved to look at options again at the next PC meeting regarding the expenditure including revisiting the solar light or the southbound side option.

Other items

25131: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Quickline email received with contact details if the PC is interested in discussing the progress of Project Gigabit and Quickline's fibre rollout in more detail or if you have any specific questions or concerns. Community Engagement team email address is communityengagement@quickline.co.uk.
- c. NYC are looking at operating a mobile library roll out in the area. The mobile library will visit the parish once a month. Request received for information where the library van can park in the parish. Councillors suggested for it to be located at the Main Street bus stop outside the club (east side). Request to be made that it does not arrive during school pick up/drop off time due to the congestion in the area.

25132: **Comments from public present on agenda items:**

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

25133: **Items for the next meeting:**

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 7th July 2025, 7pm** in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.

Part 2

25134: **Confidential business:**

To consider and resolve whether to exclude Public and Press on the grounds that matters for discussion affect individual staff members/ procedures/ legal/ finance issues.

25135: **Playing fields:**

- a. A report of an incident was noted. Awaiting any further update from the PFA.

Meeting closed at 21.30hrs.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 7th July 2025