Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held at The Parsonage Hotel at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Part 1

26170: **Welcome: Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting**

26171: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

26172: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations of interest received.

General updates

26173: **Public session:**

a. A member of the public requested confirmation that his emails he had sent to the Parish Council had been circulated. Clerk confirmed they have. The member of the public went on the question if Cllr King has a prejudicial interest in the Carrs Meadow planning application.
b. A member of the public spoke in objection to the Carrs Meadow development and opposing the way NYC planning department are requesting that the Parish Council determine what recreational open space contributions are spent on prior to any planning decision being made.
c. A member of the public highlighted potential problems with a tree on Carr Lane following recent storms. Chair to inspect the tree to determine condition and report back to councillors.
d. Member of the public thanked the Parish Council for their support with campaigning to prevent Wendlo House being operated as an Air BnB without planning permission. The owner of the property lost his appeal and a family is now living in the property. Resident to monitor for any future changes of use.

26174: **Public correspondence received:**

a. Request received from 'Tea by the Lock' for a cake shed in the village. Councillors agreed to support this in principal and considered various options for a location. It was agreed to pass on the details of various groups for the person to pursue. It was agreed that the Memorial Bus Shelter on Main St is not suitable.
b. Email from a Stillingfleet resident opposing the proposed Heronby development. The resident has been given the information of Stillingfleet Parish Council and the Halt Heronby group.
c. Feedback from resident regarding a private WhatsApp group that has been set up discussed at the October parish council meeting. Noted.
d. Several emails received from residents objecting to the proposed Carrs Meadow development. Noted.

26175: **Updates from other authorities:**

a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Cllr Cattanach chaired the Plasmor annual meeting but did not have anything to report back.
   Cllr Cattanach has just over £3000 of locality budget available for projects within his 8 parishes. He is not looking at helping with "routine maintenance" but he would like to help special projects with additional funding. Applications would be required by the end of the year.
   Cllr Cattanach wants to reiterate that he is against the Heronby development. The proposal was dropped from the Selby Local Draft Plan and this is the link to the paper that was the City of York input and why Selby dropped it.

Agenda item - City of York Council response to consultation on Selby District Council 'Pre-submission Publication Local Plan Consultation

b. Community Police Support Officer not present. The police have confirmed that they cannot get the abandoned car on Skipwith Road moved at present. It is taxed until May 2027, the MOT expires 16 December 2026. PCSO Gaskell is still investigating it. Councillors stated that the car is defective and contravenes the highways act and therefore needs to be moved. Clerk to follow it up.

26176: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th October 2026.

Finance and Governance

26177: **Finance report:**

a. Noted the YLCA and NALC Membership Subscription fees for 2027/2028 increase of 2.5%.

b. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	**BMM account**
i.	**Account balances as at 28th September 2026:**	**£3045.48**	**£44,721.18**
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – Clerks salary and back payment	AS AGREED	
	HMRC- September payment	-£56.33	
	S Look – September expenses	-£18.00	
	Unity – monthly bank fee	-£7.00	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
		Nil	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
		£3000.00	-£3000.00
v.	Receipts:		
	Precept- 2nd instalment		£11,280.00
	Savings account interest		£226.18
	Account balances as at 26th October 2026:	**£5380.16**	**£53,227.36**

II. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – Clerks salary	AS AGREED
	HMRC- October payment	-£23.71
	S Look – October expenses	-£34.62
	Unity – monthly bank fee	-£7.00
	PWLB; Streetlighting payment	-£1467.74
	R Rowson – Microsoft annual fee	-£155.52

III. Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:

ix.		Nil

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

Maintenance

26178: **Maintenance issues:**

a. Leaves have been building up on the path near the bus shelter on the A19 and near the church. It was agreed to monitor this and request NYC to clear them in December.

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. Cllr Chambers reported that YW have carried

out some trial holes ahead of plans to replace some clean water pipes in the area. This was on Riccall Road/A19 at the junction of Skipwith Road, at the junction of Carr Lane and opposite Rutland House.

Village Green

26179: **Village Green update:**

a. Nothing to report.

Playing Field / Play Area

26180: **Playing field update:**

a. Nothing to report.

Planning

26181: **Planning, new applications:**

a. No new planning applications received.

26182: **Planning determinations:**

a. No planning decisions received.

26183: **Other planning matters:**

a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan update. Briefings for Parish Councillors 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. 9 changes have been put forward to the planning inspectorate but they do not affect the Escrick parish area. Objections have previously been submitted.
c. ZG2026/0178/FUL. Land Off Carrs Meadow. Erection of five detached homes with garages, parking and landscaping. The NYC planning officer has asked the parish council for views on the developers contribution on Recreational Open Space should the application be approved. In this instance, ROS contributions could be sought for either: New off-site provision at a rate of £1,095 per dwellings; or Improvements to existing off-site provision at a rate of £991 per dwelling. Councillors do not accept this development and it was resolved to respond explaining NYC should not be approving any development that does not align with the policies of the NDP of this Parish, hence the planning application should be refused, making comments about CIL funding not appropriate at this stage.
d. ZG2026/0165/COU. Wendlo House, 38 Main Street, Escrick. Change of use of residential property to short term let (retrospective). REFUSED. Appeal refused. Noted.
e. No update regarding any plans for the former Queen Margarets School.
f. 26/05591/SCOPE. Land South Of Stillingfleet Road And West Of The A19, Approximately 1km South-west Of Escrick (NGR SE 61740 41392). The Heronby development project team requested feedback on their recent exhibition. The Parish Council continue to oppose the development. Nothing has fundamentally changed since your first attempt regarding the unsuitability of the proposed scheme and the impact of building on this greenfield site or the massive increase in vehicles using the already overcrowded A19 through our village and beyond, that would ensue. It was noted that the Langwith development on Elvington airfield has been approved by CYC which would be a similar size to Heronby adding to the traffic congestion in the area.

Highways and lighting items

26184: **Streetlighting:**

a. Proposed lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai is still in the planning stage. CYC Head of Highway Assets has confirmed that funding is secured and these works are being planned. The relevant officer will be in touch with Escrick PC to provide more detail soon.

26185: **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.
b. Further correspondence received from Keir Mather MP on Speeding through Escrick and pedestrian crossing request for the A19. He is going to follow up the PC request for a crossing.

Other items

26186: **Escrick Quarry Community Liaison Group annual meeting organised by Plasmor:**

a. Cllr King gave an update from the Plasmor annual meeting. They have now been issued with an environmental permit to store inert waste. They are up to 8000 tons of inert waste. Since September 2025 they have extracted 175,000 tons of clay from the quarry.

26187: **Correspondence received:**

a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
b. Parish Liaison updates noted.
c. Reports of incidents at the former North Selby Mine. Noted.

26188: **Comments from councillors and public present on agenda items:**

a. A resident gave feedback on the Carrs Meadow application and stated the case officer has been put under pressure to approve the application. A recommendation was made to stress to the planning officer that the PC object to the application but are obliged to respond to their request.
   Re the Plasmoor update, the resident reminded councillors that in the past there has been complaints about the stench on the A19. Cllr King confirmed that Plasmor are aware of this and measures have been taken to ensure this does not happen again.
b. A resident stated that if the PC are to respond to the planning department in response to their request for local input on S106 for the Carrs Meadow development at this stage, it would strengthen the planning application in favour of approving it. Concerns were raised about the way NYC planning have implied that the PC's input will 'assist in determination' of the application. Councillors resolved to add to their response the planning inspectorates comments to the previous rejection to development on this site.

26189: **Items for the next meeting:**

a. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 2nd December 2026** at 7pm.

Members of the public left the meeting.

Part 2

26190: **Confidential items:**

a. Councillors resolved to exclude Public and Press on the grounds that matters for discussion affect individual staff members/ procedures/ legal/ finance issues.

26191: **Village Maintenance contract:**

a. Councillors considered any amendments to the village maintenance contract with the addition of any maintenance areas for 2027-28. It was agreed to add additional areas that have been identified. This will be added as a bolt-on to the contract so that it can be monitored.

26192: **Budget 2027/28:**

a. F&A committee councillors confirmed the budget/precept setting arrangements for December Parish Council meeting.
b. It was agreed to ask the Village Green Committee and the Playing Fields Committee if there were any projects they would like the Parish Council to fund.
c. Clerk to get a quote from NYC for bus shelter lighting / free standing solar lighting on the A19 north and south bound stops at Escrick Business Park and the entrance to Hollicarrs.

Meeting closed at 21.30.
Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council
Date: 7th December 2026