

# Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.

## Part 1

24287: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

24288: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

24289: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations of interested registered.

24290: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Email received regarding the proposals for the jubilee fountain fencing. Carried forward to item 24295b.

24291: **Public session:**

- a. No items raised by member of the public present.

24292: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. The North Yorkshire Council tax will be increasing by 4.99% in April. Cllr Cattanach confirmed his locality budget will go down to £5000 per annum for 2025-26.
- b. Awaiting Community Police Support Officer report for February.

24293: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.

## Finance and Governance

24294: **Finance report:**

- a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	<b>Account balances as at 24 January 2025:</b>	<b>£4700.43</b>	<b>£35,943.89</b>
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – January expenses	-£18.00	
	S Look – Clerks January salary	As agreed	
	R Rowson – Escrick.org hosting	-£19.19	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Nil		
iv.	Internal Transfer		
v.	Receipts:		
	Nil		
	<b>Account balances as at 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025:</b>	<b>£4176.52</b>	<b>£35,943.89</b>

- b. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	S Look – February expenses	-£18.00
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	S Look – Clerks February salary	As agreed
	Annual data protection fee (Direct debit)	-£52.00
	Npower – fountain and festive lights electricity	-£43.62

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

ix.	Nil
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It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

## Maintenance

### 24295: Maintenance issues:

- a. In February the clerk reported to CYC that the bus shelters on the A19 near Sang Thai needs cleaning. No action has been taken to date. Clerk to follow it up.
- b. Councillors considered alternative options to replace the fencing around the fish fountain. It was noted that there are highways considerations to bear in mind due to visibility for motorists turning out of the Main Street junction. Councillors recognised that fencing or bollards might help stop vehicles parking on there. Lighting options discussed. It was resolved to ask residents opinion in the next Parish Magazine.

## Playing Field / Play Area

### 24296: Playing field update:

- a. Inspections done. PFA meeting took place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Next meeting to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to make arrangements for the spring clean-up.

## Village Green

### 24297: Village Green update:

- a. It was noted that Mr Michael Luscombe has now taken over as Chair of the Village Green association.

## Planning

### 24298: Planning, new applications:

- a. ZG2024/1279/TCA | Reduce by approximately 3.6 - 4.8m to 4 No Lawson Cypress trees (T1-T4), dismantle and reduce to 50 mm to 4 No Leylandii trees (T5-T8), reduce limbs by approximately 3.6m to 4 No Leylandii trees (T9-T12), dismantle to 50 mm above ground to 1 No Willow tree (T13), remove limbs extending over garage to 2 No Beech trees (T14 and T15) in the conservation area | The Holt 9 Carr Lane Escrick YO19 6JQ. Response submitted stating that Escrick Parish Council, for the Health and Safety reasons, highlighted in a document submitted with photographs, along with the improvement in safe light space this will bring to the School playground, support the application for long overdue tree reduction. For the reasons stated in the document submitted, the planning committee strongly request NYC sanction this work at their earliest convenience.

### 24299: Planning ongoing:

- a. 2023/0110/FUL - Traves A, Abattoir, Main Street, Escrick, YO19 6JP. No update on the potential receipt of any S106 funding (should this scheme proceed) for the purchase of new playground equipment at this point. Clerk to contact Ulllyotts for an update.

### 24300: Planning determinations:

- a. 2023/0798/REMM. Land Between New Road and Wheldrake Lane, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick. Reserved matters application including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of approval 2019/0045/EIA (Outline application for redevelopment of the former North Selby Mine site to a leisure development

comprising of a range of touring caravan and static caravans with associated facilities) and submission of details relating to conditions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 of 2019/0045/EIA. PERMISSION GRANTED.

**24301: Other planning matters:**

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. No further update.
- b. Update received from the new Rural Housing Enabler for the Escrick area. For the Escrick parish profile the independent data shows that there is a need for 9 affordable homes in Escrick. Councillors understand the need for affordable housing but are concerned that the report does not propose a solution. Clerk to respond and request an engagement meeting when a plan has been put together.

## Highways items

**24302: Speeding:**

- a. No further update at this stage from highways regarding the request for a reduction of the speed limit on Skipwith Road past Queen Margarets School entrance to 40mph. Keir Mather MP has agreed to contact NYC to campaign on behalf of the parish council. It was confirmed that it is unlikely to get a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph. NYC have confirmed that the setting of a successful speed limit is a highly technical matter governed by much research and guidance by the Department for Transport (set out on their website). The implementation of 30mph speed limit is based on simple criteria relating to frontage development and distance: 20 or more houses and a minimum length of 600 metres. History of collisions, road geometry and engineering, road function; composition of road users, existing traffic speeds and road environment are also all taken into account.

**24303: Streetlighting:**

- a. Clerk contacted NYC regarding the replacement T Junction bollard on A19 (Skipwith Road junction) as the inspection cover was left open and the top section of the lighting appears crooked. Cllr Allen to check if action has been taken and report back to the clerk.
- b. Chair to meet with a representative of CYC to discuss options for lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sang Thai. To report back at the next meeting.

## Other items

**24304: Maintenance improvement working group:**

- a. Cllr Cunningham confirmed that the maintenance working group would like to continue to work together to highlight areas of improvement required in the parish.

**24305: Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Selby and Ainsty Parish Liaison Meeting minutes, 30th January 2025 noted.
- c. North Yorkshire Council - Sports Facilities Research. Cllr Cunningham to complete the research on behalf of the Parish Council.
- d. VE Day event in Escrick – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Escrick & Deighton Club to pull together ideas for ways to mark the occasion.

**24306: Comments from public present on agenda items:**

- a. No further comments.

**24307: Items for the next meeting:**

- a. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 7pm** in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel.

**24308: 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.**

**24309: Email correspondence:**

- a. Councillors discussed email forwarding arrangements and GDPR requirements. Resolved to share all documents on the shared drive and councillors to copy the clerk into external correspondence relating to the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 20.20hrs.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025