

# Escrick Parish Council

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

## Part 1

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

24288: **Apologies/Attendance:**

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

24289: **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Fairbairn declared an interest in agenda item 24298b.

24290: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Suggestions for improvements to the War Memorial bus shelter such as a village coffee shop, free library, art exhibition space. Clerk to investigate any past restrictions made and suggest resident approaches the owner of Rudding House, 36 Main Street for their views on any potential change of use.
- b. Correspondence from resident regarding ZG2024/1279/TCA (agenda item 24323a).

24291: **Public session:**

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

24292: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Update sent on proposed NYC boundary review.
- b. Community Police Support Officer report. Escrick 3 calls to service; Road related 1, suspect circumstances 1, abandoned call 1.

24293: **Minutes:**

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

## Finance and Governance

24294: **Finance report:**

- a. The year end annual accounts were accepted for submission to the internal auditor.
- b. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	<b>Account balances as at 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025:</b>	<b>£4176.52</b>	<b>£35,943.89</b>
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	S Look – February expenses	-£18.00	
	Unity – February monthly service charge	-£6.00	
	S Look – Clerks February salary	As agreed	
	Annual data protection fee (Direct debit)	-£47.00	
	Npower – fountain and festive lights electricity	-£43.62	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
31/03	Unity March monthly service charge	-£6.00	

28/03	S Look – Clerks March salary	As agreed	
28/03	S Look – Clerks salary Jan underpayment	-£33.40	
28/03	S Look – March expenses	-£18.00	
iv.	Internal Transfer		
v.	Receipts:		
	HMRC VAT refund		£1793.96
	Savings credit a/c interest		£239.06
	<b>Account balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025:</b>	<b>£3036.26</b>	<b>£37,976.91</b>

c. Routine payments to be made:

viii.	YLCA Annual membership	-£384.00

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

ix.	Autela payroll – Q4 Dec 2024 to March 2025	-£94.56
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It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

## Maintenance

### 24295: Maintenance issues:

- CLlr Chambers has removed discarded cardboard packaging from near the War Memorial and disposed of it. He has also swept the bus shelter and tidied up the flower beds at the village signs.
- No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. Clerk to follow up with CYC.
- Councillor Chambers has put a notice in the parish magazine asking residents to consider alternative options to replace the fencing around the fish fountain. Any comments to be submitted to the Parish Council by the end of April. Resident from next to the fish fountain has purchased some more plants for the area.

## Playing Field / Play Area

### 24296: Playing field update:

Inspections done. Big spring clean-up took place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Hedge has been cut back. Moss needs treating /removing from between the rubber matting. Some of the equipment will need repainting in the summer.

## Village Green

### 24297: Village Green update:

- Village green tidy up took place this month with two new volunteers helping.

## Planning

### 24298: Planning, new applications:

- ZG2025/0227/HPA. The Brambles, 12 Woodlands, Escrick. Alterations to front porch and bay window, ground floor extensions and first floor extension over the garage. Councillors have no objection to the application, subject to the planning officer satisfying themselves regarding impact on neighbours' amenity and ensuring that matching / compatible materials to the existing property are used. Councillors would like the windows to be kept in their current format to match those of all the houses in the street.
- ZG2025/0327/TPO. 5 Carrs Meadow, Escrick. Fell 3 No Ash trees in the conservation area. No comments.
- ZG2025/0354/HPA. 4 Southlands Close, Escrick. Single storey side rear extension to form kitchen/diner and cloak room to front. No comments.

#### **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 contacted Ulllyotts for an update. Some demolition work is in progress and preliminary sales particulars are being prepared with the view to the site being offered for sale during spring/early summer. Resolved to remove from the agenda.
- b. ZG2024/0946/HPA. Belmont, 23 Skipwith Road, Escrick. Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP), 10kW EXCEEDING 0.6M3. Planning appeal reference APP/U2750/W/25/3362389. Representations to the planning inspectorate by 22 April 2025. Noted by councillors.

#### **24300: Planning determinations:**

- a. ZG2024/1279/TCA. The Holt, 9 Carr Lane, Escrick. 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 consent to fell T7 & T13 (cypress and willow) and prune the trees indicated as T14 and T15 (Beech) in the Escrick Conservation Area be APPROVED. The proposed works to the Cypress trees T1-T4, T9-T12, T5, T6 & T8 be REFUSED. If satisfactory progress is not made prior to 26<sup>th</sup> April, Councillors resolved to escalate a complaint to Keir Mather MP. To also escalate a complaint to the Health & Safety executive at NYC and the NYC Parks & Grounds communication officer at Trees@northyorks.gov.uk.

#### **24301: Other planning matters:**

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. Call for Sites still open and sites viewable on NYC website. 'Issues & Options' document to be published in May followed by further consultation on priorities for the area.
- b. Update received from the new Rural Housing Enabler for the Escrick area. NYC are actively seeking potential land within the 3 parishes and contacting local landowners. They are looking for a small plot of land – for example 1 acre can site up to 12 units. The affordable housing need that has been identified across the 3 parishes of Escrick, Riccall and Kelfield is 20-23 with a mix of two and three bed houses along with some bungalows. This would be for affordable housing only. Councillors resolved to engage with the officer when and if any land is put forward for consideration. Clerk to advise officer that the majority of potential land is estate owned.
- c. F & W Forestry Ltd have been appointed as service providers for Woodland and Tree Management for Escrick Estate. As part of this appointment they have been instructed to deliver a new Woodland Management Plan across the Estate, which outlines the next 10 years of woodland management activities including felling and restocking proposals. Resolved to respond to this consultation based on views agreed with Moreby Wood group feedback.
- d. Councillors noted the City of York Local Plan 2017-2033 adoption statement dated 27 February 2025.

### **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.

#### **24303: Streetlighting:**

- a. No further update on the Skipwith Road illuminated bollard.
- b. Chair met with a representative of CYC to discuss options for lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai. Awaiting quotes for the following options: 1. Streetlight installed adjacent to the York bound bus shelter; 2. Streetlight installed opposite the York bound shelter; 3. Solar light adjacent to the York bound shelter. To carry over to the May Parish Council meeting.

## Other items

### 24304: **Maintenance improvement working group:**

- a. Cllr Cunningham confirmed that although she would like the maintenance working group move forward, work commitments have meant that progress has not been made. Resolved to remove from the agenda.

### 24305: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Councillors noted the NYC standards bulletin and Parish Liaison update.
- c. Councillors noted Escrick & Deighton Village Hall annual accounts.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 7pm** in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel. This will be the Annual meetings of the parish and the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 20.30hrs.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025