

Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 7th September 2026.

26128: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting

26129: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr Barber, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr Hopwood and Cllr King. Clerk; S Look. Members of the public.
- b. Apologies: No apologies received.

26130: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations received.

General updates

26131: **Public session:**

- a. A member of the public made a request for the Parish Council to build a strategy in preparation for plans going forward for Heronby and the former Queen Margrets School.
- b. A resident reported continuous problems with the use of Wendlo House as an Air BnB.

26132: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Further correspondence regarding Wendlo House, 38 Main Street, Escrick. Noted.
- b. Correspondence received from a resident regarding the company information on the new owner of the former Queen Margarets School.

26133: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattnach not present. No report. Raffle info sent for councillors information.
- b. Community Police Support Officer not present. No report.

26134: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026.

Finance and Governance

26135: **Governance:**

- a. The NYC Community Governance Review to reduce the number of Escrick Parish Councillors from 11 to 9 has now been approved. To come into effect from the May 2027 elections.
- b. Resolved to accept the Clerk's salary increase in line with the National Joint Council committee (NJC) terms and conditions. To be back dated to 1st April 2026.

26136: **Finance report:**

- a. Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i.	Account balances as at 30th June 2026:	£4026.91	£47,496.37
ii.	Payments made since last meeting:		
	HMRC – June payment	-£18.02	
	Unity June monthly service charge	-£7.00	

	S Look – June salary	As agreed	
	S Look – June expenses	-£18.00	
	A Hodgson; plants for near the Fountain	-£63.97	
iii.	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	Unity July monthly payment	-£7.00	
	HMRC – July payment	-£17.82	
	S Look – July salary	As agreed	
	S Look – July expenses	-£18.00	
	Npower – fountain lighting energy	-£0.94	
	Npower – fountain lighting energy	-£1.31	
	Autela – April to July payroll	-£72.00	
	HMRC – August payment	-£17.82	
	AM Castle – Removal of dead tree on The Glade	-£420.00	
	S Look – August salary	As agreed	
	PKF Littlejohn – 2025-26 external audit	-£252.00	
	Npower Fountain electricity IN16138620	-£1.53	
	Npower Festive Lighting electricity IN12644251	-£32.90	
	Npower Fountain electricity IN15297694	-£1.64	
	Npower Fountain electricity IN15702842	-£1.31	
	Unity - August monthly payment	-£7.00	
	Cloudnext; Domain annual fee	-£60.00	
iv.	Internal Transfer	£3000.00	-£3000.00
v.	Receipts:		
	Unity – credit interest		£224.81
	Account balances as at 1st September 2026:	£4520.94	£44,721.18

II. Routine payments to be made:

viii.		
	S Look – August expenses	-£18.00
	Escrick Park Home Farm – Village Green rent	-£10.00

III. 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

26137: Maintenance issues:

- No new maintenance issues reported.
- No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. Clerk to keep chasing this.
- Yorkshire Water drainage / pumping station issues. Yorkshire Water have opened an investigation into the adequacy of the system in Escrick and the recurring problems. No update.

Village Green

26138: Village Green update:

- Nothing to update from the Village Green Association (VGA).

Playing Field / Play Area

26139: Playing field update:

- a. Nothing to report from the Playing Fields Association. Cllr Hopwood reported recurring problems with rabbit holes on the playing field. Concerns that it is currently unsafe for users. Clerk to contact the EPFA.

Planning

26140: **Planning, new applications:**

- a. ZG2026/0515/HPA. Bridge House, 12 Carr Lane, Escrick. Erection of a single storey rear extension and other minor alterations. Comments submitted. No objections.

26141: **Planning determinations:**

- a. ZG2026/0511/TCA. Cobweb Cottage, 15 Main Street, Escrick. Fell 1 No Holly (T1) and fell 1 No Juniper (T2) in the conservation area. Approved.

26142: **Other planning matters:**

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan update; New Call for Sites map issued and available to view on [Call for sites June 26](#). It was noted that Heronby is still on the plans. No comments can be made by members of the public or the parish council at this stage of the process.
- b. Councillors noted the new National Scheme of Delegation changes for planning w/e 31st October 2026. Applications will be split into two types, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2. Schedule 1 applications will be determined at officer levels; Schedule 2 applications will be delegated to officers to determine unless the nominated officer and the nominated member agree the application should be referred to the planning committee.
- c. Light Valley Solar project. No further official update at this stage. Cllr King gave an update on his feedback from the information meeting Held in July. It was agreed Cllr King would give updates on the actions taken by the group opposing the scheme at future meetings.
- d. SELZG2026/0178/FUL (previous reference numbers ZG2026/0178/FUL, APP/U2750/W/25/3377009, ZG2025/0338/FUL). Land Off Carrs Meadow. Erection of five dwellings comprising of five detached homes with garages, parking and landscaping. Resolved to OBJECT to the application. Councillors stand by the original submitted points and objections to this development that were backed by North Yorkshire Council (NYC). Further comments to be raised in detail regarding flood risk, the design proposals, the impact on the character and appearance of Escrick conservation area, the NDP and Highways issues. The substantive planning issues that the PC had previously highlighted remain in this latest application.
- e. ZG2026/0165/COU. Wendlo House, 38 Main Street, Escrick. Change of use of residential property to short term let (retrospective). REFUSED. Appeal lodged by the applicant which Escrick Parish Council objected to. No further update from the planning inspectorate at this stage.

Highways and lighting items

26143: **Streetlighting:**

- a. Proposed lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai is still in the planning stage. CYC are awaiting a quote from their streetlighting team. No update received despite chasing this up with CYC officers. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow up on this issue in writing every four weeks from the last communication.

26144: **Highways:**

- a. Request for a 30mph speed limit extension on Skipwith Road. The police have confirmed that the available outcomes of their investigations would be the establishment of a Community Speed Watch Group or Safety Camera Vehicle enforcement site to deter drivers from exceeding current speed limits. The data they have collected indicates that at present neither of these outcomes would be effective or suitable for the road. They have confirmed that road will face no further action from North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau at this time.

- b. Renewal of line markings outside Escrick School. The road markings have been refreshed however further markings require refreshing. Clerk has contacted Highways with photographic evidence.

Other items

26145: **Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Parish Liaison updates noted. NYC parking machines across North Yorkshire are going to be upgraded.
- c. New planning making system briefings noted. Applications uploaded prior to June 2026 will only be able to be viewed on the legacy system. All new applications are on the updated system. Further information can be found on the notices page of the Parish Council website or the planning pages of North Yorkshire Councils website.
- d. Letter from Keir Mather MP to parish councils regarding road safety concerns and speeding in the area. Noted.

26146: **Comments from councillors and public present on agenda items:**

- a. Further comments made by a member of the public present objecting to the Carrs Meadow planning application with a request to apply to amend the Escrick NDP to add the Cordon Sanitaire land as an area of public interest and protect it as village green space. Noted but not agreed.
- b. Cllr King to update councillors at the next meeting on the Plasmor Quarry annual meeting that he will be attending on behalf of the Parish Council.

26147: **Items for the next meeting:**

- a. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 5th October 2026**.

Meeting closed at 20.26.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 5th October 2026