

New Earswick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting
21 October 2024
Business Commenced at 19.00 hours

Attending Councillors:	Sue Glenton (Chair)	(SG)
	Christine Cooke	(CC)
	Roy Love	(RL)
	Christine Durrant	(CD)
	Will Durrant	(WD)
	Yvonne Orton	(YO)
	Carol Runciman	(CR)
	Audrey Steel	(AS)
	Joan Whitehead	(JW)
Clerk/Minute Taker:	Sally Bruckshaw	(SB)

24.10.01 **Notices of the meeting**

The notices of the meeting had been posted on the Parish Council notice board and web site.

24.10.02 **To receive and note apologies from Members who were unable to attend the meeting**

None received.

24.10.03 **To consider and accept the reasons for absence provided**

None required.

24.10.04 **To receive declarations of interest on any items on the agenda**

None.

24.10.05 **To receive reports on Police matters**

A Monthly report for September – Only one incident was listed on the report.

B Graffiti on bus shelters – COYC had cleaned the Rowan Avenue bus shelter to remove the graffiti and also checked the Station Avenue shelter.

C 2024 Crime and Community Survey – The details were included in the circulation folder if individual Members wished to respond.

D Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan – Consultation – SG to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

E Dates for future Drop In sessions – CD and SB had attended the Drop In earlier in the day, along with one member of the public who was not a local resident. The next date had been arranged for Saturday, 16 November at 10.00 a.m.

24.10.06 **Membership of the Council**

One Casual Vacancy remained.

24.10.07 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September, 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

24.10.08 **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

A Adoption of Bio-diversity Policy. Amendments to the document requested by YO had been included. YO notified Members of a visit to a recycling centre that she was due to attend. In addition a meeting with a manager at the Folk Hall was confirmed to discuss the recycling arrangements there.

RESOLVED: That the Bio-diversity Policy be adopted by the Parish Council.

24.10.09 **To receive correspondence since the previous meeting other than that circulated for information**

A Update from NERF – CD notified the meeting that she was now acting Secretary for the group.

24.10.10 **Attendance at meetings**

A York Bus Forum – CC had attended a recent meeting and notified Members of the topics discussed, including a very interesting speaker.

B Meeting with JRHT – Managing Director – SG and a representative from Hartrigg Oaks had met to discuss the bursary properties, initially included at the development. Originally twelve properties, this number had been reduced to two, however, five were now confirmed. The operation of a village support scheme using facilities at Hartrigg Oaks was also outlined.

C Haxby Patients Group – Involvement of Physician Associates – JW to raise this at a future meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting had been received and were included in the circulation folder.

D COYC – Introduction of 20 mph speed restrictions – SG had attended this meeting. Members of the Parish Council had different views on the introduction of the restrictions to a wider area. Comments could be made on the COYC web site. Discussion also took place on the ongoing campaign to have a pedestrian crossing installed on the road outside the Folk Hall

24.10.11 **Finance Committee – 25 September, 2024**

The draft minutes of the meeting had been circulated to everyone. CR went through these in more detail including the progress report on the internal audit recommendations. The annual review of the assets register had been completed and a date was to be agreed for the external assets check.

Background details from the grant applications had been considered. It was felt that the amount available for Section 137 should be increased from when the budget was set (£6,000 to £10,000) and reserves used if necessary.

RESOLVED: Members accepted the findings of the Committee.

24.10.12 **Grant applications (Section 137)**

A New Earswick Sports Club – Application towards the installation of a solar energy system. It was noted that an update on the previous grant awarded towards the installation of fire doors at the venue had been received.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2500 be awarded.

B Mindfulness Minds - Representatives of this newly formed group had attended the event held in September to discuss grants. The group had been funded initially by NERF. Following the submission of the application the name of the group had changed from Mindfulness Rocks York.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1000 be awarded.

C Update from JRHT – What's On grant – A report on the use of the grant had been received and was notified to the meeting.

24.10.13 **Maintenance of School Clock (Parish Council Act 1957 s2) – Funding**

An application for £496 from the Primary School in relation to the maintenance of the clock situated on the building had been requested. It was agreed that this should be approved. A request for the time display on one side of the clock to be corrected was to made.

RESOLVED: That a payment of £496 be made towards the maintenance of the clock.

24.10.14 **Campaign to Protect Rural England - Annual renewal**

RESOLVED: That the annual membership fee of £36 be renewed.

24.10.15 **JRHT – Contact arrangements for residents**

Residents continued to comment on the limited opening hours of The Garth and the lack of privacy if issues were raised at the Folk Hall reception.

24.10.16 **JRHT – Tenant notification relating to overgrown hedges**

Members felt that reminders to all tenants relating to their responsibility to maintain hedges, should be issued early each year.

24.10.17 **Improvements to signage in the Parish**

Confirmation of the ownership of the older wooden signs had not been clarified. They required maintenance to improve their appearance.

It was agreed that above three matters should be raised with the Resident Involvement Officer at JRHT.

24.10.18 **To approve the financial transactions listed below**

Income

2nd instalment of precept	14000.00 (27.9.24)
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Payments

A Wel Medical	68.28 (20.9.24)
B Petty Cash	50.00 (20.9.24)
C JRF (Landscaping and installation of seat)	551.02 (26.9.24)
D Royal British Legion (Section 137)	300.00
E Salary (October)	As agreed

RESOLVED: That the above payments be accepted.

In addition payments were confirmed for the grants and membership fees outlined at the meeting as well as the Remembrance wreath and room hire charges. The quarterly finance statement and bank reconciliation for the period to the end of September would be issued during the week. A finance check was to be arranged.

24.10.19 **Items for the next meeting**

Feedback on recycling.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.50 hours.

Signed _____ Chair, 18 November, 2024

