

# Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor A Fisher

**NOTICE** is hereby given that there will be a meeting of **The Parish Council on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.15pm** at the Village Hall, Strensall for the purpose of transacting the business shown on the Agenda below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend

## AGENDA

1. To note apologies for absence and approve the reasons given
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest under the Parish Council Code of Conduct or Members register of interests
3. To approve the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and endorse the approved Planning Committee minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017
4. Public participation on any other subject (members of the public please note the maximum time for this, in accordance with Standing Orders, is at the discretion of the Chairman and limited to 10 minutes; no person may speak more than once and for no more than 2 minutes. No verbal response will be given)
5. To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:
  - (a) to receive the resignation of Councillor Harvey-Walker and accept the application received – **14 working days up on Friday**
  - (b) to note the monthly police report (appendix 2)
  - (c) to confirm the decision on playground equipment for Kirklands- Cllr Fisher to sign quote
  - (d) To report on the Village Show
  - (e) to discuss and decide on replacement trees , varieties and location
  - (f) to discuss and approve the insurance renewal for 2018
  - (g) to formalize arrangements for bulb planting
  - (h) to discuss possible request to amend the speed limits along Ox Carr Lane
  - (i) to approve the advertisement for a grass cutting contract commencing in 2018
  - (j) to vote on cemetery issues
  - (k) to discuss the highways alterations to York Road and decide on any action required
6. To receive a report from the Planning Committee Chairman and approve any recommendations

## 7. FINANCE

- (a) To approve the following invoices for payment:-

(i) Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii) O2 mobile	£18.47	DD
(iii) R J Cartmell	£771.50	
(iv) RJ Cartmell cemetery	£403.00	
(v) HMRC tax and NI	£377.88	
(vi) Mr O'Hare cemetery and Barley rise moles	£195.00	

(vii) Park Lane RPII playground inspection	£72.00
(viii) Mr J Chapman expenses	£77.74
(ix) Yorkshire Water	£7.04
(x) Directions Planning	£810.00
(xi) Beaver Plant	£645.00

(b) Income:

Refund from CCTV contribution at Village Hall	£53.43
Overpayment of cheque to Parkers	£6.00
Interest	£2.01

© Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£.47,351.02
Cemetery Account	£.10,324.75
Contingency Account	£43,998.15 + £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,414.79 + £10,000 bond

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) letter from Historic England
- b) letter from Mrs Ellis
- c) letter from Mr Skeldon
- d) e-mail from City Council planning on local plan

9.NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.15pm

*Sue Nunn*

PARISH CLERK

## NOTES FROM THE CLERK

### October meetings

I have been offered a free weeks' holiday from 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> October and with your permission I would like to accept. I will prepare everything for the meeting so far as I am able and catch up when I return.

### Kirklands

The positioning of the equipment has been agreed and the order placed. The date for installation is October half term week. The Council can then go ahead with the PSPO and the signage will be provided by the Police. The amended quote needs your approval.

### Cemetery

Following the attendance of members of three families, the Chairman agreed that this would be discussed once again at the meeting. There are likely to be representatives at this meeting and the item listed on the agenda is to discuss and decide whether the rules and conditions are outdated and require amendment.

The rules and conditions were amended to include black headstones about 5 years ago with the decision to include colours of military insignia on headstones only. The dimensions are dictated by the high water table and condition of the land which is why graves are single depth only. The rules and conditions were last discussed and updated in 2015 when it was agreed to follow York Cemetery in permitting Christmas decorations and ornaments throughout December but that if not removed by 25<sup>th</sup> January of the following year, they would be removed and destroyed. Notices are placed on the gate and in the notice board advising relatives. This was expanded to include birthdays and anniversaries with a time limit of one week for each.

I have received tearful submissions from two relatives whose spouses are in the cremated remains section saying that they are seriously considering removing the ashes to another cemetery with rules that are observed.

All relatives should be aware that they have the exclusive right of burial of their loved one but the land ownership is not transferred and remains in the possession of the Parish Council.

I would point out that families are notified of the rules and conditions on application and sign to say they understand and will observe them. They are reminded again when the memorial application is made. The Parish Council vote was unanimous to retain the Cemetery without extra items at the last discussion and I would stress that there are 134 people buried and 33 interred as cremated remains and of that number, the families of less than 10 of them wish to change the rules. The question you will be asked to vote on is "do you wish to amend the rule and conditions relating to the Cemetery" it will then be a simple show of hands for yes or no.

Mr Lawrence wishes you to ignore the legislation as it is, in his opinion, outdated and irrelevant. That is not a matter for debate – the law is the law and must be observed.

There have been applications for amendment in previous years. Mrs Gibson was permitted to have a stone pigeon on her husband's grave as she moved away and no flowers were being placed on the grave. Mrs Bucknell really wanted lanterns at the side of her son's headstone and this was agreed provided all other items apart from flowers were removed. If anyone has a genuine wish for something not usually permitted then they can apply to the Council with a request and giving reasons. There are no precedents and each case is viewed and decided separately.

#### Grass Cutting

The present contract is due to expire at the end of 2017. I would like to place a notice in the October outreach inviting tenders for either a 1 year, 3 year or 5 year contract so that this can be agreed at the November meeting for commencement in January 2018. I should be grateful for your approval for this

#### Clerks Vacancy

I have received requests for application forms from one qualified Clerk already serving two parishes and a resident who currently works for a Borough Council in a different capacity. To date I have not received an actual application.

#### Grants

I applied for Ward Grants for the purchase of a pole saw and new strimmer and was successful. These are now being purchased. I also applied and was successful in a grant for £500 for spring bulbs. Cllr Hains and I are planting the crocus and anemone bulbs in the area York Road/Kirklands.

Cllr Bolton – bulbs along the verge of Lords Moor Lane?

Volunteers to plant at the back of the bench on York Road open space -

Anywhere else?

I have yet to hear whether a grant is possible to resurface Chip Shop Alley but am very grateful to Ward Cllrs for the grants approved today.

**Your Neighbourhood is covered by the  
York North, Neighbourhood Policing Team.**

**York North Information to Parish Councils – (Strensall with Towthorpe**

**DATE : August 2017**

**INCIDENTS OF NOTE:**

<b><u>Incident Type</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	6	
Vehicle Crime	1	
Burglary		
Criminal Damage	1	
Drug Offences		
Theft	1	
Violence	2	



## **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT EVENTS**

**Next PCSO Pop-up Drop in Session**

**Coming soon**

**Update on any Crimes from Last Month**

## **PARISH COUNCIL CONCERNS**

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## **ACTIONS PARISH COUNCIL INTEND TO TAKE BASED ON THIS INFORMATION**

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