

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor A H Fisher

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Fisher (Chair) Bolton, Maher, Ogilvy, Baxter, Jakobsen, Mattinson, Fleming, Mrs J Smith and Mrs D Hails
Two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Chapman, Chambers, Hill and Harvey-Walker

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11th April were approved and signed. The Council endorsed the approved Planning Committee minutes of the 11th and 25th April **Resolution 090517/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Police Report**– the Chairman confirmed that, although it appeared that Strensall was crime free, there had been an unpleasant incident involving youths frightening an elderly lady walking her dog down by the river. It was agreed that an article on facebook and in Outreach warning ladies to stay safe by walking in groups would be a way of warning the public.
Resolution 090517/02
- (b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – the Chairman confirmed that this would be on hold until the future of the Barracks and Towthorpe Lines was decided and, as all grants were time constrained, there was no point in applying for grants until the monies could be spent. **Resolution 090517/03**
- (c) **Dog Fouling**– The general opinion was that there seemed to be a decrease in the amounts of dog mess but that the stencils were more

effective than just spray. It was agreed to seek and purchase pink and green spray and some stronger stencils. Any resident who wished to assist can be given a can of spray paint. It was agreed that Jonathan Pounder from Landmarc be asked if it was possible to have signs on the Common telling people to clean up after their dogs **Resolution 090517/04**

- (d) **Cemetery Issues** – it was agreed that two members of the Cemetery Working Group would attend and remove all items not permitted. The Clerk gave a plastic container with lots of bubble wrap and labels to Cllr Mrs Smith **Resolution 090517/05**
- (e) **Tree Risk Assessment** – the comprehensive report had been received, the urgent year 1 items picked out and forwarded to two Tree Surgeons who had expressed an interest in tendering for the work. Cllr Hill had confirmed that he was happy to undertake some of the work with the advice of Cllr Fleming so the matter was deferred to June as neither Cllr Hill or Chapman attended the meeting
- (f) **Purchase of equipment** - this matter was also deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Hill was absent
- (g) **Grassed areas of Public Open Space** -the Clerk reported that she had received e-mailed complaints regarding the length of the grass in these areas. She recalled that the previous contractor had a tractor and industrial cutters which cut the grass shorter than Rob was able to do. She had agreed with the contractor to try to cut Leyfield Close, Barley Rise and Hallard Way and would share the expenses with Rob. The charge was £30 and the cut had improved the situation although it was not possible to gain access to Barley Rise as the cutter was too wide. It was agreed that, as the situation had improved, it should be done annually as the first cut. The dead tree that required felling in the centre of Hallard Way open space would be replaced by a mature Magnolia tree in November. The silver birch which a resident of Oak Tree Way had complained about was a sturdy healthy tree which did not block any light to her property and no action was deemed necessary.

The Clerk reported that her application to the Woodland Trust had been successful and 102 mixed saplings would arrive in November 2017 which gave some time to consider their location.

- (h) **Tubs and Hanging baskets** –the clerk confirmed that she had ordered plants and compost from Vertigrow which would be delivered with the hanging baskets. Cllr Jakobsen suggested approaching businesses in the village to sponsor a tub for £20 per year and they would then be responsible for planting winter and summer and watering their adopted tub. A competition for the most colourful or creative design could be awarded bi-annually. Cllr Jakobsen and Cllr Fleming would co-ordinate this. The meeting resolved to agree to Cllr Jakobsen's request

and hoped for success. The Chairman felt that the 5 village signs should remain the responsibility of the Parish Council but would see how this evolved. **Resolution 090517/06**

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Bolton reported on the applications received and decisions made. The recommendations of the Planning Committee were approved **Resolution 090517/07**

7. INVOICES

(a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 090517/08**

(i) Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii) O2 mobile	£18.00	DD
(iii) R J Cartmell	£	
(iv) RJ Cartmell cemetery	£	
(v) Vertigrow	£359.50	
(vi) J CP Arboriculture(tree Survey)	£2,328.00	
(vii) 1-2-3 Reg Linux Renewal	£17.96	
(viii) BT phone	£69.28	
(ix) Mrs R Prins –Audit	£125.00	
(x) Mrs S Nunn stationery	76.39	

(b) Income:

Part precept	£18,000.00
Part precept	£8,000.00
Vat Reclaim	£3,637.21
Cemetery	£785.00
Fencing donation from 81 Yk Rd	£125.00
Footpath brochures	£15.00
Sale of MUGA	£5,000.00

© Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£45,594.56
Cemetery Account	£10,247.84
Contingency Account	£38,983.71+ £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,406.41 + £10,000

(d) Annual Return and Accounting Statements

- (i) the annual Governance Statement was discussed and approved **Resolution 090517/09**
- (ii) The Annual Return as prepared by the Auditor and the Clerk as RFO was discussed and approved **Resolution 090517/10**
- (iii) The Financial Regulations as in standing orders were accepted without amendment **Resolution 090517/11**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Countryside Voice magazine - LJ and DB
- b) On the Foss Newsletter – LM, JS & RM

- c) letter from MP on Flood water attenuation - noted
- d) letter from MP on lack of maintenance for the Brecks estate – noted
- e) letter from Clerk announcing her retirement at the end of the year
The council agreed that this should be an agenda item for June to appoint a staff sub-committee

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 7.15pm

Signed..... 13th June 2017

Chairman