

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 11th July 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Fisher (Chair) Bolton, Maher, Ogilvy, Baxter, Hill, Chambers, Chapman, Jakobsen, Mattinson, Fleming, and Mrs J Smith
Ward Cllr P Doughty
Two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Mrs D Hails and Harvey-Walker. The Chairman to speak to Cllr Harvey Walker as to his continued non attendance at meetings

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the monthly parish council meeting of 13th June were approved and signed. The Council endorsed the approved Planning Committee minutes of the 13th and 27th June **Resolution 110717/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Police Report**– the theft of lead from the Golf Club was added to the list of incidents reported. The remainder of the report was noted
- (b) **Traffic and Road Safety**– the response from the Executive Member for Traffic and Road Safety had been circulated and members expressed their feelings on this. A further petition was suggested to be commenced at the Village Show – this would be discussed at the August meeting
- (c) **Tree Risk Assessment**– Four quotes had been received and the vote was in favour of acceptance of Canopy Care Tree Services for year one. Future years would be decided on an ongoing basis. The Clerk to

confirm this and ask that the trees earmarked as dangerous be felled as soon as possible. **Resolution 110717/02**

- (d) **Clerk' Vacancy** – the advert prepared and circulated was approved for submission in the next Outreach publication. It was agreed that a meeting of the employment sub-committee (Cllrs Fisher, Fleming, Chambers, Bolton and Mrs Hails) would be convened to prepare an advertisement for the YLCA White Rose and prepare a job description and contract in accordance with the NALC recommendations and templates. The Clerk to arrange a day and time. **Resolution 110717/03**
- (e) **Kirklands Playground**– the Clerk reported that she had requested the removal of the safety fencing some 3-4 weeks since but this had not been done. She had reminded the firm by e-mail and also given the name of the firm to the police following the incident with scooters . The land was becoming an eyesore. When looking for a firm to undertake the repairs to the senior play area at Norhfields, a local firm had visited the site and designed play equipment to fill the space economically which would cost approximately £16,000 including installation. The Parish Council had just received S 106 funds for play of £3,580 plus £5,000 sale of the MUGA which was half the funding required and there was sufficient to do this in the Contingency fund. The consultation letter to residents was approved and would be delivered by the weekend with a return deadline of 31st July. Once these had been received it could be decided at the August meeting what equipment would be provided and designs discussed and approved **Resolution 110717/04**
- (f) **Village Show** -the Clerk reported that she had negotiated with the Show Committee to use a table in her office to sell Footpath Guides and inform the public of the ongoing fight for a pedestrian crossing together with any plans for the Barracks. It was resolved to put this item on the agenda for August to finalise arrangements. **Resolution 110717/05**
- (g) **Woodland Course** – Cllr Hill requesting funding for a course on woodland management which was residential, at a cost of £600 plus £90 accreditation fee. He stated that he would remain on the Parish Council for at least six years and undertake what tree work he was able to safely do. If unforeseen circumstances prevented this he would undertake to repay a proportion of the fee decreasing year by year (this worked out at £100 per year to the PC and Cllr Hill felt he could save that amount and more with the work he would be able to do) This expenditure was approved **Resolution 110717/06**
- (h) **Informal Meeting with Standards Committee** Cllr Chambers reported on the meeting with the Standards Committee attended by The Chairman, the Clerk and himself. The Chairman of the Standards Committee spoke at length and the meeting was very formal rather than informal. He had voiced his displeasure at the fact that no explanation

was given of his non acceptance as a PC representative whilst another councillor who had been censured was accepted. The Parish Council were disgusted to learn that there was no appeal process, a decision was final.

- (i) **Spring Bulbs** it was suggested that the grassed entrance to Kirklands and the grassed area opposite be planted with crocus bulbs and the Ox Car Lane/Moor Lane have bluebells and other spring bulbs rather than just daffodils. The Clerk to obtain prices and expenditure up to £200 was agreed. **Resolution 110717/07**
- (j) **Cemetery** Cllr Smith reported that more unacceptable objects were being placed on headstones as people felt victimised to have their items removed and others had not. It was agreed that this clearance must be completed and it was suggested that 4-6 members go to the Cemetery to complete the removal as soon as possible. A time and date to be arranged

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the applications received together with decisions made. The recommendations of the Planning Committee were approved
Resolution 110717/08

7. INVOICES

- (a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 110717/09**

(i) Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii) O2 mobile	£18.47	DD
(iii) R J Cartmell	£842.00	
(iv) RJ Cartmell cemetery	£351.00	
(v) Hire of Village Hall	£366.01	
(vi) Stationery – Mrs S Nunn	£55.50	
(vii) Cllr Hill – woodland course	£690.00	
(viii) YLCA training fees	£180.00	
(ix) ICO data protection certificate	£35.00	
(x) Campbells strimmer service	£44.40	
(xi) Cllr Chapman fuel for strimmer	£5.80	

- (b) Income:

Cemetery	£550.00
Footpath guide sales	£40.00
S 106 payment	£8,528.83
Allotment rent	£24.00

© Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£44,083.17
Cemetery Account	£9,999.52
Contingency Account	£43,995.57+ £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,413.65 + £10,000 Bond

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) invitation to St Marys Open Day 2ND September
- b) Imagine Brochure- Cllr Bolton
- c) Keep Your Pet posters – noted but commercial so not accepted
- d) Lets talk health events – noted
- e) request from residents at 1B Northfields to assist with pruning sycamore trees in the verge outside their property – discussed but refused as belong to City Council

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th August 2017 at 7.15pm

Signed..... 8th August 2017

Chairman