

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

## PRESENT

Cllrs Fisher (Chair) Bolton, Chambers, Maher, Hill, Ogilvy, Baxter, Jakobsen  
Mattinson, Fleming, Mrs J Smith and Mrs D Hails  
Ward Cllr P Doughty and one member of the public

## 1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllr Chapman

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Chambers and Smith declared a personal interest in item 5(i)

## 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> March and extraordinary meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> March were approved and signed. The Council endorsed the approved Planning Committee minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March  
**Resolution 110417/01**

## 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wishes to speak

## 5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Annual Parish Meeting**– the Chairman gave a brief report on the meeting which had been well attended. The Jakes Tree House refreshments raised £100 for the charity. The main issue remained the attitude of City of York Council towards the strong feelings of the residents for a pedestrian crossing along York Road. Cllr Doughty agreed that if it was funded specifically from private subscription he found it difficult to understand why the Council would refuse. Cllr Mattinson had prepared a reply to the e-mail from the Engineer and all councillors were requested to send their views to the Clerk in order for her to respond on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. The question as to criteria remained difficult to understand and the zebra crossing at North Moor in Huntington was queried as to how that qualified. The meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May required the attendance of at least one councillor and the support of our Ward Councillor. **Resolution 110417/02**

- (b) **Police reports** – These were noted. The Clerk was requested to make the concerns of the Parish Council known on the male person purporting to be an ex offender selling dusters door to door and becoming abusive if refused. Several residents had experienced this. The attendance of PCSO Smith at the APM had been well received
- (c) **Neighbourhood Plan** – the Chairman confirmed receipt of the Neighbourhood Plan Grant agreement and suggested a letter be sent to City Council detailing the revised boundary for the purpose of the Plan and requesting consultation on this. The Clerk to prepare a letter for approval. **Resolution 110417/03**
- (d) **Grants**– The Chairman reported that an application had been received from the Carnival Committee for £800 plus trophies and prizes for fancy dress, the provision of First Aid support, the use of the field and Parish Council public liability insurance. This was agreed. Strensall Library had also requested a grant of £1,054.44 to provide furniture. Following discussion and in the spirit of fairness it was agreed to give a grant of £525 towards the cost. **Resolution 110417/04**
- (e) **Dog Fouling** – the spraying of these offensive piles appears to be acting as a deterrent and Cllr Chapman is researching other types of sprays.
- (f) **Cemetery Issues** – the subject of the rules was discussed following the comments received from relatives who resented the rules. It was agreed unanimously that the rules and conditions should be respected no exceptions will be made. Those with unauthorised items on the graves will be given until 30th April to remove them or they will be removed by the Committee and stored for collection **Resolution 110417/05**
- (g) **Tree Risk Assessment** – Cllr Hill reported that Mr Philpott had commenced this which would take some time to complete. Cllr Hill requested the purchase of a long pole saw to enable some work to be done on the trees. Cllr Hill to cost this and the Clerk to put on the agenda for the next meeting
- (h) **Hanging Baskets and tubs**- the expenditure for the hanging baskets (12) was approved £252.50. The tubs required new compost and plants and this would be required for the end of May. Expenditure of up to £150 was approved for the purchase of compost and plants from Vertigrow which could be delivered at the same time as the baskets. As the Clerk would have moved home by then she would not be in a position to distribute these and requested the assistance of a councillor to do this. Volunteers were also sought to “adopt a tub”. **Resolution 110417/06**

- (i) **CCTV for Village Hall and playground** – This had been jointly funded by the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council and had been ordered. It was hoped to be in place by the end of April.

## 6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Bolton reported on the applications received and decisions made. The recommendations of the Planning Committee were approved **Resolution 110417/07**

## 7. REPORT ON PROPOSED INTEGRATED RURAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Jonathan Pounder from DIO Landmarc spoke to the meeting about his plans for this site which included guided walks of the area, information talks to groups on the need to protect the wildlife on the SSSI site and generally educate the public about the Common and how to protect and maintain in for future generations. He agreed there is a popular misconception that the area is common land and he would be looking to place information boards in various locations. The Parish Council agreed that they would support this and Mr Pounder was asked if he would have a stand at the Carnival to promote this work.

## 8. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 110417/08**

(i) Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii) O2 mobile	£18.00	DD
(iii) R J Cartmell	£706.00	
(iv) R J Cartmell cemetery	£338.00	
(v) Vertigrow	£252.50	
(vi) Amazon printer ink	£21.70	
(vii) YLCA membership	£849.00	
(viii) Grant to Kidz Klub	1,000.00	
(ix) Grant to the Carnival	£800.00	
(x) Grant to Strensall Library	£525.00	
(xi) share of cctv costs with Village Hall	495.00	
(xii) Village Hall hire	365.75	
(xiii) J Chapman	20.00	

(b) Income:	
Interest:	£8.00
Cemetery	£150.00

### Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£41,555.81
Cemetery Account	£9,817.61
Contingency Account	£38,982.64+ £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,405.80 + £10,000 bond

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter of thanks for grant to Jakes Tree House

- b) Countryside Voice magazine - received
- c) Neighbourhood Plan agreement - received
- d) request for a mini cherry tree and plaque in memory of Carl Loft and Jordan Johnson on Northfields – agreed in principle subject to a suitable site

**Resolution 110417/09**

d) Request from Esther Lunn – Buggy Fitness instructor to use the field for classes in June, July and September. Cllr Fleming wished to see the Risk Assessment before making a decision. Cllrs were also concerned at the lack of toilet and nappy changing facilities and would make a decision when further information was available.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.15pm followed by the monthly meeting of the Parish Council at 7.40pm

Signed..... 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Chairman