

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Fisher (Chair) Bolton, Chambers, Maher, Hill, Mattinson, Chapman, Ogilvy, Harvey-Walker, Baxter, Jakobsen and Mrs D Hails
5 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Ward Cllr P Doughty and Mrs J Smith

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Chambers declared a personal interest in item 5(b) and (h) Cllr Hails in item 5(f) and Cllr Jakobsen in 5(c)

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th December 2016 had been circulated, the Chairman explained one amendment that had been necessary and these were then approved and signed. The Council endorsed the approved Planning Committee minutes of the same date **Resolution 100117/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public made representation on the ongoing problems they were encountering at Kirklands and one spoke in favour of the equipment the Parish Council had purchased

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Parish Council Vacancy** – the vacancy had received no interest as yet but would be continue to be advertised. Cllr Ogilvy to post the vacancy on the Facebook page.
- (b) **Replacement fencing at Northfields** – The path is nearing completion and the fencing is to be amended to place the double gate opposite the emergency exit of the Village Hall. The lack of written information had led to the misunderstanding on its situation and the additional cost to relocate it would be met in equal shares between the contractor and the

Parish Council. The Chairman emphasised the need for all issues to be clearly listed in writing on any future contract **Resolution100117/02**

- (c) **Fencing at York Road** – The contractor has given the date of 16th January for the work to be done. To date only three residents have paid a contribution towards the cost. The Clerk was requested to remind the residents who had agreed but not contributed as yet. **Resolution 100117/03**
- (d) **Police Issues and Reports** – crime figures for December were enclosed with the agenda and were discussed. It was noted that more information was now forthcoming although the situation may change with the reshuffle of officers yet again.
- (e) **Neighbourhood Plan** The Chairman updated the Council following his representation to Stockton on the Forest PC He was awaiting availability dates for a meeting with Martin Grainger. A grant application has been made to CYC for £3,000 which is time limited. Cllr Chapman reported on his discussions with Janine Riley of CYC conservations regarding the Barracks and the Trees which may need TPO status
- (f) **Playgrounds**
 - (i) Kirklands – the Clerk reported on the decision by the Insurance Company and the options available discussed. The Clerk was requested to seek a sale as soon as possible and removal of the MUGA and a letter to the Insurance Brokers stating the position of the PC was agreed. F) The Playground Committee to meet and discuss the designs suggested and work out the possible cost **Resolution 100117/04** Cllr Chapman resigned from the group and Cllr Jakobsen joined in his place
- (g) **Playground Repairs following Inspection Report**

The repairs recommended by the RPII Inspector had been discussed by Cllrs Chapman and Cllr Fisher at a site meeting. Some were thought to be unnecessary and a list was drawn up of the ones it was felt should be done. Cllr Fisher would discuss these with the Inspector when they returned to the site next week **Resolution 100117/05**
- (h) **Replacement Trees** the Clerk confirmed that she had received no reply to her letter to the resident regarding replacement trees. The Clerk requested that one of the Councillors call to speak to the resident as she had done this on a previous occasion.
- (i) **CCTV** -Cllr Chambers reported on the options available and possible costs which seems to be between £1,000 and £1200. Further research was required before a purchase was made and Cllr Chambers would progress this with Cllrs Mattinson, Fisher and Mrs Judy Smith.

- (j) **Cemetery Issues** The Cemetery Committee had met to discuss ongoing costs and maintenance of the Cemetery. The recommendation to pass on the cost of soil removal to the Funeral Director as part of the fee for digging the grave was approved. The contractor had provided a quote for one year and five years for maintenance together with quote to cut the “teardrop” of grass at the front and this was approved on a five year contract. The fee revision and additional Cemetery Rule were all approved **Resolution 100117/06**
- (k) **Annual Parish meeting** – the date agreed is Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7pm. The format to be decided at the next meeting. **Resolution 100117/07**
- (l) **Notice Board** – the Chairman requested a replacement notice board be provided for Station House from this year’s budget at a cost of £430 for 8 x A4 double door lockable board plus the cost of posts for this. The Clerk confirmed that the present board locks were easily broken and when the board was opened at Barley Rise the slightest wind blew the notices down the road. A lockable board of similar size and design was requested and approved for Barley Rise from next year’s budget **Resolution 100117/08**
- (m) **Training Courses** – two courses had been advertised and Cllrs Chambers, Fisher, Bolton, Jakobsen and Mrs D Hails wished to attend the Planning course on Mach 11th at Fairfield Manor Hotel, Shipton Road, York. Cllrs Fisher, Bolton, Harvey-Walker and Mrs D Hails wished to attend the Neighbourhood Planning Course on 29th April. The expenditure for all delegates on both courses was approved **Resolution 100117/09**

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the applications received, the recommendations made and the decisions notified. The recommendations of the planning committee were approved. **Resolution 100117/10**

7. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 100117/11**

(i)	Clerk’s salary	£	SO
(ii)	O2 mobile	18.00	DD
(iii)	R Cartmell grass cutting	552.00	
(iv)	Village Hall hire	315.50	
(v)	Mr J Chapman	12.33	
(vi)	Amazon inks	79.99	
(vii)	City of York Council leases	£90.00	
(viii)	City of York Council (Cemetery waste collection)	16.77	DD
(ix)	YLCA course fees	764.00	
(x)	Hall-Fast notice board	789.09	
(xi)	Stoneplan Ltd	9,900.00	

(xii) Oakwood Fencig	1,970.76
(xiii) Park Lane Services	4,361.64

b) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£55,831.37
Cemetery Account	£8,305.32
Contingency Account	£38,975.41 + £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,401.62 + £10,000 Bond

(c) Finance Committee Report – a copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee and the recommendations together with budget forecasts and figures had been circulated before the meeting and were discussed. The precept request was for £52,000

(d) the three monthly check was agreed for Thursday 12th January at 10am and the clerk’s ongoing professional development appraisal was agreed for the same day following the check

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) CPRE newsletter- Cllr Maher
- (b) letter from Hethertons –see item 5(f)
- (c) letter from Village Hall informing of price increase per hour of room hire

There followed a short closed session requested by a Councillor to express his concerns on various matters

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7.15pm

Signed..... 14th February 2017

Chairman