

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Benson, Ms T Flannery, Mrs T Himlin, Chapman, Tuohey, Baxter, Maher, Chambers, Knight and Ogilvy,
Ward Cllr Mrs S Wiseman.

1. APOLOGIES

Were received from Ward Cllr Mr P Doughty, Cllrs Mrs C Edwards, R Plant, and J Scott.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated. These were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a correct record. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 28th January were also endorsed. **Resolution 110314/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ward Cllr Mrs Wiseman appraised the Council of a recent meeting in Holtby regarding the possibility of the erection of wind turbines 90 metre high and that this development is likely to be encouraged by CYC.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) VDS – the Clerk updated the Council that the updated draft was with City Council and the working group have been advised that it may be June before any consultation can be undertaken. In the meantime the Quiz had been publicised and prizes obtained from Tesco Express and Costcutter. The school and the library have copies and it is available on the website.

(b) Playground Issues – Cllr Chapman reported on the meeting of the Playground Committee and its recommendations. The following approvals were given:

(i) The Clerk to write to Hogg the Builder and Charles F Stead to seek any suitable land they would be prepared to donate to the Parish.

(ii) consideration be given to using Littlethorpe Close playground and expanding this with alternate access from Park Gate.

(iii) the teardrop of land belonging to the Parish council at the back of Riverside Walk be considered for a play area.

(iv) the clerk to obtain costs of 20 cu m of playbark to top up the Northfields site.

Resolution 110314/02

(c) Newsletter – following the discussion regarding the playground facilities and projected requirements, the Newsletter was approved for forwarding to Outreach for publication. It was agreed to include the increase of dog fouling in the village, Spring Clean from CYC to deal with footpaths, overhanging vegetation and rubbish regularly being dumped by Walbutts. **Resolution 110314/03**

(d) SCYSA – following a very useful site meeting it had been agreed that an alternative design for car parking would be more satisfactory and the cost of £650 was approved for payment. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter of confirmation together with the request that the invoice be sent direct to the PC. **Resolution 110314/04**

(e) Strensall Carnival – the plans were progressing and the Parish Council had been asked for volunteers for parade marshalling. Cllrs Baxter, Chapman, Chambers, Marquis, Maher and Mrs T Himlin all expressed an interest. It was noted that members of the VDS Group would also assist.

(f) The tree to the rear of 85 Middlecroft Drive and the resident's ongoing problems were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the resident agreeing to the crown lifting of the tree, by a qualified tree surgeon, at the resident's expense. **110314/05**

(g) Lease for Allotments – it had been brought to the attention of the Clerk that the lease of the land from CYC had lapsed and required updating. A new 15 year lease had been prepared and the Chairman and Vice Chairman were approved to sign the document. **Resolution 110314/06**

- (h) The War Memorial – the Clerk confirmed that she had requested estimates for cleaning from Matthias Garne, William Anelay and Burrows Davies but as yet had not received a response from any of them.

It was resolved that the Clerk chase these up to have estimates in place for the April meeting **Resolution 110314/07**

- (i) Website update – following the planning application for the Brecks decision at the CYC East Area Planning Committee meeting, there had been requests for the scripts to be published on the website. YLCA had approved this course of action and all contributors agreed to have their names published. The Chairman confirmed that these would be put on the website as soon as possible.

6. POLICE REPORT

The police report was noted. (Appendix I)

Cllr Flannery reported that there had been a break in at her garage and the youths concerned had climbed onto the roof of the garage. The Police had been notified and were investigating.

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the one application received and one refusal decision. The proposals put forward for the Spring Clean event were all approved. **Resolution 110314/08**

8. FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment **Resolution 110314/09**

(i) Clerk salary	£	SO
(ii) Talktalk	28.55	DD
(iii) Talktalk mobile	5.00	DD
(iv) Staples	37.86	DD
(v) Green Vale Gardens (grass cutting & strimming)	785.84	
(vi) Park Lane Services inspection fees	60.00	
(vii) SLCC membership fee	129.00	
(viii) Yorkshire Water (cemetery)	9.30	
(ix) A Busfield – tree surgery Flaxton Road	500.00	S 106
(x) HMRC income tax and NI	£538.76	
(xi) ROSPA training course	268.40	
(xii) CYC lease for Durlston Drive	10.00	
Income:		
Interest:	£1.33	
Allotment rents	£167.50	
Cemetery	£85.00	
Donation	£207.00	

Account Balances:

Cemetery Account	£7,978.81
Treasurers Account	£14,065.38
Contingency Account	£8,031.53 + £15,000 (bond)
Premium Account	£18,293.06 + £10,000 (bond)

- (b) to approve the renewal of the investment bonds for a further three months
- this was approved as the Bonds were due to expire on 19th and 20th March.

Resolution 110314/10

9. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Tuohey reported on the highways issues. The Clerk confirmed that a Surveyor had been to view the reinstatement required outside Tesco Express and the Manager had understood the work would be done by the end of March.

The issues on potholes remain and these are extending constantly with the amount of delivery trucks attending the Tannery site.

The content of the report was noted and any future problems should be reported directly to CYC Highways and copied to Cllr Tuohey.

The damaged litter bin on Strensall Road was discussed and the Clerk confirmed that this had now been re-sited on the outbound side but not as yet repaired.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter from NYCC on Joint Minerals and Waste Plan – noted.
- (b) River Foss Society Newsletter and Programme – distributed to Cllrs.
- (c) e-mail received from CYC on the forthcoming Spring Clean campaign. An agreed response was authorised to be sent from the Clerk.
- (d) The clerk had received a request from parishioners to have a seat on York Road by the entrance to Melcombe Avenue to enable the elderly to walk from Barley Rise to the Post Office with the various stops along the way. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain costings for further discussion at the April meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7.15pm

SignedChairman

8th April 2014

APPENDIX I

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE Held on Saturday 1st March 2014 at 10.30am

PRESENT

Cllrs J Chapman, J Scott, D Tuohey and the Clerk

APOLOGIES

Were received from Cllr Mrs T Himlin

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Clerk appraised the Committee of anticipated S 106 payments and advised that thought should be given to what play facilities were required in the village and possible locations.

Consideration could be given for improving the surfacing of the junior playground at Northfields.

A skate park and/or BMX track may be a possibility and the results of the VDS questionnaire looked at.

The existing playground at Littlethorpe Close was discussed and considered a possibility as the City Council would lease this land to the Parish Council

It was felt that the gravel beds on Brecks Lane would make an ideal location for a skate park or BMX track as would the land on Haxby Moor Road if the owners could be persuaded to donate the land or sell at a reasonable cost

It was agreed that Cllrs Chapman and Tuohey would visit the skate park at Rawcliffe and the MUGA on Rawcliffe Lane (adjacent to Clifton Library) and the BMX track at Clifton Backies to ascertain the facilities available there.

Recommendations

The following recommendations to be put to the Parish Council:-

- ❖ The existing cushionfall at Northfields be improved with an additional 20 cubic metres
- ❖ The Clerk to write to Hoggs to request the donation of the gravel beds and a small area to the rear of the bus terminus on the Heath (or any other parcel of land that they may be willing to donate)
- ❖ The Clerk to write to Steads, once again, to see if the Parish Council could acquire the land on Haxby Moor Road
- ❖ A letter sent to residents asking for their views and suggestions – this could be impractical from a delivery point of view and it was agreed that

a notice in the forthcoming newsletter would be ideal – along the following lines ..

You may be aware that developers are required to lodge funds with the Parish Council as a contribution towards facilities in the village. As there has been considerable development recently it is anticipated that there will be sufficient funds available to increase the play facilities in the village.

What facilities do you think we could provide for children in the village Please tell us, by e-mail, telephone or letter to the Clerk, whether you would like – for example –a skate park, a BMX track, a multi use games unit – and where you think it may be possible to site any facilities. We have studied the responses to the VDS questionnaire and some suggestions may be possible.

There is a small playground at the bottom of Littlethorpe Close which it may be possible to lease and expand or create a BMX track at the gravel beds at the end of the Brecks if the owner would sell the land. It may be possible to purchase some land on Haxby Moor Road for a skate park or similar

Please help us use this money for the benefit of the children of Strensall and give us your thoughts and suggestions.

The meeting closed at 11.45am

APPENDIX II – police report

Damage	3
Burglary	1
Drugs	2
Other	2
Sexual	1
Theft	4
Shop Theft	2

TOTAL 15 13 in same period last year

As you can see there have been 15 crimes reported during February, a slight increase on the same period last year when there were 13.

The burglary occurred at a property on York Road in Strensall during the daytime when unknown offenders have forced entry to the rear of a property and stolen some items of jewellery.

Two of the thefts occurred in one of the village pubs when two items were removed from bags during an evening.

There are no other patterns of note and whilst there is a slight increase in recorded crime it is very small and this remains one of the lowest crime wards across the City of York.

As part on next months statistics I will include the full year crime figures as well as for just March.

HIGHWAYS REPORT FOR 11TH MARCH 2014 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (INTERIM)

Items Reported

There are currently 8 outstanding issues with CYC and 1 with the land owner of the alleyway by Tesco which are:

- One item from the walkout on 4/7/2011 remain outstanding namely worn carriageway markings on Towthorpe Road (YCC 10509386) which is awaiting large patching works for resolution.
- A query regarding level differences between a utility trench and the alleyway between Tesco and Southfields Road is still awaiting a reply from Tesco. It has been observed that this has subsided more over the months when it was first noted. Recent enquiries to the Land Register have confirmed that Tesco lease the land from T & S STORES PLC (Co. Regn. No. 1228935) of Apex Road, Brownhills, West Midlands WS8 7HU and correspondence has now been received from Tesco.
- A proposal from the PC's Long Term Planning Committee to reduce congestion in The Village by introducing additional no waiting restrictions was submitted to CYC (YCC 101654037 City Strategy Reference B30530). A site meeting occurred on the 10th October 2012 and a positive response was obtained from CYC to extend yellow lines. This will now require working up into a proposal but, with resources and funding, it is not expected that any works will take place before financial year 2012-2013. It is worth noting that the Parish Council still receives correspondence regarding congestion in this and the adjacent areas.
- Potholes have been reported on Glebe Close (including by the level crossing and bus lay-by). CYC numbers are awaited but will not be provided due to a CYC systems failure. In addition, whilst reviewing the above potholes, I have reported faded junction markings at Glebe Close/York Road and Parkgate/Brecks Lane. I have also reported the faded level crossing road markings on the Golf Club Side of Strensall Level Crossing. CYC numbers are awaited.
- Drainage issues by Northfields/The Village (by Number 71) have been reported.
- The Parish Clerk has written to CYC regarding the alleged damage caused to York Road by construction traffic not following the agreed route, as per the planning constraints, for the Tannery.
- I am quite happy that any Parish Councillor who sees highways defects reports them direct (ycc@york.go.uk or 01904 551550) or emails me the details rather than waiting for the Parish Council Meetings. If you do report them directly, the reference number should be taken and passed to me as it helps in chasing up issues.
- There appear to be long term issues with the CYC computer system that means reference numbers are not being obtained.

Other Issues

1. There appears to be works ongoing on Haxby Moor Road to provide a longer term fix for the potholes. Whilst no scheme is present on the CYC website, it has been observed that there

appears to be a deep dif at the edge of the road to provide better foundations and a road surface.

Dermot Tuohey 3rd March 2014