

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 12th August 2014 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Baxter, Tuohey, Mrs T Himlin, Ms T Flannery, Mrs C Edwards, Hill, Scott, Tuohey, Chambers and Ogilvy,
Ward Cllr Mr P Doughty, and one member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Benson, and Ward Cllr Mrs S Wiseman and the reasons were accepted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, Council approved these and authorised the Chairman to sign them as a correct record and also endorsed the minutes of the Planning Committee of 22nd July. **Resolution 120814/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) A resident of Pasture Close again addressed the meeting and requested some action on the problems the residents were encountering. The Clerk had produced an update which was attached to the agenda. Cllr Marquis told the resident that the matter was being investigated and the Playground committee will meet in the near future and make recommendation to the Parish Council. (*Cllr Himlin to arrange a meeting urgently*)
- (b) Dave Atkinson from City Council addressed the meeting regarding what, if anything the Parish Council could do on behalf of the City Council. Grass cutting, recycling and other possibilities were discussed and the councillors wanted various questions answered. After a lengthy discussion Dave offered to come back in, say November, and update us as to what will be required.

5. POLICE REPORT

This was discussed and the information noted

6 ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) There is to be a site meeting with a member of City Council, and KM, JC and Mrs T H would attend on 4th September and an update would be prepared for the next meeting on land offered by the Hogg Family to the Parish Council to take over for use as open space.
- (b) Cllrs Scott and Plant were still following up the footpath plan. It had been suggested that the VDS document may contain a lot of the information they would like to include and they were looking into it further
- (c) The new playground inspectors are RSS of Selby and Cllrs Scott and Chapman would meet the inspector on site for the first inspection. It would make it easier to identify the equipment if it were numbered and the Council approved the expenditure for discs with numbers on to fasten securely onto each piece of equipment and then photograph the whole playground so all could see which number was which **Resolution 120814/02**
- (d) The problems faced by the residents of Pasture Close was discussed and it was resolved that a meeting of the Playground Committee to make recommendations was required. Mrs Himlin agreed to call a meeting and the Clerk offered the use of her dining room as a venue. **Resolution 120814/03**
- (e) The autumn newsletter had been circulated to councillors in advance and it was approved for sending to the editor of Outreach for inclusion in the next issue. **Resolution 120814/04**
- (f) Trees –
 - (i) The willow tree in Northfields was in a more dangerous state than at first thought and it had been recommended that felling the tree was the most cost effective option. It was resolved that Cllr Chapman would obtain quotes and clerk was requested to approach a tree surgeon for another quote. **Resolution 120814/05**
 - (ii) There had been a tree cut down in the allotments by two men believed to be working for Yorkshire Housing. It was resolved that Cllr Chambers would draft a letter for the Clerk to write to Yorkshire Housing asking for clarification **Resolution 120814/06**
 - (iii) A resident in Wood Close had complained about a tree to the rear of his property which he thought was owned by the Parish Council. It was resolved that Cllr Hill would investigate this further. **Resolution 120814/07**

- (g) The War Memorial has now been cleaned and looks really good. The service on 4th August was well attended and well received. The Parish Council wished to record their thanks to Irene Capeling and her staff at The Ship Inn for the provision of tea and coffee after the service.
Resolution 120814/08

7. POLICE REPORT

The police report for July had been circulated to councillors and was noted

8. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the three planning application and the recommendations, together with four decisions received. The Council resolved that the recommendations be accepted **Resolution 120814/09**

Cllr Marquis reported on the opening of the footbridge at The Tannery which had been postponed once again as the work was incomplete. He did not think it was now appropriate to hold any kind of event as it had taken too long.

Cllr Marquis confirmed that a public meeting regarding the planning inquiry was arranged for Wednesday 27th August at 7pm in the Village Hall for the public to meet the Planning Consultant and ask any questions. The Action Group would then meet with him to prepare the documents required for submission in September.

9 FINANCE REPORT

- (a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 120814/10**

(i) Clerk salary	£.	SO
(ii) Talktalk	£33.28	DD
(iii) Talktalk mobile	5.00	DD
(iv) Cartmell's Gardens cemetery maintenance	200.00	
Cartmell's Gardens grass cutting	628.68	
(vi) Cllr Chapman open spaces fees	23.06	
(vii) Rural Action Yorkshire membership	35.00	
(viii) Canopy Care tree surgeon	430.00	
(ix) Darren Baxter	50.00	
(x) Clerks expenses	22.93	
(xi) Browns Nurseries	390.00	
(xii) Village Hall hire	272.75	
(xii) Campbells of Malton	16.70	

Receipts

Cemetery	£12.00
Fighting Fund	£1360.00
Interest	£2.68

Account Balances:

Cemetery Account	£8007.41
Treasurers Account	£16,370.56

Contingency Account
Premium Account

£8063.58 + £15,000 (bond)
£18298.07. + £10,000 (bond)

9. HIGHWAYS

The Highways report, prepared by Cllr Tuohey was discussed by the Council and the information contained therein noted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A request received from a resident requesting the transfer of some land from the parish council to increase the size of his back garden. The unanimous decision was that it was not the Parish Council's policy to sell or dispose of public open space land.
2. CPRE magazine – Cllr Baxter
3. First Response literature – noted
4. Openness of Government Bodies Regulations 2014 – standing orders will require amendment to include Parish council meetings being recorded. An agenda item for finance committee.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER

- (i) a strimmer, owned by Cllr Baxter, was offered for use by the Parish council but was in need of repair. It was resolved that Cllr Chapman obtain an estimate from Campbells for discussion and decision in September. Cllr Chambers also offered a strimmer for use by PC
Resolution 120814/11
- (ii) Cllr Hill reported that he preferred a scythe and would require a new blade for cutting different things and also some Sadolin for use to prepare the benches in the village for winter. It was resolved that these expenses would be reimbursed and invoices presented for payment in September
Resolution 120814/12

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....
Chairman

9th September 2014

APPENDIX 1

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Update on playground issues

ROSPA Annual Inspection

This has been advised that it will be carried out in September. It will be considered as to whether or not to accept the contract for a further year or change to another firm with RPII Inspector. The Clerk has learned that RoSPA do not employ in house inspectors but sub contract to RPII registered firms. It may therefore be more cost effective to employ another company.

Quarterly Inspection

Following the vote of no confidence in the present Inspector, the contract with that firm has been terminated with immediate effect.

Quotes were received from RSS Selby at £40.00 per area per quarterly visit = £80 per quarter in total. Direct debit option available if approved

Image Playgrounds at Sheriff Hutton were asked to quote, eventually one was received which was £150 for initial consultation and then approximately £50 - £75 per visit each quarter. It was all very vague and unprofessional

Playscheme at Elvington were asked to quote and finally received at £275.00 per visit for quarterly inspections. Not qualified to do the annual ones.

The complainant at Pasture Close maintains his vigil on attempting to remove the football area. I have shown him the last two RoSPA reports on the area which has no safety issues at all. He is trying now to prove that there is danger to innocent passers-by or people sitting in their own gardens.

The Clerk has researched costs for ball stop fencing at 3 metres high. This would need planning permission and the complainant felt it would be noisy and not a solution. The solution as he sees it at present, is to remove the goalpost and place a climbing net cone and one other piece of equipment in that space at a cost of £12,000 ish.

The complainant does not seem to realise that children will then put their sweaters down as goalposts and use the whole area of grass presently with very little equipment on, to play football and this will create more problems that it would solve.

To discuss and approve any action required

Appendix 3 – Police Report

Sexual 2
Theft 3
Shop theft 3
Violence 9

TOTAL 17 17 during same period last year.

As you can see there were 17 crimes reported in the Ward last month which is exactly the same number as during July 2013.

Two of the shop thefts occurred at Deans Garden Centre and the third at the Factory Outlet on Malton Road.

Two of the other thefts relate to incidents in a workplace within the ward. The final theft was in Earswick, where items were removed from a skip in a front garden without the owners permission.

The other incidents relate to Stockton Hall Hospital.

There have been three reports relating to the play area at Pasture Close this month. There have been no offences and on attendance no requirement for Officers to move any persons on from the site as there has been nothing going on on arrival.

I will however continue to check the area throughout this month and update you if there are any issues that you need to be aware of.

APPENDIX 4 – HIGHWAYS REPORT

HIGHWAYS REPORT FOR 12TH AUGUST 2014 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (INTERIM)

Items Reported

There are currently 10 outstanding issues with CYC 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. These patching works are now being undertaken (first reported 4/7/2011). As of 31/5/2014, the white lining, including reinstatement of SLOW markings had not been undertaken. It also appears that resurfacing has taken place recently which is what might have delayed the white lining.
- A query regarding level differences between a utility trench and the alleyway between Tesco and Southfields Road has finally been completed after two and a half years..
- 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.
- 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.
- For items 4 to 6, I have chased CYC up (5/5/2014) for a response as to why no work is taking place or a response given. None has yet been received.
- Potholes have been reported on Parkgate and Barley Rise.
- The kerb edging at Tesco's loading bay has been reported.
- 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. The only issue is the lack of feedback from CYC regarding issues reported which is not helped by the lack of reference numbers.

Dermot Tuohey 6th August 2014