

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Held on Tuesday 14th JANUARY 2014 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Scott, Plant, Mrs C Edwards, Ms T Flannery, Mrs T Himlin, Chapman, Tuohey, Baxter, Maher, Chambers, Knight and Ogilvy, Ward Cllr Mrs S Wiseman & Ward Cllr Paul Doughty
Mrs L Nelson

1. APOLOGIES

Were received from Cllr Benson. Councillors noted the response from him that he should be able to attend meetings in the near future and look forward to his contribution as soon as he is able to return.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tuohey declared a personal interest in item 10 (b) as he is a Trustee of the Wilkinson Trust

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 Finance Committee meeting on 7th January were also approved and signed **Resolution 140114/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) Mrs Nelson updated the Council on her proposals for a Carnival on 21st June and requested financial assistance. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would wish to support the event although no provision for such expenditure had been put in the budget. However a grant would be discussed and hopefully approved at the next meeting.
Resolution 140114/02
- (b) Mrs Wiseman updated the Council on the progress of SCYSA and requested financial assistance to have some speed calming measures and car park marking at the sports field. The Chairman confirmed that the consent of City Council as landowners would be sought and the

expenditure required discussed and hopefully approved at the next meeting. **Resolution 140114/03**

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) The VDS - The Chairman updated the Council on the terms of reference which had been approved and signed by the Chairman of the VDS working group. He also confirmed that he, Cllr Chapman and the Clerk had discussed the CYC responses to the draft and prepared comments from the Parish Council. The comments had been circulated before the meeting so all councillors had read and understood them. These were approved for forwarding to the VDS for inclusion in their responses. **Resolution 140114/04**
- (b) Basket Swing – the application was with the Insurance Company and the Clerk was awaiting their decision.
- (c) The Chairman brought the residential course on neighbourhood planning to the attention of the Council and confirmed the Clerk would be attending. The course commences at lunchtime of 23rd March and finishes in the afternoon of 25th March. This is a residential course, run by the Eden Project and places were limited, so advised any councillor interested to register his interest immediately.
- (d) The Clerk asked for confirmation of who would be attending the wine and cheese evening on Tuesday 21st January – Cllrs Marquis, Chapman, Maher, Ogilvy, Baxter, Mrs C Edwards and Mrs T Flannery, together with the Clerk confirmed their intention to attend

6. POLICE REPORT

DAMAGE 4
BURGLARY 1
DRUGS 1
SEXUAL 1
THEFT 3
VIOLENCE 2
TOTAL 12 (14 during December 2012)

As you can see from above there were 12 crimes reported across the ward in December compared to 14 during the same period last year.

The burglary relates to an attempted break in at a premises on the A64 at the start of December which may be related to the similar incidents reported in late November.

There are no significant patterns to the offences and the level of recorded crime remains very low.

The team have been concentrating on crime prevention, particularly in relation to burglaries and cycle thefts, which have been an issue across the City of York but not to date in your ward.

This was noted

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the one application and 9 decisions received, the recommendations to contact enforcement on outstanding issues which were approved by the Council. Cllr Chapman also requested the Council to view the amended application from Linden Homes as he was concerned that if residents did not confirm they still objected, there would be an assumption by City of York Council that they no longer objected to the development. *[post meeting information revealed that all comments submitted would be taken into account]*. **Resolution 140114/05**

8. FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment:- **Resolution 140114/06**

(i)	Clerk salary	£.	SO
(ii)	Talktalk	29.18	DD
(iii)	Talktalk mobile	5.00	DD
(iv)	Green Vale Gardens (grass cutting & strimming)	392.92	
(v)	Yorkshire Water (cemetery)	11.81	
(vi)	City of York Council cemetery refuse collection	16.77	
(vii)	Mrs S Nunn (printer ink) & stationery	32.00	
(viii)	City of York Council leases	10.00	
(ix)	Village Hall hire	144.25	
(x)	Browns Nurseries (trees etc)	429.42	
(xi)	Greenvale Gardens (fencing)	1134.00	(S 106)

Income:

Interest:	£26.41
Cemetery	£675.00
Double taxation payment	£10,982.06
Sponsorship of VDS (Linden Homes)	£500.00
Sponsorship of VDS (MyHealth)	£50.00

Account Balances:

Cemetery Account	£7797.39
Treasurers Account	£15169.46 (inc £2,193.02 VDS)
Contingency Account	£9164.71 + £15,000 (bond)
Premium Account	£28,271.09 + £10,000 (bond)

(b) The Chairman reported that he had now received a breakdown of the monies received from double taxation and was concerned as to whether there would be a similar amount for 2015/16. As things were very uncertain, it had been their recommendation in the past to use the reserves to cope with some of the shortfall, it was now felt sensible to increase the precept to be nearer the budget figures proposed. The budget was agreed unanimously. **Resolution 140114/07**

The precept proposed was then discussed and agreed unanimously at £31,000. The Chairman signed the precept request and the Clerk was requested to forward the request to City of York Council. **Resolution 140114/08**

The grass cutting contract for the Cemetery was discussed and the Clerk confirmed the two quotations received. As the budget was overspent it was decided that a saving of £250 would assist towards the shortfall but the Council wished to retain the services of D E Baxter for the war memorial and Northfields picnic area as the costings were very similar. These were approved under **Resolution 140114/09** and the Clerk instructed to inform the contractors of their decision.

(c) Standing Orders – the Chairman reported that, in the light of the amended Standing Orders which were adopted in December, it would now be necessary to amend the Financial Regulations. This was agreed and it would be dealt with at the next meeting. In the meantime, it was agreed that Standing Order 15 (ref: Finance Committee) be amended to state that the required number of meetings per year should be a minimum of 2
Resolution 140114/10

9. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Tuohey reported that there are currently 9 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.
- 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 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), Brecks Lane, Lords Moor Lane and Haxby Moor Lane (Leyfield Close). CYC numbers are awaited.
- 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
- 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.

Other Issues

1. Based on an email from a local resident, I have written to North Yorkshire Police to see if there have been any formal reports of accidents on Haxby Moor Lane. I also have asked were there any in the vicinity on roads that are classed as Secondary Routes for the purposes of CYC

gritting. If these have not been reported, then I do not expect much information, However, if there has been an investigation, and the un-gritted road has been a factor, then this allows us to lobby CYC over its decision to downgrade the gritting regime.

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The issues were discussed and Cllr Chambers was requested to investigate the owner of the problem part of the footpath at Tesco

Cllr Mrs Himlin asked if the litter bin could be moved from the bus stop at Strensall Park inbound to the opposite side of the road to be of more use. The Clerk was requested to ask Stewart Grieve at CYC if this is possible.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Newsletter from CPRE – KM
- (b) Poster and leaflet from Cloverleaf Advocacy – noted

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 7.15pm

SignedChairman

11th February 2014