

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 9th December 2014 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Chambers (Chair) Plant, Baxter, Maher, Tuohey, Mrs C Edwards, Hill, Scott, Chapman, and Ogilvy,
Ward Cllr Mrs S Wiseman and five members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Ms T Flannery and Marquis and Ward Cllr P Doughty and the reasons were accepted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Tuohey & Chambers declared a personal interest in item 5(a)

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 25th November.

Resolution 091214/01

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) Mrs Ransome again addressed the meeting and requested some action on the problems the residents were encountering. The Clerk responded that a report had been received from the RoSPA inspector and a date was awaited for a meeting and discussion as to how we can proceed.
- (b) Mr Stork asked questions regarding past minutes to which the Clerk would respond to if put to her in writing.

6. POLICE REPORT

This was moved forward as PC Hannon had arrived and the information in the report was discussed. PCSO Hannon explained the new Police Regime which although reduced to 4 from 6 PCSOs somehow will give better coverage!

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) The office is isolated at the end of the afternoon in winter and locking up requires a torch. The Clerk felt that mornings would be more convenient use of time and daylight and sought approval to work the same days but in the mornings. This was approved **Resolution 091214/02**

The Clerk reported that, following a letter from R W School there would be a requirement to vacate the office either temporarily or permanently. The Library was not a possibility as the charges were too high. The Village Hall is being investigated as was the Methodist Chapel but, if necessary, her home office could be used with storage in the garage. To that end the Clerk had the offer of a free standing bookcase which could be of enormous use wherever the office was located and this purchase was approved at a cost of £25.00. **Resolution 091214/03**

Items (b) (c) and (d) were agreed for referral to the Finance Committee and be placed on the agenda in January.

- (e) Cllr Chambers reported that the Emergency Plan was being updated with assistance from City Council. He agreed to draft the update and circulate to members of the Emergency Committee over the Christmas period.
- (f) Cllr Chambers reported that the annual appraisal of the Clerk had been carried out, agreed and signed. The national pay award was discussed and agreed in accordance with the NALC calculations. The new rate from January would be in accordance with SLC26 and a non consolidated payment of £100 gross in December with a further payment of £3 gross in April. The appraisal committee wished to increase the Clerk's pay to SLC27 from 1st April 2015 to reward her dedication and commitment to her role. This was approved **Resolution 091214/04**
- (g) Cllr Chambers thanked all those who assisted with the Christmas Trees which all look very festive. The date for removal was decided as Saturday 10th January at 9.30am. The Clerk would provide coffee and bacon sandwiches.
- (h) A resident has demanded payment from the Parish Council, under the Negligence to Provide a Duty of Care for a broken pane of glass in his greenhouse, quoting inaccurate reasons for this. The content of the letter and NALC Legal Note 68 was sent to Councillors for comment. The Insurance Company thought the request to be unusual, they would not consider a claim such as this in any circumstances and advised that the complainant would be required to prove, beyond reasonable doubt, that the PC had been negligent and this, in their opinion, would

be an impossibility. Also the glass could have been sourced locally at half the cost and no travel expenses and no proof shown of the breakdown of labour cost refitting it. The Clerk was instructed to write to the resident and refuse to consider the claim unless there was proof of the person responsible for the damage and also that there was any negligence on the part of the Parish Council **Resolution 091214/05**

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the six planning applications discussed and the recommendations made, together with two decisions received. The Council resolved that the recommendations be accepted **Resolution 091214/06**

8 FINANCE REPORT

(a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 091214/07**

(i) Clerk salary	£. SO
(ii) Talktalk	£ DD
(iii) Talktalk mobile	DD
(iv) Cartmell's Gardens cemetery maintenance	196.00
Cartmell's Gardens weed control	98.00
(v) Cllr Chapman expenses	30.36
(vi) Mrs S Nunn non consolidated payment	80.00
(vii) Ward Associates fees	1599.00
(viii) HMRC tax and NI	409.00
(ix) Village Hall fees	128.25
(x) Browns Nurseries	431.97
(xi) Village Hall hire	272.75
(xii) Mrs S Nunn p/o bookcase	25.00

Receipts

Cemetery	£125.00
Interest	£1.07
VAT reclaim	£547.66

Account Balances:

Cemetery Account	£7,820.08
Treasurers Account	£16,123.36
Contingency Account	£8,080.86 + £15,000 (bond)
Premium Account	£18,312.28.+£10,000 (bond)

9. HIGHWAYS

The Highways report, prepared by Cllr Tuohey was discussed by the Council and the information contained therein noted. Cllr Tuohey requested some more labels for the salt bins and the bins at Alexander Road and My Health be refilled.

Ward Cllr Wiseman confirmed that Ward Cllr Doughty was to present the petition on road safety, at the junction of the Village and Sheriff Hutton Road, to the full Council on Thursday. 269 signatures on a paper copy and over 100

on an e-petition had been received. Any particular requests and suggestions should be sent to him by e-mail. The suggestions received from parents were for barrier fencing on the Boots corner to prevent children running over the road where visibility is worst, warning signs opposite New Lane entrance advising drivers to Slow Down – Children Crossing and rumble strips on the road saying Slow Down.

10. HERITAGE LIST

The provision of a Heritage List had been discussed at a previous meeting and the list was agreed as:

The Signal box at Lords Moor Lane Crossing
Vintage Road signs (4): outside Chapel, Golf Club, Towthorpe, Six Bells and Blacksmiths Shop
The Red Telephone box by 1 The Village
The Lock Walls by The Bridge
St Marys Hall in Church Lane
The Blacksmiths Forge (in the garden of 2 Church Lane)
The Old Post Office
The Picture House wall on Ox Carr Lane
43 The Village (formerly a retail outlet and latterly a Bookmakers)

This would now need to be progressed with City Council Conservation Officer

11. CORRESPONDENCE

1. CPRE magazine – Cllr Baxter
2. An e-mail had been received from City Council regarding the licensing of planters along the highway. Cllr Wiseman asked for a copy to be forwarded to her. The Clerk had responded requesting more information on the licences. *A response confirming that agreements were already in place received on 10th December and no further action required.*
3. The letter from Robert Wilkinson Academy giving notice on the office accommodation from 1st July had already been discussed. The Clerk confirmed that, following agreement, a licence for three months at a time would be prepared for signature. It was agreed that this be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the PC when available. **Resolution 091214/08**

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY

- (i) Report and recommendations from the Cemetery Committee
- (ii) Report and recommendations from the Finance Committee and agree the budget and precept for 2015/16
- (iii) Progress of the Heritage List

(iv) Playgrounds update

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm with the acting Chairman and absent Chairman wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Signed..... 13th January 2015

Chairman

APPENDIX 1 – POLICE REPORT

Classification: NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Dear All,

DAMAGE	3	
BURGLARY	2	
PUBLIC ORDER	1	
THEFT	1	
VIOLENCE	11	
TOTAL	18	26 in 2013 (-30%)

As you can see there were a total of 18 crimes recorded in the ward during November compared to 26 during November 2013. The 3 reports of damage are not linked and have been spread throughout the month. One relates to a vehicle that was scratched whilst parked on a driveway, one to a vehicle that had damage caused to its tyres whilst parked outside an address and the third is damage that was caused to the Post Office window in Strensall by unknown males. There were two burglaries recorded this month. Both happened in the Brecks Lane Estate of Strensall although they are not linked. A property owner disturbed an unknown male one morning at approx 7am trying to gain entry at the rear of their property. Entry was not gained and the male ran off and has not been identified at this time. The second burglary also occurred on the estate and three males have been arrested and bailed. They were invited into the property by one of the occupants although items were removed from the home whilst they were there, some of which have been recovered. The violence jobs relate in the main to Stockton Hall Hospital although there are a couple of domestic related jobs and an incident at a local pub.

PASTURE CLOSE PLAY AREA – Three reports from the surrounding streets in November on 01/11 15/11 and 21/11. All have been finalised as Anti Social Behaviour, no crimes recorded. No youths have been spoken to or identified in relation to these reports. The area was quiet when officers attended. Throughout the month I have checked the park during the evenings and have not had need to speak with any youths present. In the vast majority of cases there have been no persons present on the field and when there have been then they have not been doing anything that needs to be dealt with. I have checked the park between 1500hrs and 2300hrs over the month.