

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall,  
Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Chambers, Ms T Flannery, Ms T Himlin, Chapman, Baxter, Tuohey, Plant, Maher, Scott and Ogilvy,

Ward Cllr P Doughty and 5 members of the public. PCSO Hannon attended for part of the meeting

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Benson, Hill and Mrs C Edwards and the reasons were accepted. Ward Cllr Wiseman also tended apologies

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cll Chambers declared a personal interest in item 5(e)

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 14<sup>th</sup> October and following approval by the Planning Committee, the Chairman signed and Council endorsed the planning minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> October **Resolution 111114/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Ransome pleaded with the Council to close the football area following alleged incidents of damage to her property. The Chairman confirmed that it had been agreed to defer any decision until after the RoSPA Inspector had attended at Mr Stork's request. An appeal to children and parents for consideration had been placed in the Outreach. Mr Stork confirmed that the inspector had been on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and his report was expected shortly. The Playground Chairman then confirmed that the report would be discussed and any action recommended to the full Council for

consideration. The petition with 147 signatures in support of the retention of the football area had to be taken into account.

Mr Baker then demanded to know why his letters had not been replied to and the Clerk confirmed that this was on the agenda for discussion at the meeting. Mr Baker stressed the danger from the footballs and wished to have it stopped.

## 5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) Neighbourhood Plan –

The Chairman asked if the Council were prepared to take this forward as it needed to be Parish Council led with support from residents. The VDS working group were keen to assist but it would need three Councillors to commit time to the preparation and funding would be required, Cllr Plant was prepared to assist and it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting to enable Councillors time to consider. The Clerk would request the return of the information acquired from the seminar from Cllr Benson.

(b) Heritage List

The Chairman asked if there were any additions to the list in the appendix and cllrs asked what merit or weight this would carry. It was felt that a list would focus attention on buildings not listed and then if it was felt desirable to protect them, listing could be applied for.

(c) Emergency Plan update

Katie Fisher of CYC was keen to meet with the Emergency Plan Committee and Cllr Chambers agreed to contact her to progress the update required

(d) Funding Request

The Chairman reported that a request for funding had been received from Strensall Junior Football Club in the sum of £2,000. The Chairman of the organisation made a plea for the money and explained how it would be of immense benefit to the children. It was agreed that this request be approved from S 106 funds. **Resolution 111114/02**

(e) Strensall Carnival 2015

A request had been received for permission to use the field at Northfields and also for the Parish Council to cover the insurance for the event. This was approved. **Resolution 111114/03**

(f) Cemetery Committee

Following the resignation from Cllr Plant a new councillor was required on this committee to comply with standing orders. Cllr Ogilvy volunteered to do this and his appointment was approved. **Resolution 111114/04**

- (g) Christmas Trees  
Councillors were asked if available on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November to assist with the erection of the Christmas trees in the village. Cllr Maher to co-ordinate this with Browns, The Clerk confirmed that her garage would be available and refreshments would be provided. The van would be available that morning for collection.
- (h) Cllr Doughty reported on a meeting with CYC and a representative from York City Football Club hoping to provide a coach and funding for young people using Durlston Drive. Two groups of 11-16 and over 16 years was envisaged and linking this to other groups using DD from January 2015 for 6 months and it was hoped to secure funding for this project

## 6. POLICE REPORT

The police report was noted. PCSO Hannon was in attendance and confirmed that no crimes had been committed on Kirklands playground. A new Inspector was now in post Lee Pointon 1051.

## 7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the one decision received for 39 Moor Lane. There were several new applications for discussion on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

- (a) Public inquiry  
Cllr Marquis reported on the closing statements made on the last two days and the inspector would now report direct to the Secretary of State who would make a decision.
- (b) The Tannery  
There are outstanding issues which are still ongoing on this site

## 8. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 11114/05**

(i)	Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii)	Talktalk	£37.83	DD
(iii)	Talktalk mobile	£5.00	DD
(iv)	R Cartmell village grass cutting	£545.34	
(v)	R Cartmell cemetery maintenance	£1272.00	
(vi)	Donation to St Marys for churchyard	£500.00	
(vii)	Donation to Outreach	£400.00	
(viii)	Donation to Royal British Legion	£50.00	
(ix)	Skip hire for Cemetery	£192.00	
(x)	Stationery- inks	£40.78	
(xi)	RSS – playground inspection & maintenance	745.20	
(xii)	Darren Baxter	130.00	
(xiii)	Wigginton Flower shop	£27.55	

	(xiv) Sleightholm landscapes (SCYSA)	£288.00	
	(xv) Grant to Strensall Junior football Club	£2,000.00	S106
(b)	<u>Receipts</u>		
	Cemetery	£1725.00	
	Fighting Fund	705.00	
	Grant from War Memorial Trust	759.00	
	VAT reclaim	£607.64	
	Interest	£1.40	
(c)	<u>Account Balances:</u>		
	Cemetery Account	£9,284.08	
	Treasurers Account	£21,495.03	
	Contingency Account	£8,080.39 + £15,000 (bond)	
	Premium Account	£18,311.23.+£10,000 (bond)	
(d)	The Chairman stated a meeting of the Finance committee would be required at the end of December to prepare the budget and precept for approval at the January meeting. The expenditure against budget statement for the current year to October had been circulated and was noted by Councillors.		

## 9. HIGHWAYS

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

The Chairman reported on the Community Conversations Ward meeting held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the Methodist Hall. Both Ward Councillors together with James Alexander, Tracey Simpson-Laing and Lindsey Cunningham-Cross were in attendance. Several items of concern were brought up – congestion in the village and the safety of the children crossing Sheriff Hutton road. At the conclusion of the meeting Cllr Marquis and James Alexander walked on the footpath towards the footbridge and the issues pointed out to him. He requested information which Cllr Marquis has now provided. Cllr Doughty and the Clerk have corresponded with Trish Hirst, the Road Safety Officer at CYC, and it is understood that some form of petition or group letter is being organised by parents following a road accident last Wednesday when a child was knocked down by a car travelling from Sheriff Hutton. Suggestions from parents included signs with flashing lights warning drivers to “slow down children crossing” opposite New Lane and by the Library together with barrier fencing on the corner of Boots chemists preventing crossing in an unsafe place and concentrating the crossing area by the exit from the emergency access path. A School Crossing Patrol was also requested. It is understood that a site visit is planned by CYC Road Safety team. Ward Cllr Doughty has requested that he and a PC representative be included on that visit.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Countryside Voice – Cllr Baxter
- (ii) letter from Carnival Committee – dealt with under item 5 (e)
- (iii) the attendance of Cllrs Chambers and Himlin at the next Transforming Places meeting was noted
- (iv) the attendance of Cllrs Marquis and Chapman at the first meeting of YLPAGA (York Local Plan Action Group Alliance) was noted
- (v) Notice of How Sewage Pumping Station Ownership is changing from YW was noted. Cllr Chapman will respond

11. ITEMS FOR DECEMBER

- (a) Playground issues
- (b) Neighbourhood Plan
- (c) Emergency plan update
- (d) Heritage list

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed..... 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Chairman

APPENDIX I – POLICE REPORT

<b>DAMAGE</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>BURGLARY</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>VEHICLE</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>VIOLENCE</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27 Last Year (-25.9%)</b>

As you can see from the above there has been a 25% reduction in crime compared to the same period last year with a total of 20 crimes across the ward in October.

The two recorded criminal damages relate to domestic related incidents where some property has been damaged during the incident.

The burglary occurred on the Tannery site, where an insecure storage container was entered and a number of items taken.

The two vehicle offences happened at York Road Motors where damage was caused to two vehicles that were on the garage forecourt.

The violence jobs relate to Stockton Hall in the main.

There have been three reports in relation to the play area at Pasture Close on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were no criminal offences recorded however and the calls were about youths playing football on the football pitch. Officers attended on each occasion and no crimes were committed and it was not necessary to speak to any youths formally.

## APPENDIX II – HIGHWAYS#

### Items Reported

There are currently 8 outstanding issues with CYC which are:

- 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. This has now been sent out for consultation as part of the Annual Review of Traffic Regulation Order Requests 2014.
- I have reported faded junction markings at Glebe Close/York Road and Parkgate/Brecks Lane. CYC numbers are awaited. These were re-reported, to get numbers on, 3/11/2014.
- Drainage issues by Northfields/The Village (by Number 71) have been reported. This was re-reported, to get numbers on, 3/11/2014.
- 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. This was re-reported, to get numbers on, 3/11/2014.
- Potholes have been reported on Parkgate and Barley Rise. These were re-reported, to get numbers on, 3/11/2014.
- Faded Road Markings have been reported at the loading bay of Tescos (102625755).
- I am quite happy that any Parish Councillor who sees highways defects reports them direct ([ycc@york.go.uk](mailto: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. It appears extensive white lining works have been undertaken from Strensall N<sup>o</sup>1 Level Crossing through to near Tesco reinstating the double white lines, the junction markings at Sherriff Hutton Road and the bus stop by the Chip Shop as well as the junction markings with Church Lane.

## APPENDIX 111 – HERITAGE LIST

1. The signal box at Lords Moor Lane
2. The Lock Walls by the bridge
3. St Mary's Hall in Church Lane
4. The Blacksmiths Forge in the garden of No 2 Church Lane
5. The red telephone box adjacent to 1 The Village
6. The Old Post Office
7. The Picture House wall on Ox Carr Lane
8. 43 The Village – formerly a retail outlet and latterly a bookmakers