

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Scott, Plant, Benson, Ms T Flannery, Mrs T Himlin,
Chapman, Tuohey, Baxter, Maher, Chambers, Knight and Ogilvy,
Ward Cllr Paul Doughty
Four members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Were received from Ward Cllr Mrs Wiseman and Cllr Mrs C Edwards.

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 110214/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

none

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) The Brecks application by Linden Homes was to be decided by East Area Planning Committee on 20th February. It was hoped as many people as possible who objected would arrange a spokesman to register to speak or at least attend. Cllr Chapman had registered to speak on behalf of the Parish Council.
- (b) Basket Swing – the contractor had confirmed the fitting of the replacement on Wednesday but when it was unpacked it was discovered to be the wrong one. It was hoped that a replacement as ordered would be delivered and fitted early next week.

- (c) The VDS – the Clerk updated the Council on the proposal to hold a competition to encourage residents to read the document either on line or in the library. Two prizes had been promised by Tesco Express and it was hoped that Costcutter would also provide a prize. The body of the document was with CYC for further appraisal but in the meantime the design of the cover and content was being discussed. Once that was done it would be possible to request permission from people to use their photograph on the cover. The Chairman confirmed that he was actively seeking some maps from a contact at City Council
- (d) H 30 - The Chairman updated the Council on the outline proposal by Shirethorn on H30 and the draft plans. The members of the public asked questions but as the whole “plan” is theory at present, there were no answers to give, but the site layout proposals were available for them to look at. The Agents had confirmed to the Clerk that it was likely that they would submit a planning application in the not too distant future. The advice provided by CYC which had been sought by the Clerk was read to the meeting.
- (e) The issues at Wildhaven were explained by Cllr Chapman, together with an advice of the letters delivered to all properties with boundaries with the area. It was agreed that the resident who had cut down the tree be required to supply two replacement trees. Cllr Chapman would speak to him in the first instance, and if necessary a letter spelling out the misdemeanour and its consequences should be sent to the resident.

Resolution 110214/02

6. POLICE REPORT

The police report was noted. (Appendix I)
Cllr Scott reported on the lecture given by the Police Commissioner at the YLCA Branch Meeting on 6th February.

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the one application received and six decisions (including 2 withdrawals) Cllr Chapman requested permission from the Council for himself and the Chairman to put together a suitable letter regarding visitor sites (S12 of 2005 Local Plan S12 v5). Once the letter was approved the Clerk was instructed to send it to John Roberts and copy Martin Grainger and Rachel Macefield. **Resolution 110214/03**

8. FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment **Resolution 110214/04**

(i) Clerk salary	£.	SO
(ii) Talktalk	29.48	DD
(iii) Talktalk mobile	5.00	DD
(iv) Green Vale Gardens (grass cutting & strimming)	392.92	
Green Vale Gardens – tree cutting back Westpit Ln	296.00	

(v) Howardian Contracts	288.00
(vi) Pear Technology	90.00
(vii) City of York Council leases	60.00

Income:

Interest:	£1.46
Cemetery	£125.00
Sponsorship of VDS (MyHealth + D Gath)	£250.00
SCYSA rent	£10.00
Allotment rent	£10.00
VAT reclaimed	£2,024.73

Account Balances:

Cemetery Account	£7,893.91
Treasurers Account	£17,134.57
Contingency Account	£8,031.18 + £15,000 (bond)
Premium Account	£18,272.08 + £10,000 (bond)

- (b) The request from the Carnival Committee for funding assistance was discussed. It was agreed for the Clerk to confirm the money would be available (£1,053) and ask where it is to be paid; with an offer to deal with the money in the same way as the VDS if that is what they would prefer. **Resolution 110214/05**
- (c) The proposal to steam clean the nine bus shelters at a cost of £279 was approved and the Clerk to enquire as to the cost of replacement Perspex on some badly damaged ones **Resolution 110214/06**
- (d) The application for funding to provide speed humps and car parking lines at Durlston Drive was discussed and some Councillors were of the opinion that this would not solve the problem. The Clerk was instructed to write to SCYSA to request a site visit before any decision was made. The provision of gas to the building was approved. **Resolution 110214/07**
- (e) Cllr Chapman reported on the flooding of the pathway on Flaxton Road and the cost of putting in a drain, following the advice of Brian Hebditch (Drainage Engineer at CoYC), the size of the pipe was increased from 9" to 12" and the cost of £288 was approved. **Resolution 110214/08**
- (f) The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 29th April at 7.0pm. The agenda items proposed were – a presentation from SCYSA – a presentation and update on the VDS and a presentation on plans for the Carnival. The Council approved the agenda proposed. **Resolution 110214/09**

9. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Tuohey reported on the highways issues and the damage being done to York Road, exacerbated by the contractors vehicles in connection with the Tannery development which are travelling through the village in direct contravention of the approval condition. The Clerk was requested to contact Victoria Bell and Andy Binner at CYC to appraise them of the situation and see if this can be minimised. Some of the potholes, whilst not wide, are very deep and some reinstated ones are already disintegrating. **Resolution 110214/10**

The owners of the land next to Tesco Express had been identified and the Clerk instructed to contact them to make them aware of the subsidence and danger to pedestrians. Cllr Chapman would provide photos to accompany the letter. **Resolution 110214/11**

The damaged litter bin on Strensall Road was discussed and the Clerk confirmed that she had requested both the repair and re-siting of the bin from CYC.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter from Local Government Boundary Commission on further recommendations – RP

11. NEXT MEETING

The date of the May meeting was discussed and the chairman confirmed that the majority of Councillors would be on the outing to Beamish that day and may not be available for the commencement of the Planning Committee meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be brought forward one week and the Clerk instructed to enquire as to the availability of the room and change the date if the Function Room is free **Resolution 110214/12**

This has now been changed by the Village Hall Booking Clerk and the meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th May. Councillors are requested to diarise please

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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

SignedChairman

11th March 2014

APPENDIX 1 – police report

DAMAGE	3	BURGLARY	1	OTHER	1	SEXUAL	2
THEFT	2	VIOLENCE	10				
TOTAL	19	24 LAST YEAR					

As you can see there is a reduction in crimes across the ward compared to the same period last year.

The violence jobs refer to incidents at Stockton Hall.

The burglary occurred at the Tannery Site. Unfortunately there are no security or CCTV on overnight at the site. Some tools were taken from a shed on the site.

The thefts relate to two incidents where cycles that have been left insecure in gardens have been taken.

The damage jobs are not related and are spread across the ward and the month.

APPENDIX 2 – Highways

Items Reported

There are currently 7 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.
- 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), Brecks Lane, Lords Moor Lane and Haxby Moor Lane (Leyfield Close). CYC numbers are awaited but will not be provided due to a CYC systems failure. Whilst repairs have been undertaken at Lords Moor Lane and Leyfield Close, the repairs at the level crossing have been poor and additional potholes have been reported. The no action at Brecks Lane has also been queried.
- 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. So far, the only email I received was regarding one incident possibly attributable to frost but the issue has been raised in the York Evening Press recently to give increased attention as to whether the decision was correct. It might also prompt a review of the road and the traffic levels it was designed for rather than what it currently experiences.

Dermot Tuohey 2nd February 2014