

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Tuohey, Scott, Chapman, Chambers, Hill, Ogilvy,  
Ms T Flannery and Mrs C Edwards  
PC Smith and 7 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Baxter and Maher together with Ward Cllrs Mrs S  
Wiseman and P Doughty

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Tuohey and Chambers declared an interest in item 5(c) as School  
Governors

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.  
**Resolution 100215/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public wished to comment on item 5(i) and therefore it  
was agreed to allow public discussion on this item at the appropriate time.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) Parish Councillor Vacancies: The Clerk reported that she had written to  
both residents who had expressed an interest in joining the Parish  
Council but neither had responded.

(b) Playgrounds: As the promised Risk Assessment and Safety report had  
not been received, it was agreed to defer the matter to the next  
meeting. The Playground Committee would meet as soon as possible  
following receipt of the report to discuss and make recommendations  
and also discuss and make recommendations on signage issues  
**Resolution 100215/02**

- (c) Office Relocation: The Chairman reported that a licence had been agreed with the Village Hall for the use of the Bar Room as a Parish Council Office, at a rent of £800 per annum. The working party estimated a cost of around £1,500 for alterations and removal expenses and this sum was approved. **Resolution 100215/03**
- (d) Emergency Plan: Cllr Chambers reported on the progress of the Emergency Plan and the forthcoming meeting with the Emergency Planning Officer.
- (e) Village Carnival: The Clerk reported that, in order to comply with the terms of the Insurance Policy, it would be necessary to incorporate the Carnival Committee into a Working Party under the Parish Council umbrella. It was agreed that Cllr Edwards and the Clerk would represent the Parish Council **Resolution 100215/04**
- (f) YLCA Information: The Council discussed the information contained in the White Rose Update. The Clerk thanked Cllr Ogilvy for his work in setting up the Parish Council Facebook page that was requested by residents who attended the Public Meeting. It was agreed that any content would be approved by the Chairman and Clerk before inclusion. **Resolution 100215/05.**
- (g) York Action Group Alliance: The Chairman reported on The York Action Alliance Group meeting in January for information and the possibility that a Planning Consultant would be required at some stage with the inevitable cost implications.
- (h) Annual Parish Meeting: The Chairman reported that the Annual Parish Meeting would be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Speakers would include a representative from VDS- Neighbourhood Plan, The Carnival Committee and SCYSA (tbc). *Post meeting – Katie Fisher from City of York Council was also arranged to give a presentation on Parish Emergency Plan.*
- (i) Permissive Footpaths Issues: A spokesperson for the residents who attended the meeting wished to be appraised of any possible issues with regard to the land they had recently purchased to the rear of their properties. The Clerk confirmed that she had received requests to apply for a definitive footpath modification order to allow the permissive footpath to be designated for their use. Two residents confirmed that the riverbank footpath to the rear of their properties would continue to be a permissive right of way and had provided public liability insurance for this purpose. They were disturbed at the amount of dog faeces deposited on their land since the purchase and the unpleasant notes left for them.
- (j) SCYSA Management Meeting The Chairman reported that the next meeting of SCYSA was on 19<sup>th</sup> March and Cllrs Chambers and Flannery would attend. It was hoped that this meeting would confirm an attendance at the APM

## 6. POLICE REPORT

PC Andy Smith attended the meeting. The police report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and a correction had been made in relation to an incident of criminal damage which had been substantiated.

The gathering of young people in Strensall on Saturday evening (7<sup>th</sup> Feb) was discussed and the dangers of posting information of that nature on social media sites. There had been no arrests but a police presence had been required.

### POLICE REPORT - JANUARY 2015

**DAMAGE 3**

**THEFT 1**

**VIOLENCE 8**

**TOTAL 12 19 last year -36.8%**

As you can see there were only 12 reported crimes across the ward during January which is a 36% reduction compared to the same period last year. One of the reports of damage relates to an incident within Stockton Hall Hospital, one where a parked vehicle was scratched in Earswick and the third is damage to a fencepost in Strensall. The theft also relates to an incident with Stockton Hall as do 7 of the violence recorded, the final one the result of an incident at licensed premises.

There have been no reports from any members of the public about any issues in relation to the Play Area on Pasture Close and nothing seen there by myself whilst out and about that required any action to be taken.

## 7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the three planning applications discussed and the recommendations made, together with the response to the application for 11 properties 92-100 The Village. The Council approved the recommendations. The response to planning application 14/02962/OUTM, prepared by Cllrs Marquis and Chapman, was approved and the Councillors thanked for the hard work they had put into achieving this comprehensive response.  
**Resolution 100215/06**

## 8 FINANCE REPORT

(a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 100215/07**

(i) Clerk salary	£.	SO
(ii) Talktalk	£32.70	DD
(iii) Talktalk mobile	£7.50	DD
(iv) Pear Technology	£90.00	

(v) Mark Collins Tree work	£350.00
(vi) City of York Council leases	£60.00
(vii) Mrs S Nunn	£7.00
(viii) Mr K Marquis- floppy disc reader	£8.93
(ix) MrJ Chapman stationery	£16.96
(x) new office signage	£26.37

Receipts

S 106 payment	£14,593.00
Cemetery	£1,000.00
Vat reclaim	£655.17
Interest	£1.42

Account Balances:

Cemetery Account	£8,624.50
Treasurers Account	£6,775.08
Contingency Account	£8,096.71 + £15,000 (bond)
Premium Account	£18,324.50 +£10,000 (bond)

9. HIGHWAYS

The Highways report, prepared by Cllr Tuohey, had been circulated and was discussed by the Council. Concerns were expressed at the amount of potholes re-appearing. All the salt bins had been labelled and emptied of rubbish. The new salt bin for the Cemetery had been added to the Asset List.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation had been received to a meeting on Safer Neighbourhoods by North Yorkshire Police. Cllrs Scott and Chambers would attend.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH

- (i) Progress of the Heritage List
- (ii) Playgrounds update
- (iii) Emergency Plan
- (iv) Neighbourhood Plan
- (v) Office accommodation update

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed..... 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Chairman.