

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 11th August 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Baxter, Hill, Fisher, Mattinson, Maher, Ogilvy and Mrs J Smith

Ward Cllr Paul Doughty and 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Chambers, Chapman, Ms T Flannery and Mrs C Edwards

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, Council approved these, endorsed the planning committee minutes for 14th and 28th July authorising the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. **Resolution 110815/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two residents spoke on the issues they were experiencing with the new play equipment and how they felt that the Parish Council had ignored their problems. They said there were still young people there at 10.30pm at night which was, to them, unacceptable. The screening trees were not helping. One resident accused the Parish Council of deliberately omitting correspondence received from the agenda and not making documents available on the website. He felt there were still legitimate safety issues regarding the football area and the Parish Council are doing nothing to address this. He was annoyed that the petition signed by the residents had not been published and stopped short of naming the person he held responsible.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Complaints Procedure** – Cllr Mattinson confirmed he had checked the document and it complied with the current legislation and did not require any amendment. The document was therefore approved for a further 12 months **Resolution 110815/02**
- (b) **The Firs** -The letter from the solicitor representing the proposed purchaser of the building plot was discussed and the Parish Council voted

unanimously to refuse the request. A letter was approved for signature by the Chairman. **Resolution 110815/03**

- (c) **Telephone Kiosk** - The Clerk reported the joiner would plane the wood on the door and fit a yale lock to secure the box whilst its future is decided. This expenditure was approved **Resolution 110815/04**

Cllr Smith confirmed that all Cllrs had now read the information on the defibrillator and whether or not to have one was discussed at length. Other Parish Councils were considering this. Funding was discussed and Cllr Smith would make further enquiries. Cllr Doughty confirmed that Ward funding was available for groups including Parish Councils

- (d) **Playground Issues** – in appendix 1 the recommendations of the Playground Working Group was discussed and approved. *Kirklands* -the cost of the screening trees was agreed. Approval was given for the provision of hedging if required following the erection of the cage. Parents had requested the provision of a roundabout and a slide for small users. Providers were being asked if the tower could be modified in some way *Northfields* – some of the equipment was in need of replacing and costings were being obtained for this for when funds are available. A new self-closing gate was on order and should be fitted before the end of August. **Resolution 110815/05**
- (e) **Footpath Brochure** –Cllr Plant explained that the brochure was now nearing completion and the cost would be around £650 in total. It was agreed that this should be finished and that a charge should be made for the purchase and this price should be included on the front page. This would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to progress.
- (f) **Neighbourhood Plan** - This was discussed and it was agreed that the parish boundary should be used as the boundary for a Neighbourhood Plan. **Resolution 110815/06**
- (g) **Bus Shelter Seating** - The Clerk had received a request for a seat in the bus shelter on York Road opposite Middlecroft Drive. There was a problem with the location being close to a hedge and enough room is required to permit a wheelchair or buggy to pass. The Clerk was requested to obtain some costings and designs to enable a decision to be made at the next meeting
- (h) **SCYSA** - There is an Extraordinary General Meeting of SCYSA on 11th September 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall to enable the Strensall Junior Football Club to appoint Trustees to run the group. Any business plan would need to be approved before an underlease would be passed to them
- (i) **Post Office Relocation** - Following receipt of notification of Costcutter no longer wishing to have the Post Office in their shop, it was resolved that the Clerk would write to the Post Office to seek some clarification as to any progress by them in respect of the relocation. **Resolution 110815/07**

6. LOCAL PLAN

Cllrs Marquis, Fisher and Chapman attended the meeting of CYC regarding the report on the progress of the New Local Plan. Alan Charlesworth of York Action Group Alliance emphasised the protection of the green belt and building on brownfield sites. He presented copies of the Alliance Manifesto to the Cllrs and requested co-operation with the Local Plan Working Group. The deadline is 2017 as Government have intimated that if there is not one agreed by that date, one will be imposed by Central Government. A response to the consultation by City of York Council on the 4 year plan was agreed.

7 ROAD SAFETY

Cllr Mattinson's report and appendix was approved with the covering letter as read out by the Clerk. It was agreed that this be sent to Neil Ferris at CYC with copy to Ward Cllrs, CYC Road Safety Officer and our MP. **Resolution 110815/08**

8 POLICE REPORT

The monthly report from our PCSO was discussed and noted.

VIOLENCE	6	FRAUD	2	BURGLARY	3	SMV	AUTOCRIME	1
DAMAGE	4	THEFT	1	DRUGS	1	TOTAL	19	

As you can see there were 19 crimes reported across the ward during July. The violence reports relate in the main to Stockton Hall. One burglary was in Strensall when an insecure garage was entered and tools taken. One at a golf club where an outbuilding was entered and a third at a farm where a barn was entered and tools taken. The SMV (stolen motor vehicle) was also at the same farm where a vehicle was taken from the same location at the same time.

The autocrime occurred in Strensall where a vehicle was entered overnight and items taken from within. Two of the four damages relate to Stockton Hall, one to a property in Stockton on the Forest where damage has been caused to a fence and the fourth incident relates to Strensall Village Hall. The theft was a cycle from outside Tesco Express that was left insecure and stolen whilst the owner was inside the store. The drugs offence was a cannabis warning issued to one individual in Earswick for possession of a small amount of cannabis

There have been four reports made to the Police during July relating to anti social behaviour at the play area at Pasture Close. There have been no offences disclosed on any of these occasions and they relate to noise from the play area. Officers have attended on each occasion and have not located any persons on the Play Area on these occasions and as such there has been no action taken against any persons.

9. PLANNING REPORT

Cllr Marquis reported that the documents in support of the amendments to the application at Lambshill were not the website to view and this was therefore deferred to the next planning meeting. One decision had been received.

10 FINANCE

(a) The following invoices were approved for payment **Resolution 110815/09**

(i) Clerk's salary	£	SO
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(ii)	Staples	£60.97	DD
(iii)	Talktalk mobile	£7.50	DD
(iv)	Rob Cartmell grass cutting	£612.00	
(v)	Rob Cartmell cemetery maintenance	£299.00	
(vi)	Signs Express- 5 dog fouling signs Northfields	£132.00	
(vii)	Playdale – new gate for Northfields Junior	£407.00	
(viii)	PKF Littlejohn – Annual Return fee	£360.00	
(ix)	Campbells of Malton	£31.00	
(x)	Stoneplan – fixings for replacement gate	£16.74	
(xi)	Grant for Village Hall	£1,000.00	
(xii)	Vertigrow-3 screening trees	£309.00	

(b)	<u>Receipts</u>	
	(i) allotment rent	£10.00
	(ii) sale of VDS books	£53.00
	(iii) Interest	£3.38

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£24,500.35
Cemetery Account	£8374.55
Contingency Account	£29,055.15 + 15,000 bond
Premium Account	£18,347.77 + 10,000 bond

- (d) Cllrs Chambers and Marquis had gone through the accounts in a four month check to ensure that all was in order. The next internal audit is due on 16th September. Councillor Marquis reported on the External Audit of accounts for 2014/15 by Littlejohn

11. PARISH ISSUES

- (a) The overgrown vegetation by the footbridge on Sheriff Hutton Road had not been cut back as advised by CYC and a local contractor had very kindly done this free of charge whilst working at the Ship
- (b) A reply had been received from Tesco on the delivery issues had been acknowledged

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter from N Y Fire and Rescue Service regarding consultation – no changes to City of York area
- (b) Letter from Julian Sturdy MP regarding future S106 payments
- (c) Letter from CYC Electoral Services on register of electors

13 AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER

- (a) Footpath brochure
- (b) telephone kiosk
- (c) seat for bus shelter

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting to take place on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.15pm

Signed.....8th September 2015

Chairman.