

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Baxter, Harvey-Walker, Hill, Fisher, Ogilvy, Bolton, Chambers, and Chapman,

6 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Were received from Cllr Mattinson, Smith, Flannery and Ward Cllrs H Douglas and P Doughty

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fisher registered his personal interest in item 10(2) and would withdraw from any discussion or decision

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, Council approved these, authorising the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. Council also endorsed the planning committee minutes for 10th and 24th November **Resolution 081215/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Baker addressed the meeting and said that the noise was unacceptable and footballs were still being kicked into their garden. She asked why a net had not been put over the top of the football area. Two letters from Mr and Mrs Ransome had been received regarding damage done to their property from footballs. They inform the Parish Council that this goes on until 10.30pm to 11pm most evenings if not raining. Mr Ransome had previously spoken to the Clerk and asked if the screening hedge and trees promised could now be done.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Playgrounds:** The Clerk had received a quote for the repairs required for the playgrounds which seemed excessive and it was agreed that the Playground group would meet to discuss all issues and bring recommendations to the January meeting. Cllr Fisher agreed to be Chairman of the group. **Resolution 081215/02**
- (b) **Footpath brochure** – Cllr Plant updated the meeting as to slow but steady progress and the timescale for production
- (c) **Neighbourhood Plan** - The terms of reference had been circulated before the meeting and were agreed. A representative from City Council was willing to

come to a meeting but it was felt that the first opportunity was February and this was too long a wait. Cllr Marquis to see if a sooner appointment would be possible. Cllr Harvey-Walker had setup the website to be linked into the PC website and the annual cost was £35.88. It was agreed that this should be done on a direct debit basis and Cllr Harvey-Walker would liaise with the Clerk to progress. **Resolution 081215/03**

- (d) **Road Safety Issues** – Cllrs instructed the Clerk to write to Neil Ferris at CYC as the Parish Council had received no acknowledgement or reply to the report forwarded in August or the letter sent in October following in response to the suggestions put forward. **Resolution 081215/04**
- (e) **Salt Bins** - Cllr Hill reported that he had checked some of the bins and Cllr Chapman passed him a list of bins he had checked. It was hoped that, if possible, all bins be checked before Christmas to enable the Clerk to contact the supplier with a list of bins to fill.
- (f) **Bus shelter seat** – this has finally arrived and with Cllr Baxter. It was agreed that Stoneplan be requested to erect the seat and the Clerk would deliver it to them. **Resolution 081215/05**
- (g) **Post Office** - The Chairman reported that the present postmaster had informed him that the current location will cease trading on 30th January 2016 transferring to the Londis Garage on Monday 1st February. The Clerk was requested to seek confirmation from Post Office. The present postmaster also asked for the brackets for trees and baskets be removed. **Resolution 081215/06**

6. POLICE REPORT

This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. Again it was emphasized to report any incidents on 101. There were three carrier bags of bottles and deal bags for cannabis which are reported to NYP each week.

7. PLANNING REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the applications received, recommended responses and decisions from City of York Council. The Council approved the recommendations made by the Planning Committee **Resolution 081215/07**

8. FINANCE

- (a) the following invoices were approved for payment **Resolution 081215/08**
 - (i) Clerk's salary £ S/O
 - (ii) Talktalk mobile £7.50 DD
 - (iii) Rob Cartmell grass cutting £580.00
 - (vii) Rob Cartmell cemetery maintenance £985.00
 - (v) Mr A K Marquis (computer repair) £50.00

(vi)	Mr J Chapman (litter pickers)	£95.88
(vii)	Ludus play equipment	£21,000.00
(viii)	Park Lane Services	£60.00
(ix)	RoSPA	£213.60
(x)	Browns Nurseries	£403.00
(xi)	HMRC income tax and NI	£425.88
(xii)	Mr D Hill – spring bulbs	£15.98

(b) Receipts
Cemetery £350.00

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£32,047.36
Cemetery Account	£8,293.95
Contingency Account	£29,075.24+ £15,000 bond
Premium Account	£18,360.93 + 10,000 bond

(d) The application for funding from the River Foss Society to be deferred to the January meeting following discussion on 4th January Finance meeting

(e) Notification had been received from the Local History Group that the art work had been provided without cost and therefore the request for funding was reduced to £1400 (£1,003 for the board and the remainder for fixing. He Clerk confirmed that the Ward Committee were meeting that evening to decide on the funding request. It was agreed to make a conditional offer once the Ward Grant decision had been received.
Resolution 081215/09

(f) It was reported that the notice board outside Station House was about to collapse. The Clerk was requested to research the cost of a new board, partly locked and partly open for community use. The meeting agreed a price of up to £500 and if it was more expensive to return to the next meeting for a decision. **Resolution 081215/10**

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan with NYCC & CYC was passed to Cllr Fisher to read through and prepare a draft response for the next meeting
- (2) An anonymous letter from “disgruntled residents of Moorland Garth” had been received complaining about cars parked opposite the entrance to their road. In keeping with Parish Council policy, this was not discussed as any correspondence without a name is dismissed. The person targeted in this letter had sent a response to the Council but it was felt that this should be directed to the residents and not the PC.
- (3) Countryside Voice Newsletter - Cllr Baxter

- (4) The Chairman reported that a letter before action had been received from the residents of the Firs and the possibility of proceedings brought to the attention of the Council's Insurers.
- (5) Correspondence from Joe Ashton at CYC on Double Taxation. The Clerk was requested to e-mail and confirm no change. The Parish Charter and the amendment requested would be discussed at a later date.
- (6) The letter from HSBC was noted
- (7) The letter from the Pensions Regulator was passed to Cllr Marquis
- (8) The letters of complaint from residents at Pasture Close had been discussed under item 5.
- (9) The letter from Amanda Gaines at the public health department at CYC was reported and her request to attend the January meeting. It was decided that a 20-minute limit would be placed on this and any information previously sent would be circulated beforehand to expedite this matter **Resolution 081215/11**
- (10) An e-mail from Hoggs had been received regarding adoption of the footpaths to be discussed at the Finance meeting

10 AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY

- (a) Budget and Precept
- (b) Decisions on Grant requests
- (c) Report from Cllrs Marquis and Chambers on internal accounts check together with the annual review of the Clerk
- (d) Tree survey for risk assessment was due and Cllr Chapman to research qualified people and estimated cost.

11. NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting to take place on Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 7.15pm. Councillors were all thanked for their contribution throughout the year and wished a very Happy Christmas

Signed.....12th January 2016

Police Report

Burglary 4 Theft 3 Damage 1 Drugs 1 Violence 6

TOTAL 15

As you can see there were a total of 15 crimes reported across the ward during November.

Burglary – A commercial premises on the A64 was broken into

- A commercial premises in Stockton on Forest was broken into and cash stolen
- A burglary occurred in Earswick where the property was entered, car keys taken and the vehicle was stolen from the driveway. Enquiries are ongoing.
- A shed in Strensall was entered and three cycles and some power tools were taken. Enquiries are ongoing

Theft – A theft from a commercial premises on the A64

- Theft of a set of number plates from a vehicle parked on the street at Earswick
- Theft of fencing from a farm in Stockton on the Forest

Damage – A window was smashed at a property in Strensall, possible offenders although enquiries still ongoing at this time

Drugs – A cannabis warning was issued to a male in Strensall following a vehicle stop and a small amount of cannabis found within

Violence – All relate to reports from Stockton Hall

The team will continue with an operation during December to try and reduce burglary, concentrating on improving home security and raising awareness amongst the public.

There have been no areas within the ward that have reported a large amount of ASB during November but the team are monitoring the area around the Village Hall in Strensall. Several youths have been spoken to in that area although there have been no offences disclosed and searches that have been carried out have proved to be negative with nothing found on any of the persons present.