

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Baxter, Maher, Tuohey, Scott, Chapman, Hill and Ogilvy,
Ward Cllr P Doughty

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Mrs C Edwards and Ms T Flannery who were both ill

Resignations have been received from Mrs T Himlin and Mr D Benson. These vacancies will be advertised immediately

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Councillors, as residents, declared a personal interest in item 5(a)
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 and also endorsed the minutes of the Planning Committee of 9th December.

Resolution 130115/01

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ward Cllr Doughty confirmed his ongoing support for the gritting of Haxby Moor Road as a primary route and also confirmed that the road safety petition was to be put before Cabinet in January. He would continue to press for a site meeting with the Road Safety Officer

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) The recommendations and proposed budget had been circulated to all councillors and was discussed at length. The budget was approved and the precept applied for in the sum of £36,000 – an increase of 16% (£5,000), was unanimously agreed **Resolution 130115/02**

The applications for grants were discussed. The £1,000 to the Carnival Committee was approved to be paid from 2015/16 budget in April
Resolution 130115/03

The application from the Village Hall Committee was discussed and agreed that the Parish Council could offer a conditional maximum amount depending on the grants received from other sources.
Resolution 130115/04

- (b) Cllr Chambers appraised the Council of the present situation at the cemetery, the main concerns being the disregard for the rules by a small minority of families and complaints had been received from other families who abide by the rules. Letters had been prepared and were approved for a member of the Parish Council to remove unauthorised items rather than the Clerk. Items were to be removed to the memorial garden and if relatives persisted in returning them to the headstone further action would be taken. **Resolution 130115/05**
- (c) The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from the Methodist Chapel and the initial refusal from the Village Hall was disappointing. The Clerk had set out her requirements and asked the Committee to reconsider the request. A small working party was suggested to look at alternatives (KM, DB, JS and the Clerk) The Clerk and Chairman suggested that they be allowed to attend the next meeting of the VHC to put their requests in person and answer any questions before the Committee reach a decision.
- (d) Cllr Chambers reported that the Emergency Plan update was progressing and should be available for discussion and approval at the next meeting.
- (e) The proposed Heritage List was discussed and the Chairman reported that the Local History Group had been asked for any comments or suggestions to add to the list.

The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries as to the possibility of adopting the red telephone box in the Village and this created a great deal of paperwork. The first stage is for BT to consult with the local authority and then, once the consultation period is concluded, a contract to be drawn up for the adoption of box following decommissioning. The box is not presently usable and four panes of glass are missing. Cllr Hill agreed to look through the paperwork to assist the Clerk.

6. POLICE REPORT

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.

DAMAGE 3
BURGLARY 2

DRUGS 1
OTHER 2
THEFT 2
VEHICLE 4
VIOLENCE 14

TOTAL 28 14 in last year

As you can see there has been an increase in recorded crime compared to last year. There are 11 extra violence jobs which account for the vast majority of the increase.

All four vehicle offences occurred within Strensall and all are TUMV's, (thefts from unattended motor vehicles). One occurred on Northfields and the items that were taken from the vehicle were recovered near the address. Another was on Lords Moor Lane where tools were taken from the rear of a parked van. The remaining two both occurred at the car park on Scott Moncrief Road where dog walkers have left items on display in their cars and unknown offenders have smashed the window, leant in and removed items.

The burglary of note was in Stockton on the Forest where a greenhouse was broken into and a number of Christmas Trees and other decorations were stolen.

There have been two calls from Pasture Close in December. These calls have not been crimed although there was an allegation of damage caused in one and have both been finalised, one as criminal damage and the other as anti social behaviour.

From 5th January the following PCSO's will be covering the North area which includes your Ward...

PCSO 5562 Justin PIERCY
 PCSO 5652 Melanie PARKIN
 PCSO 5516 Grace SILVESTER
 PCSO 5637 Jimmy HANNON.

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the one planning applications discussed and the recommendations made, together with the four decisions received. The Council resolved that the recommendations be accepted **Resolution 130115/06**

8 FINANCE REPORT

(a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 130115/07**

(i) Clerk salary	£.	SO
(ii) Talktalk	£	DD
(iii) Talktalk mobile	£	DD
(iv) K Jukes Advocate fees	£3,954.50	
(v) Darren Baxter final account	£72.50	
(vi) Staples	£39.45	DD
(vii) Norton renewal	£22.00	
(viii) CYC Cemetery	£16.77	DD
(ix) CYC leases	£10.00	
(x) Mrs S Nunn Printer ink	£27.95	
(xi) R Cartmell	£55.00	
(xii) RCartmell cemetery	£24.00	

Receipts

Cemetery	£125.00
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Interest £26.42

Account Balances:

Cemetery Account	£7,665.27
Treasurers Account	£11,323.84
Contingency Account	£8,096.28 + £15,000 (bond)
Premium Account	£18,323.28.+£10,000 (bond)

9. HIGHWAYS

The Highways report, prepared by Cllr Tuohey, had been circulated and was discussed by the Council. All the salt bins had been labelled and emptied of rubbish. The Clerk confirmed that a new small salt bin had been purchased exclusively for the Cemetery and would be secured to the shed. This would be added to the Asset List.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from a resident of Riverside Walk had been received regarding the change of ownership of the land to the rear of Westpit Lane. The Clerk had spoken to the PROW officer and the application forms had been requested to progress the use of footpaths as a permissive right. The resident to be appraised of the time scale

Two letters had been received from Residents of Pasture Close regarding criminal damage to their property. The meeting with RoSPA at the end of January should give some recommendations and in the meantime the Clerk and Cllr Chapman had sought advice from other bodies. A meeting of the Playground Committee was scheduled for 27th January AT 8.00pm to make recommendations for discussion and decision in February.

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY

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

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th February 2015 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

signed..... 9th February 2015

Chairman.

HIGHWAYS REPORT FOR 13TH JANUARY 2015 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (INTERIM)

Items Reported

There are currently 6 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 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. 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 (102649777). This was 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 (102650244). This was re-reported, to get numbers on, 3/11/2014.
- Potholes have been reported on Barley Rise (102650231). This was 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 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. A recent non-fatal collision at the junction of Sherriff Hutton Road and the Village has prompted concerns over the flows of pedestrian traffic in this area where no mitigation is in place. A petition has been raised but no details are known of its progress.
2. I have been round the salt bins in Strensall to re-label them and, where I had not already, empty them of rubbish (the Northfields bin was emptied before Christmas). About half a bag was taken out. It was noticed that there is damage to the bin on Woburn Close (a split) but it has not allowed the contents to spill. It is also noticed that the refill is of a white salt rather than brown (Health Centre for example).
3. With the recent cold weather, concerns have been raised again over the concept of certain routes being classed as Secondary. The main concern is the route to Haxby via West End and Haxby Moor Road where accidents have been witnessed but the route along Lords Moor Lane and Flaxton Road causes concern particularly at the junction (personal experience).

Dermot Tuohey 11th January 2015