

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Chapman, Chambers, Harvey-Walker, Baxter, Ogilvy, Maher, Mrs C Edwards, Mrs J Smith and Ms T Flannery

Ward Cllr Paul Doughty. 7 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Ward Councillor Helen Douglas.

The Chairman reported that, owing to ill health, Councillor Tuohey had resigned as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council wished to record their appreciation for his work and wished him well with the surgery he is about to undergo.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Baxter declared a personal interest in item 5(f) and took no part in the discussion
Cllr Plant declared a personal interest in item (e) and took no part in the discussion or vote

3. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

Duncan Hill, Tony Fisher and Lawrence Mattinson had all expressed an interest in becoming members of the Parish Council, were voted into office and took their seats once the Declarations of Acceptance were signed. **Resolution 090615/01**

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, Council approved these, endorsed the planning committee minutes for 12th and 26th May and authorised the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. **Resolution 090615/02**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No member of the public wished to speak

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) Playgrounds – the damage to the surface at Kirklands was discussed and the Clerk was awaiting a response from the supplier as to repair costs.

The damage to the goalpost at Northfields was discussed and Cllr Chapman to speak to the mobile welder to repair this and a new net put on.

The Clerk confirmed that, following consultation with the residents an order had been placed for 3 metre fencing to the artificial turf, effectively creating a five aside pitch and limiting the amount of users at any one time. Prickly bushes and hedging to be planted at the rear to stop any further damage to the resident's fence. There was to be two pieces of low level equipment down the left hand side and a basket swing on the grassed area at the other side of the site. The total cost was £32,000 of which £10,000 was a Lottery grant. The funding from S 106 payments had only just been received and can be used to fund the new equipment and their installation costs. The Chairman confirmed that the amount of time it has taken to reach this stage was entirely dependent on the lack of funds. The concerns of all the residents had been taken into consideration and addressed together with the advice of RoSPA.

(b) Telephone Box Adoption

Cllr Smith advised that the telephone box was now within the ownership of the Parish Council and she was hoping for it to be used to house a defibrillator. Members were asked to read the documentation and bring their views to the August meeting. It was hoped to have it cleaned up in the meantime. Ward Cllr Doughty agreed to ask if any funding would be available from City Council.

(c) Footpath Issues

Cllr Plant appraised the meeting of the progress made in trying to prepare a booklet on the footpaths within the parish but was finding it difficult to make contact with City of York Council's Footpaths officers. Cllr Fisher agreed to assist.

(d) Risk Assessment and Grievance Procedures

Both these documents were due an annual review and Cllr Mattinson agreed to peruse them and bring any comment to the next meeting.

(e) Request for a Deed of Easement

The Chairman reported that a request had been received for a Deed of Easement to allow utility services to be brought across the leased land outside the Firs. The Council voted unanimously to refuse this request as the original Deed of Grant was given for a specific purpose. The Clerk to advise the Solicitors and City Council **Resolution 090615/03**

(f) The Boundary Situation at Kirklands

Following the advice from City Council and google earth maps, a reply to the residents of 53 Kirklands was approved insisting on a replacement

apple tree and requesting a response on the boundary. **Resolution 090615/04**

(g) List of Councillors and Responsibilities

This was discussed at length and a final draft to be prepared and sent to all councillors. **Resolution 090615/05**

(h) Post Office Relocation

A letter from The Post Office on the proposed relocation had been received. All Councillors to be sent a copy and were asked to send comments to the Clerk within the next two weeks so that she and Cllr Marquis can collate a response

(i) Carnival

Lynette Nelson and Sam Webster attended to give an update on the carnival and agreed to send a copy of the programme for forwarding to the insurance company. Mike Parish is co-ordinating the road closures and marshalls. The VDS is being printed and should be available on the day of the Carnival. The Council thanked Mike for his hard work and the dedication of the team in producing a professional document. All Carnival marshalls must wear Parish Council Hi Vis vests. The Clerk was given approval to purchase 8 more vests. **Resolution 090615/06**

(j) SCYSA

The Chairman reported on the AGM attended by himself, the Clerk and Cllr Chambers. The Secretary is resigning as from August and the Chairman at the end of the year. It desperately needs new members to keep it going. A stall has been arranged at the carnival and the current trustees will be on hand to attract volunteer helpers.

(k) YLCA

The Annual meeting was attended by Councillors Marquis and Chambers. The Liaison Group had not met for some months but as further representatives from parishes agreed to join the group further meetings will now be arranged. There is some confusion as to an apparent error made by City Council which will affect the Annual Return already submitted. The Parish Council felt that any additional time putting this right should be invoiced to the City Council.

(l) Tree Issues

Cllr Chapman reported on the issues with dangerous trees in Wildhaven and Ash Walk and what action had been taken. This action was endorsed **Resolution 090615/07**

6 POLICE REPORT

The report below, prepared by PCSO Michael Hannon was discussed and noted. He had been in attendance but had to leave before this item.

Police Report May 2015

Theft	4
Violence	5
Damage	1
Burglary	2
TOTAL	12

As you can see there were a total of 12 crimes reported across the ward during May. Two of the thefts occurred at a farm where a storage tank of diesel has been attacked and fuel taken. The other two thefts are from the same dwelling where monies have been taken from bank accounts.

The damage relates to a car that has been scratched whilst parked in Stockton on the Forest.

The two burglaries both took place at properties in Strensall, one where a garage was entered and a cycle and some fishing tackle was taken and the second property was entered through a back door and several items removed from the upstairs of the property. Whilst they both took place in the same area of Strensall they were on separate nights and very different MO's so unlikely to be linked.

The Clerk reported on her attendance with the Police Commissioner and the information received. Cllr Mattinson agreed to progress this.

7. PLANNING REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported that there had been no applications received and four approval decisions

8. FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment:-
Resolution 090615/08

(i)	Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii)	Grass cutting Durlston Drive	160.00	
(iii)	BT broadband	75.56	DD
(iv)	Rob Cartmell grass cutting	740.00	
(v)	Rob Cartmell cemetery maintenance	196.00	
(vi)	Three Four Consultancy VDS	1,840.00	
(vii)	A Nowell tree maintenance	50.00	
(viii)	J Chapman expenses	30.32	
(ix)	J and P Hanson (flowers)	121.00	
(x)	Focus4Print VDS	1880.00	
(xi)	HMRC tax and NI	428.47	
(xii)	Village Hall reimbursement	17.00	

(b) Receipts

(i)	Cemetery	£170.00
(ii)	S 106 payments	25,604.68

(iii) Interest	£2.26
(iv) Vat	£577.64
(v) repayment on bus shelter CYC	£98.00
(vi) payment from CYC (village hall)	£17.00

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£60,739.79 (less S106 £25,604.68)
Cemetery Account	£8,425.18
Contingency Account	£20,974.36 (+ S106 £26,604.68)
Premium Account	£18,336.96

- (d) the money market accounts to be reinvested for a further 3 months
Resolution 090615/09

9. CORRESPONDENCE

CPRE magazine – noted

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY

Risk Assessment and Risk Management Policy
 Complaints and Grievance Procedures
 Renewal of ICO subscription

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next meeting to take place on Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7.15pm

Signed..... 14th July 2015

Chairman.