

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.35pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Chapman, Chambers, Harvey-Walker, Baxter, Ogilvy, Maher and Ms T Flannery

Ward Cllrs Paul Doughty and Helen Douglas. 9 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs C Edwards, Mrs J Smith and Cllr Tuohey

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, Council approved these with three minor amendments and authorised the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. **Resolution 120515/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Resident from Pasture Close spoke on the continuing problems at Kirklands and informed the Council that he is to seek legal advice on the issue.

Another resident voiced her concerns as to footballs potentially hitting her small child and the fear she had with youths congregating on the playground after 8pm with music players and the noise issues that created

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) Kirklands Playground – in the light of promised section 106 monies the consultation responses, the options to be discussed and a decision made in a closed session at the end of the meeting

(b) War Memorial

Cllr Plant appraised the council of his findings on the war memorials in the village and, apart from the one in The Village, all will be maintained by the Churches in which they rest.

(c) Telephone Box Adoption

The Clerk confirmed that, following the required consultation period, the telephone box now had been adopted. It required painting and also discussions on its function. The Clerk informed the Council that a possibility would be to have a defibrillator there which would mean free paint. The Council agreed that a defibrillator would be a good idea and Cllr Mrs Smith asked to pursue it **Resolution 120515/02**

(d) Footpaths

The Clerk informed the Council that there was not a lot of progress although evidence had been received from owners in Barley Rise and Ryecroft and also a growing number of users have presented evidence forms. A resident of the village is collating everything and this needs to be finalised before moving to the next stage. Time constraints make it difficult to progress at present

(e) Beech Trees on Northfields

Cllr Marquis reported that the Chris Dunn memorial beech trees on Northfields require trimming and Cllrs Chapman and Baxter said they would do this. It was resolved that Cllrs Baxter and Chapman would trim the trees to enhance the growth into trees rather than bushes. **Resolution 120515/03**

6. APPLICATION FOR LAND

Letters had been received from 7 residents in Middlecroft Drive to acquire approximately 6 feet of land at the rear of their properties from the Parish Council open space. Opinions were divided on this issue and it was agreed that they all be requested to apply for a pre-application assessment to Diane Wilkinson at CYC as to whether a change of use from public open space to domestic garden would be approved. **Resolution 120515/04**

7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Justin Piercy was in attendance at the meeting to take questions. Members of the public chose to speak to him outside the meeting.

It was agreed that the Police and Crime Commission surgery at Huntington Community was to be attended by the Clerk to discuss road safety issues and speed guns **Resolution 120515/05**

8. PLANNING REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the applications and decisions discussed and the recommendations were approved **Resolution 120515/06**

9. FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment:-

(i)	Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii)	Mrs S Nunn Stationery	£52.52	
(iii)	Talktalk mobile	15.16	DD
(iv)	Sleightholme landscapes – DD grass cutting	192.00	
(v)	K Marquis – upgrade for computer	44.39	
(vi)	K Marquis – office 2013 purchase	169.98	
(vii)	Staples	45.12	DD
(viii)	BT phone and broadband	196.10	
(ix)	Rob Cartmell grass cutting	715.00	
(x)	Rob Cartmell cemetery maintenance	245.00	
(xi)	Mrs R Prins	125.00	

- (b) The Finance Committee recommendation had been circulated and it was resolved to approve the Annual Return **Resolution 120515/07**

The half yearly audit had been circulated and it was resolved that Mrs Prins be appointed Auditor for the forthcoming year **Resolution 120515/08**

The applications for grants were discussed and it was resolved to grant the sum of £1,000 to the Kidz Klub and agree in principle to assist with the surfacing of play equipment at the School but require further information and sight of the estimates.

The Clerk was requested to inform the Local History Group of the necessity to obtain permission from the Conservation Officer and would require details of other sources of funding before a decision could be made. **Resolution 120515/09**

10. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Tuohey was not at the meeting but had sent a short report beforehand

There are currently 2 outstanding issues with CYC which are

Faded Road Markings have been reported at the loading bay of Tesco (102625755).

- Drainage issues, opposite the Tannery (52 & 53 Fossvie Close), have been reported (102744525).
- I am quite happy that any Parish Councillor who sees highways defects reports them direct (ycc@york.gov.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 site meeting was held on 14th April

2015. The Parish Council are to investigate possible changes to the exit from the evacuation path (kissing gate) but a full CYC review cannot take place until the Safety Audit for the Tannery is completed which is being held up by the developers.

This report was noted

11. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) The Clerk requested approval to go on a SLCC finance course with Cllr Smith at an approximate cost of £200 This was agreed **Resolution 12015/10**

(ii) YLCA had offered file dividers at £1 each and it was agreed 6. The Clerk to order these **Resolution 120515/11**

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next meeting to take place on Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7.15pm

Signed..... 9th June 2015

Chairman.