

# STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

## PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Baxter, Hill, Fisher, Chambers, Chapman, Mattinson, Ogilvy and Ms T Flannery

PCSO Hannon and 4 members of the public

### 1. APOLOGIES

Were received from Cllrs Harvey-Walker, Maher, Mrs C Edwards and Mrs J Smith  
Ward Cllr P Doughty

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Plant declared a personal interest in item 5(a)

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August **Resolution 080915/01**

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Stork again accused the Parish Council of deliberately dragging their feet and ignoring the problems faced by the residents. The Clerk confirmed that an e-mail had been received that afternoon with details of the installation of the new fencing.

Mrs Baker revealed that youths had been sitting on the fence and climbing over to retrieve balls and looking in her windows. She felt the trees were useless and would take years to become effective.

### 5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **The Firs** –to be discussed at the end of the meeting, in closed session, in accordance with legislation permitting the exclusion of press and public to any item on the agenda
- (b) **Playground issues- -Kirklands.** The Clerk confirmed that an e-mail had been received confirming installation of the multi-use games area fencing would commence on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The fencing had arrived some time ago but the powder coating takes a long time and needs to dry completely before assembly. The basket swing had been damaged by setting fire to the

plastic sleeves. This criminal damage had been reported to the police and the Company who installed it asked for their advice on replacement sleeves.

The quarterly inspection report had been sent to the play equipment providers for their comment but to date no response. Other repairs are ongoing and the Parish Council thanked Cllr Chapman for his ongoing work with the minor repairs together with his and Cllr Baxters daily collection of litter at both sites

**Northfields** - More play bark was required at Northfields and the cost for this brought to the next meeting for approval **Resolution 080915/02**

- (c) **Footpath Brochure** –Cllr Plant gave a short report on the slow progress of the booklet and the publication could be many month away. He is presently awaiting the draft of Walk 1.
- (d) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Marquis confirmed that the letter to Neil Ferris at CoYC had been sent as a formal application to publicise and approve the area of the Neighbourhood Plan. This had been acknowledged
- (e) **Bus Shelter Seating** - The Clerk reported receipt of a quote of £487.00 for a custom made seat and fixing. Unfortunately the proximity of the hedge at the other side of the footpath made it impossible to purchase a readymade seat as they were all too wide. The Clerk was requested to ask Minster Engineering to quote for a metal one. **Resolution 080915/03**
- (f) **Emergency Plan** –Cllr Chambers advised that the Emergency Plan had been revisited and a new template created. As the only landline in the Village Hall was in the PC Office, the Parish Clerk was a key figure and in addition Cllrs Fisher, Mattinson, Marquis and Ms T Flannery agreed for their names to be on the list as points of contact
- (g) **Speed Management Programme** – The e-mail from City Council Transport Projects had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk requested that any comments from Councillors be sent to her, if possible by Friday, so that a response could be sent from the Parish Council containing all comments before 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- (h) **Post Office Relocation** – The Chairman advised councillors of the reply from The Post Office following our enquiry. Unfortunately, as Post Offices run at a loss, they must be supported by a retail outlet. The Clerk was requested to write to The Post Office to suggest relocation to other locations including the Library. **Resolution 080915/04**

## 6. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Hannon requested that his report be moved to the first item on the agenda as he was needed elsewhere and this was agreed. Jimmy informed the meeting that he would be at Earswick Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> September with the property marking kit. If anyone needed anything marking he advised them to come along if possible

or an alternative venue could be arranged in Strensall if the Chairman considered it appropriate.

There was nothing of note regarding Strensall in the report for the month of August. PCSO Hannon was thanked for his attendance and he left the meeting.

## 7. PLANNING REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the four applications and three decisions received from City Council. He instructed the Clerk to report 7 Netherwoods extension to the kitchen to Enforcement as no planning application has been received and the development is under way. The Council approved the recommendations made by the Planning Committee **Resolution 080915/05**

## 10 FINANCE

(a) The following invoices were approved for payment **Resolution 080915/06**

(i)	Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii)	Talktalk mobile	£7.50	DD
(iii)	Rob Cartmell grass cutting	£684.00	
(iv)	Rob Cartmell cemetery maintenance	£220.00	
(v)	Mr J Chapman expense	£21.83	
(vi)	Park Lane Services Inspection fee	£60.00	
(vii)	H M R C Tax and NI (3 months)	£438.38	
(viii)	Yorkshire Water	£6.86	DD
(ix)	YLCA training fees	£420.00	

(b) Receipts

(i)	Sale of VDS books	£34.00
(ii)	Interest	£3.20

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£20,560.96
Cemetery Account	£8,075.55
Contingency Account	£29,057.26 + 15,000 bond
Premium Account	£18,348.86 + 10,000 bond

(d) The Bonds were due to be renewed at the end of September. The Clerk was given authority to do this at the appropriate time **Resolution 080915/07**

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter from Strensall Village Hall thanking the PC for the Grant.
- (b) Reply from Post Office discussed under item 5(h)
- (c) City of York Council Working Together agenda – passed to KM

## 12 AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER

- (a) Telephone Kiosk update
- (b) Report on Ward Team meeting on 17/09/15

(c) Report on Working Together meeting

13 THE FIRS

Following Cllr Plants departure from the meeting, Councillors discussed the correspondence received by the Clerk together with the e-mails which were hard copied to each member.

All Councillors were of the opinion that the letters were bullying and absolutely without foundation. The Council were all of the same opinion that the decision taken at the August meeting should stand and the matter ended. A letter to the owners had been prepared and, following various amendments was approved. It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the letter and the Clerk send it first thing the following morning. The Council felt there was nothing to add and further correspondence was unnecessary. **Resolution 080915/08**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting to take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.15pm

Signed.....13<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Chairman.

APPENDIX 1 – POLICE REPORT

<b>Violence</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Autocrime</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Burglary</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Theft</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Damage</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18</b>					

As you can see there were 18 crimes recorded across the Ward during August. Ten of the violence are from Stockton Hall with the eleventh being a domestic related incident.

The Auto crime was theft from a vehicle. A workman had a strimmer stolen from the back of an insecure van when parked in Strensall at a job. One burglary was of a shed where a strimmer was also taken. The other burglary occurred in Strensall and one male was arrested for this offence

There were two thefts, one from a shop and the second a mobile phone that was stolen whilst at a house party