

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Ogilvy, Bolton, Fisher, Mattinson, Chambers, Baxter, Chapman and Mrs J Smith,
Ward Cllr Paul Doughty. Paul Morrison (Community Safety Officer) and Liam Dennis (Community Involvement Officer) from City of York Council
4 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Plant, Hill and Harvey-Walker. Cllr Tracy Flannery has advised that she has resigned as she is unable to continue due to work commitments

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Marquis, Chambers and Smith declared personal interests in item7(d)
Cllr Baxter declared a personal interest in item5(e). They would therefore not take part in any discussion or decision on these items

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 14th and 28th June
Resolution 120716/01

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Paul Morrison from City of York Council advised on a Public Open Space Protection Order (PSPO) and the lengthy process in achieving one for the Kirklands Playground. It was hoped that a member of the North Yorkshire Police team of Inspector Pointon would have been at the meeting but unfortunately this was not possible. Mr Morrison explained the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers role and the two stage process of the Order which could take 4-6 months. Liam Dennis has arranged for a dedicated Youth Officer in Diane Lambert to attend the site and together they would try to diffuse the situation with the anti-social behaviour and other

issues. This was discussed at some length with the members of the public present and Paul Morrison was thanked for giving up his evening and left the meeting.

A resident of Knapton Close had complained to the Environmental Protection unit at City Council who were to monitor the noise levels as she considered them unacceptable.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Footpath brochure** – Cllr Plant was unable to attend and there had been no progress since the previous report. This matter was therefore deferred to August.
- (b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Chairman gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and advised that the next meeting on 26th July a consultant from Directions Planning was to give a presentation. The Chairman then reported on the production of the City of York Council’s draft Local Plan and consultation dates. A draft letter to the residents was discussed, amended and approved for printing at a cost of £170.00. These were to be delivered to every home to encourage residents to respond with comments for or against the draft local plan.

Resolution 120716/02

- (c) **Playground Issues** – Cllr Fisher reported that the work was almost complete on the new playground at Northfields and it was suggested that the opening be marked with a Teddy Bear’s picnic on Friday 29th July at 2pm. Julian Sturdy MP and a member of the David Wilson Homes team to be invited. Refreshments to be served in the Village Hall. The clerk was to organise this. **Resolution 120716/03**

The situation at Kirklands is no better and the alternatives were discussed. It was resolved by majority vote that a net be fixed to the top of the cage in the first instance to give the Youth Officer time to see if her involvement with the young people could be effective and the process of the introduction of a PSPO be commenced. A consultation letter to be prepared to consult with residents of Kirklands, Knapton Close and Pasture Close. Cllr Fisher will prepare a draft for approval. In the meantime, it was agreed to re-site the twister and alternative site suggestions were discussed. **Resolution 120716/04**

- (d) **Street Signs** -The Chairman reported that the street sign on Prospect Terrace was to be painted (this has been done and thank you to Lee Jakobsen) and other street signs could be replaced. The sign for Strensall on Haxby Moor Road and Salisbury Terrace signs on 32 The Village were agreed for replacement with a maximum budget of £200. Further research was required for a Station Road sign. The Clerk confirmed that the Conservation Officer was in agreement with this initiative.

- (e) **Replacement Fencing – Village Hall** the estimates obtained were varied and incomplete. The Clerk was requested to obtain further information. The path was discussed and costings needed to widen and resurface it.
- (f) **Disciplinary and Grievance** – Cllrs were advised of the new legislation from NALC and the new procedures required. A renewed Procedure had been produced in line with the directive and Cllr Mattinson was requested to check it over and then, subject to any errors, it would be approved **Resolution 120716/05**
- (g) **SCYSA** – The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended the meeting and a report was attached to the agenda for information. – noted.
- (h) **Flood Inquiry** - a report was attached to the agenda and the contents noted

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the two applications received together with two decisions and the recommendations of the planning committee were approved. He advised the Council that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal by City of York Council to allow a development behind 92 – 100 The Village. **Resolution 120716/06**

7. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) An application for funding had been received from St Mary’s Church towards the costs to replace the Church Hall. It was agreed to donate £1,000 towards this project. **Resolution 120716/07**
- (b) Invoices for payment approved: - **Resolution 120716/08**

(i)	Clerk’s salary	£	SO
(ii)	Talktalk mobile	£7.50	DD
(iii)	R Cartmell grass cutting	£588.00	
(iv)	R Cartmell cemetery maintenance	£295.00	
(v)	ARB Tree Surgeons	£350.00	
(vi)	J Chapman (slug pellets)	£4.99	
(vii)	S Nunn printer ink and watering can	£7.84	
(viii)	Yorkshire Water – cemetery	£8.60	DD
(ix)	Village Hall Hire	376.00	
(x)	Mr A K Marquis (flowers and printer ink)	£20.88	
(xi)	CYC cemetery refuse collection	£16.77	DD
(xii)	SLCC reference book	£76.60	
(xiii)	ICO – data protection renewal	£35.00	
(xiv)	All Design and Print	£170.00	
(xv)	Grant to St Marys Building fund	£1,000.00	
(xvi)	St Johns Ambulance	£158.40	

- (c) Receipts
 - Insurance payment from LV (road sign opp Golf Club) £1,032.00

Interest	£26.95
Cemetery	£60.00

(d) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£48,315.83
Cemetery Account	£7,597.58
Contingency Account	£108,942.98 + £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,388.11 + £10,000 bond

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Application from St Mary's (dealt with under 7(a))
- (b) e-mails from two residents of Pasture Close and Knapton Close
- (c) Foss Society newsletter
- (d) response from Annington Homes regarding property and land ownership in Strensall

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST:

- 1. Footpath brochure front page and cost to agree
- 2. Kirklands Playground to progress
- 3. to discuss and approve expenditure for fencing car park boundary VH
- 5. To receive a report on the Carnival
- 6. Replacement fencing for garages adjoining public open space to the rear of 83-89 York Road

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday 9th August at 7.15pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed..... 9th August 2016

Chairman

Notes of SCYSA Committee Meeting Monday 20th June 2016

The above meeting was attended by Councillor K Marquis and T Fisher. The Chair (Karen Evans) welcomed all to the meeting and announced that she was no longer the chair of Strensall Tigers Football Club which may have been perceived as a conflict of interest.

She gave an account of the financial position of the association which had incurred a loss in the last financial year due to further expenditure to deal with flooding of the car park.

It was planned to sell advertising banners to be erected around the car park and income of £200 per unit was anticipated. Also the hire charges for the football pitch had been agreed but the higher charge will include more access to the facility.

Following a visit by KE to Sheriff Hutton Bridge Cricket Ground she indicated that SCYSA were keen to introduce further facilities to Durlston Drive and both a synthetic wicket and practice nets were being considered. TF supported the initiative and offered help to bring this additional facility to fruition.

Proposed improvements were baby changing facilities in the disabled toilet, improvements to the football pitch and security cameras were being investigated as well as minor works such as the entrance door which some users find difficult to use.

Discussion then took place about the use of s106 funds and KE reported that to date none of the funds received from the Tannery development had been allocated to projects. KM advised the committee that the Parish Council also held c£13k received from other developments and these funds were a 34% amount of the s106 funds received since April 2015. KM also advised that some s106 legal agreements included a time limit in which the funds had to be spent otherwise could be reclaimed by the developers. He encouraged the committee to plan projects and to keep the parish council advised as there is a requirement for the information to be made available on the City of York Council web site.

Future Events – nothing yet planned but it was hoped to hold a fun day in September. It was suggested and agreed that an involvement in the Scarecrow Festival on the weekend of 2nd/3rd July would be a good means of advertising the facilities.

The AGM will be arranged to take place in September.

The Management Team has been asked to tidy up the overgrown vegetation around the entrance railings following complaints from residents

Notes of December 2015 Floods Inquiry held at CoYC Offices 30th June 2016.

Following article in the York Press on 20th June which provided details of informal sessions to be held to take information from residents who had been affected by the December 2015 floods. Enquiries were made to CoYC and arrangements made for Cllrs Marquis and Fisher to attend on behalf of Strensall with Towthorpe Parish.

The Inquiry panel consists of Angharad Davies (Chair), Tom Toole and Lawrence Waterhouse and had a remit to take evidence of what caused the floods, how the city coped and what should be done in the future to prevent a re-occurrence. Lawrence Waterhouse was not present on this occasion.

Others present on 30th June were a representative from Yorkshire 4 x 4 Response who were able to provide assistance mainly in ferrying people and supplies to the emergency centre at Archbishop Holgate School. William Symons, Clerk to the Consortium of Drainage Boards, also attended.

Following introductions KM and TF gave a summary of the events which affected Strensall and were surprised to discover that the maps provided to the panel did not include Strensall. The panel, who until that time were unaware that the floods had affected Strensall accepted the information provided which included 35 photographs of the state of the River Foss and its effect on properties close by. KM, spoke about a former chairman of the parish council and himself had given evidence at the Pitt Report 2008. A summary of the events of 26th – 28th December 2015 and subsequent to date was also handed to the chair. TF said how he had become involved and had advised KM and they had both assisted in the control of traffic at the junction of Sheriff Hutton Road and The Village to avoid traffic creating bow waves through the flooded section of highway there. KM advised that he had spoken to CoYC's emergency number and to NY Police before arriving on site. And had updated them and the Environment Agency after leaving the site at about 4.30 pm.

KM expressed disappointment that the informal sessions had been poorly advertised but was advised that press and social media had been used to advertise the sessions. KM accepted that the press article had alerted him to the events.

The 4 x 4 member stated that he was present to ensure that if their organisation could be of assistance in the future that an entry should be included in the City of York Council's Disaster Plans.

Bill Symons also complained that he had attended on behalf of the Drainage Board but had not been invited yet had been made aware of the informal sessions via an obscure email which referred to the formal inquiry which was to take place later in the year. Arrangements were to be made for a visit between the panel and the Drainage Board in the near future.

TF drew the attention of the panel to the flood damage caused to the Centenary Way footbridge over Black Dyke which is still closed awaiting repairs by the local authority. Both this issue and the state of the PRoW between the Tannery development and the North bank of the R. Foss were included in the written statement passed to the panel.

AD and TT thanked all for coming and indicated that the formal inquiry would be held later in the year with findings to be circulated by the anniversary date of the floods.