

Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor Keith Marquis

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Chapman, Plant, Baxter, Ogilvy, Harvey-Walker, Hill, Chambers, Mattinson, Maher, Bolton, Mrs J Smith, Ward Cllrs P Doughty and Helen Douglas

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Fisher and Ms T Flannery

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting on 9th February 2016 had been circulated beforehand. These were approved and signed. The Chairman drew the attention of the Council to item 4(a) of the planning minutes of 23rd February and explained that, following a meeting between himself, the Clerk and City Council officer Philip Callow, the Parish Council were informed that no land could be sold or disposed of which is owned by City of York Council and classed as public open space and instructed to inform the resident and developer of this so that the original boundary at 53 Kirklands must be restored and the services to Sevenoaks re-routed. The letters as sent were endorsed with the planning minutes **Resolution 080316/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) **Northfields Junior Playground**

The Clerk confirmed that a representative from Yorventure had visited the site and, following the results of the consultation, a final estimate and plan had been provided, totaling almost £80,000. It would be the middle to end of April before the result of the grant application was known. Information would be available to residents at the APM on 5th April

(b) **Footpath Brochure**

Cllr Plant confirmed that progress was being made and it was agreed that the brochure would incorporate the walk promoted by SLHG. Final printing costs and design were still to be agreed

(c) **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman confirmed the questionnaires were with the printers and a distribution list prepared. As soon as they are available he would inform the volunteers. Cllr Plant is addressing business envelopes for hand delivery

(d) **Tree Work**

Cllr Chapman reported that most of the area around Lords Moor Lane had been completed. Wildhaven needed some tidying. The tools financed by the York Pride Ward Grant had been delivered and were to be property marked by the Police on Wednesday afternoon. Cllr Hill requested a new piece of equipment this was approved. The storage arrangements were agreed. **Resolution 080316/02**

(e) **Defibrillator**

Cllr Smith reported that this had been ordered over a month ago but had heard nothing further. It was agreed that, if possible the box was painted before installation and Cllr Smith to chase and if necessary purchase paint. Also Cllr Smith was tasked with attempting to have some first responders at the APM **Resolution 080316/03**

(e) **Benches**

The Clerk had been asked if it were possible to site two new benches similar to the one opposite the entrance to Kirklands – one at Northfields and one somewhere around the entrance to Oak Tree Close. Possible sites would be considered and this request would be an agenda item for April. The seat at bus stop opposite Middlecroft Drive was a huge success and the resident who requested it had sent a thank you note.

(f) **Drainage Issues and Gulley cleansing**

Cllr Waller chaired an Executive Decision session on drainage issues at City of York Council and appendix 1 to the Report contained details of streets currently arranged for annual gulley cleaning. Further investigations were ongoing to address adjoining connected gullies. An email request from the Parish Council to address drainage problems associated with Bone Dike and other connected open ditches had been received by Councillor Waller and had been brought to the attention of the Highways department.

(g) **Annual Parish Meeting**

Confirmation has been received that Linda Fee would give a presentation

on the work of the Kidz Klub, the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires will be available to residents, Northfields playground design and cost can be viewed, property brought to the Village Hall can be marked by the Police and CYC Fiona Barker will be available with information leaflets. A slide show of all the flooding will be screened. Cllr Harvey-Walker will prepare posters for publication on the notice boards.

(h) Finance Committee

The auditor was to do the final end of year figures on 4th May to enable the preparation of the Annual Return. It will be necessary to have a Finance Committee meeting either before or after this. Could members give their availability to the Clerk for the end of April

6. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Andy Smith had caught some offenders in Brecks Lane. Cllr Chapman confirmed he would report the latest incidents where finds of drug taking paraphernalia to NYP via 101

Crime Statistics are now available for you to view on the website and this service is available for anyone to use. To access this you will need to follow the below instructions: On the North Yorkshire Police homepage <http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/> On the right hand side you will see a box saying 'Your local police'. Using the map in this box, click on 'York' and on the next screen select 'York North'. This will open the York North page and click 'Find crime information for your street'. Type in your village name e.g Strensall and click 'Go'. This will display a map with the crime statistics for your area and you can also view the individual crime information.

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman reported on the three applications received and decisions made. The recommended responses were approved.
Resolution 080316/04

8 FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment **Resolution 080316/05**

i)	Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii)	Talktalk mobile	£7.50	DD
(iii)	R Cartmell grass cutting contract	£502.00	
(iv)	SLCC membership renewal	£131.00	
(v)	Travis Perkins playbark	£480.00	S106
(vi)	Canopy Care Tree Services	£600.00	S106
(vii)	Park Lane Playgrounds inspection	£60.00	
(viii)	The soccer store - goal nets	£65.00	
(ix)	Toolstation – tools and secure box	453.13	
		186.88	
(x)	Halogen heater	23.99	
(xi)	Stamps	20.52	

(xii)	CYC lease of Durlston Drive	10.00
(xiii)	RFS notice board	1410.00
(xiv)	Yorkshire Water	5.59
(xv)	Cllr K Marquis (NP Collection boxes)	13.29

(b) Receipts

River Foss Society donation	£1,375.00
Strensall local History Group donation	£1,400.00
S 106 payment	£6,851.75
VDS book sales	£6.00
Cemetery	£90.00
Ward grants	£2525.00

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£32,194.98
Cemetery Account	£7,510.32
Contingency Account	£108,890.31 + £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,371.47 + £10,000 bond

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Anonymous letter received on bonfires along Westpit Lane – the Council were unable to reply but will check the area for evidence of bonfires on land leased by the parish council.

11. ITEMS FOR APRIL MEETING

Tony Clarke of City of York Council Highways

Footpath brochure update

Sites for benches

12. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7.15pm

A short closed session followed on procedural issues

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed Chairman 12th April 2016

