

# Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor Keith Marquis

## **MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Strensall**

### PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Chapman, Fisher, Baxter, Ogilvy, Harvey-Walker, Hill, Chambers, Mattinson, Maher, Bolton, Mrs J Smith, Ward Cllrs P Doughty and Helen Douglas 11 members of the public Mr Tony Clarke and Mr Mike Durkin from City of York Council Highways and Road Safety

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Plant and Ms T Flannery

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Baxter declared a person interest in item 5(a) and Cllr Bolton in item 10(b)

### 3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated beforehand. These were approved and signed **Resolution 120416/01**

### 4. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

The Chairman welcomed Tony Clarke and Mike Durkin. Tony Clarke gave a brief overview of the road safety budgets and constraints. Cllr Mattinson asked questions of both and several questions were asked by members of the public. The main areas of concern were the need for 20 mph signs through the village and down Durlston Drive, the provision of a zebra crossing in York Road by Barley Rise entrance, some form of traffic slowing from Sheriff Hutton Road to warn motorists of pedestrians crossing the road at the other side. The overwhelming view was there was no requirement for a second VAS sign or cycle path on York Road but a desperate need for a cycle route along Strensall Road.

After an hour the session was brought to a conclusion and both gentlemen were thanked for their attendance. They then left the meeting

### (b) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no request to speak on any other subject by a member of the public

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) **Northfields Junior Playground**

The Clerk requested a decision on whether the PC would fund the whole scheme from S 106 monies in the event of not obtaining a grant. This was approved to a total of £80,000 **Resolution 120416/02**

(b) **Benches**

It had been suggested by members of the parish that a seat by the War Memorial would be appropriate. The Clerk had written to War Memorial Trust, English Heritage and City Council to obtain their views on this location. Councillors Baxter and Chapman to further investigate the proposed site.

Cllrs Hill and Chapman were requested to seek a suitable site on Ox Carr Lane/Flaxton Road for a second bench and the expenditure of £1,000 for both approved (S106) **Resolution 120416/03**

(c) **Footpath Brochure**

Cllr Plant had sent an update on the brochure but no progress had yet been made as the design consultant had experienced technical problems

(d) **Damaged Village Sign on Lords Moor Lane**

The Clerk reported that nothing further had been received since this had been passed to the Assessor for a site visit and approval. This was to be chased again this week

(e) **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman confirmed the questionnaires had been collected and the data uploaded. Approximately 22% response received. The next stage would be discussed on 26<sup>th</sup> April

(f) **Tree Work**

Cllr Hill was concerned that residents were taking fallen trees from what they believed was public land. This was not the case and must be stopped. Councillors were asked to be vigilant and put a stop to anyone seen taking trees.

The Clerk confirmed that she had asked the Tree Surgeon to trim the willow tree by 2 Highlands Avenue

(g) **Defibrillator**

Cllr Smith thanked Lee Jakobsen on behalf of the Parish Council for painting the telephone kiosk which now looked fantastic. The electrician was to look at installing the defibrillator within the next week.

(h) **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Chairman reported on the meeting which had included presentations from Kidz Klub, Judy Smith, a Paramedic on First Responders, City Council officer Fiona Barker, Neighbourhood Plan and the playground at Northfields. The police were in attendance for property marking. Unfortunately, there were people in attendance who thought it was a Parish Council meeting and were told that their comments were inappropriate for this meeting.

(i) **Signal Box**

Cllr Chambers reported that Network Rail can do things to their property without planning permission and the Parish Council have asked for City Council to withdraw permitted development rights (article 4 direction) as the box is in a conservation area. Otherwise it can be demolished as it comes out of service without planning permission.

(j) **Waiting Restrictions**

Requests have been received to support waiting restrictions on Barley Rise and by No. 2 Sheriff Hutton Road. It was agreed to support both requests. The Clerk was requested to write to Boots (Sheriff Hutton Road) and to the business whose vehicle is driven by a resident in the Barley Rise area about the problems caused. **Resolution 120416/04**

(k) **Hanging Baskets and flower tubs**

Cllr Maher reported that he had sourced hanging baskets from a different Nursery and was to use Vertigrow. Plants would be purchased for the village signs and barrels and expenditure to a total of £550 was approved **Resolution 120416/05**

6. The police report is now available online

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman reported on the applications received and decisions made. The recommended responses were approved. **Resolution 120416/06**

8 FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment **Resolution 120416/07**

(i)	Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii)	Talktalk mobile	£7.50	DD
(iii)	R Cartmell grass cutting March	£527.00	
(iv)	R Cartmell grass cutting April	£623.00	
	R J Cartmell – cemetery	£165.00	
(v)	1-2-3 Registration webfusion	£71.86	
(vi)	Tower Mint	£56.82	
(vii)	YLCA membership	£806.00	
(viii)	All Design and Print	£170.00 (NP)	
(ix)	CYC history Board installation	£245.00	
(x)	HMRC tax and National Insurance	£376.08	

(xi)	Vertigrow – hedging	£60.00
(xii)	Village Hall hire	£366.00
(xiii)	The Range – trees for Cemetery	£19.98
(xiv)	City Council refuse collection cemetery	£16.77
(xv)	Mr Geoffrey Machin (joinery work)	£200.00
(xvi)	Amazon ink for cllr Chapman	£42.20

(b) Receipts

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£43,180.43
Cemetery Account	£7,504.73
Contingency Account	£108,906.91 + £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,378.75 + £10,000 bond

(d) To approve the reinvestment of £25,000 on the HSBC money markets – **Resolution 120416/08**

(e) The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Bolton had done the three monthly checks and apart from two minor errors which had since received attention everything was in order.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) A letter had been received from a young man asking for the provision of a skate park. The Clerk had replied that the PC were looking for an appropriate site and would keep his request in mind.
- (b) A detailed letter on proposals for future development in the village had been received from a resident and would be passed to the NP working group
- (c) an e-mail had been received from a resident of Pasture Close with details of the problems encountered with the children on the play park. The Chairman was to meet with Ward Cllrs to see if a solution could be found
- (d) an e-mail received from SCYSA and a letter from a resident on speeding traffic on Durlston Drive. This had been passed to the City Council

11 ITEMS FOR MAY MEETING

Footpath brochure update  
Sites for benches

12. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm which will be the AGM and followed by the monthly meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed ..... Chairman 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016