

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 9th August 2016 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Ogilvy, Bolton, Fisher, Maher, Chambers, Baxter, Chapman, Plant, Hill and Harvey-Walker
Ward Cllr Helen Douglas, Liam Dennis (Community Involvement Officer) from City of York Council
2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Mattinson and Mrs J Smith, Ward Cllr P Doughty

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Chambers and Cllr Baxter declared a personal interest in item 6(d) 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 090816/01

4. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Since the resignation of Cllr Tracy Flannery, the post had been advertised for the required amount of time. There was one application from Mr Lee Jakobsen which had remained for several months. Mr Jakobsen indicated his willingness to serve as a Councillor and signed the Acceptance of Office, taking his place for the forthcoming business

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Baker addressed the Council regarding letters of complaint sent to the Parish Council and not listed on any agenda. He felt they had been completely ignored and as such had instructed solicitors to further his claim against the Parish Council. Cllr Fisher responded that all the letters of complaint had been passed to him to prepare a report and this would be discussed at item 6(c)

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Footpath brochure** – Cllr Plant passed round the final draft of the brochure which was a very high quality document and it was agreed that a price of £3.00 was acceptable. The cost of 250 copies was £2.01 with a one off charge for the Graphic Designer of £500 made £3 per copy a break even figure. The document was to be passed round for comment (to the Clerk by the end of the week) and if possible approval to enable the document to be printed. Cllr Plant was thanked for all his hard work.
Resolution 090816/02
- (b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Chairman reported that Kathryn Jenkins had supplied some costings and it was agreed that she should be engaged as a Consultant. The Clerk was requested to send a letter to her and investigate funding sources.
Resolution 090816/03
Local Plan (2016) The Chairman reported on the proposed responses that had been recommended by the Planning Committee. These were agreed for submission to City of York Council **Resolution 090816/04**
- (c) **Playground Issues** – Northfields the Chairman reported that the playground had been opened by three small children, Jack Freya and Darcy, each pulling the ribbon on a gate to declare the park open. It was full to bursting for the rest of the afternoon and he thanked the Clerk Mrs Wragg and Mrs Marquis for their assistance in providing drinks for all during the afternoon. It had been suggested to that a plaque be purchased to inform visitors that the playground was provided by the PC with the aid of a Grant from Yorventure and the play equipment provider was Jupiter Play. The Clerk had asked for a quote for this and would request permission from Yorventure to do this

Kirklands -Cllr Fisher gave a report which took into account all the complaints received and his recommendation was to remove the MUGA and replace it with equipment. If no equipment was provided it would return to the situation as before, the original complaints were for balls being kicked into lots of gardens and the ensuing damage caused. The projected costs were around £25,000 for the removal and new provisions. This was discussed at length with added comments from Mr Baker. Liam Dennis and the Youth Worker had met with young people on site. He wondered if it was possible to lock the site at night and it was agreed that this was not practical as it would provide a stockade. It was agreed that CYC youth workers should be allowed more time and Mr & Mrs Baker were to have microphones fitted in their home to monitor the noise, the PC would await the outcome of these measures. A letter from Ian Gray of City Council was threatening a fine to the PC but the outcome of the noise monitoring would be discussed in September for a possible decision. In the meantime Liam would follow up various lines of enquiry and maybe able to offer financial assistance. The residents said it was unbearable to listen to the noise of footballs constantly hitting the netting and the allegation of damaged footballs being returned to them was

untrue. The Clerk disagreed and said she had seen evidence of this. A proposed discussion with various departments at CYC may prove useful and an extraordinary meeting could be convened if necessary.
Resolution 090816/05

- (d) **Replacement Fencing – Village Hall** the estimates obtained were now complete and it was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Chapman would review them and make a decision which company was the best for the PC. The Council approved the expenditure of up to £6,400. Cllr Baxter expressed concern that the hedge should remain and not be damaged by the removal of the old fencing **Resolution 090816/06**
- (e) **Autumn Newsletter This** was approved with the amended entry to include Cllr Jakobsen and the Clerk was instructed to forward this for inclusion in Outreach September. **Resolution 090816/07**
- (f) **York Road Fencing** the boundary fence for which the PC has joint responsibility was discussed and the Clerk confirmed that estimates were being obtained for wooden fence with concrete posts and gravel. Cllr Jakobsen declared an interest in this item and did not take part.

7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the two applications received together with four decisions and the recommendations of the planning committee were approved. **Resolution 080916/08**

8. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 090816/09**

(i)	Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii)	Talktalk mobile	£7.50	DD
(iii)	R Cartmell grass cutting	£827.50	
(iv)	R Cartmell cemetery maintenance	£376.00	
(v)	Directions Planning Consultancy	£300.00	
(vi)	Ward Associates N Plan advice	£300.00	
(vii)	Martins Skip Hire	£160.00	
(viii)	BT telephone bill	£84.48	
(ix)	BT Broadband bill	£69.87	
(x)	1-2-3 registration fee	£10.79	DD
(xi)	Canopy Care Tree Services	£80.00	
(xii)	Mrs S Nunn – drinks etc for playground	£24.75	
(xiii)	Amazon Ink for Mr Chapman	£29.95	
(xiv)	Park Leisure play equipment	£90,599.99	
(b)	<u>Receipts</u>	£.	
	VAT reclaim	665.89	
	Cemetery fees	950.00	
	Interest	8.08	
	Donation	50.00	
	Allotment rent	10.00	

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£45,823.92
Cemetery Account	£8,165.81
Contingency Account	£108,950.08 + £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,389.09 + £10,000 bond

(d) to receive the expenditure against budget report April to June - noted

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) letter on Local Plan from CPRE
- (b) letters following consultation from residents of Knapton Close/Kirklands/Pasture Close
- © Letter from Tony Clarke head of Transport at CYC –Cllr Fisher to speak at the meeting
- (d) Letter from Footpaths Officer with an update on damaged path
- (e) various estimates for fencing to pass to KM & JC

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER:

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

the next meeting is Tuesday 13TH September at 7.15pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed..... 13th September 2016

Chairman