

Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor Keith Marquis

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Chapman, Plant, Baxter, Ogilvy, Fisher, Harvey-Walker, Hill, Chambers, Maher, Bolton, Mrs J Smith, Ms T Flannery
Two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mattinson, Ward Cllrs P Doughty and Helen Douglas

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared but all councilors confirmed that they had an up to date copy of the Code of Conduct in their possession

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting on 12th January 2016 had been circulated beforehand. These were approved without amendment and the Chairman signed with full approval and endorsed the minutes of the planning committee **Resolution 090216/01**

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Jakobsen addressed the meeting over the issue of increasing dog mess on the footpaths. He had spoken to the dog wardens, taken photographs and asked for stickers to place around the village warning owners of the heavy fines for not picking up their dog's mess. He asked why there were so few bins and requested agreement for him to canvass the City council to provide more. **Resolution 090216/02**

5 ONGOING ISSUES

(a) **Northfields Junior Playground**

The Clerk confirmed that the application to Yorventure for £21,500 had been submitted and this would result in a site visit when it was hoped to show a colour picture of the proposals, having received the feedback forms from Cllr Harvey-Walker on the consultation with the children. The PC hoped that the funding would be found to complete this work as the designs looked very attractive.

(b) **Footpath Brochure**

Cllr Plant confirmed that two footpath walks have been completed and checked. Hopefully the others will be done soon.

(c) **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman confirmed a questionnaire had been designed by Cllr Harvey-Walker and following approval it will be printed at a cost of c£200. Arrangements for delivery will then be discussed. **Resolution 090216/03**

(d) **Road Safety and Traffic Issues on York Road**

The letters from City of York Council had been circulated. Various residents living on York Road had not received a letter of consultation. They all felt that a VAS sign would be of little benefit whereas a zebra crossing would be of enormous benefit to parents taking children to school and the elderly using the shops in Barley Rise. The residents in question are to write to CYC and express their views. Cllr Fisher had registered to speak at the next meeting on Thursday to express the anger of the Parish Council that they appear to have been ignored. **Resolution 090216/04**

The Clerk was pleased to be able to confirm that the issue of the gate onto Sheriff Hutton Road from the emergency exit had been resolved and would be put in place by Easter. It was resolved that confirmation be sought that the large gate does not open towards the road and one key would be held by PC. **Resolution 090216/05**

The proposed waiting restrictions on Ox Carr Lane and Old Highway published in The Press (of Friday 29th January) and the consultation letter received 8th February to the Clerk were discussed. It was felt that this was poor consultation and, although the restrictions were not unwelcome, it was felt that better consultation was required. Cllr Fisher to include in his presentation at the CoYC Executive meeting on 11th February. **Resolution 090216/06**

(e) **Tree Risk Assessment and Work Required**

The Clerk confirmed that it had been impossible to acquire three estimates to do the tree work required as two of the contractors contacted were unable to carry out a survey in the near future. Cllrs Chapman and Hill had begun a visual inspection of the trees and a reasonable quote received from a trustworthy tree surgeon to begin the work. It was resolved to put this work in hand and Cllr Chapman would co-ordinate this. **Resolution 090216/07**

(f) **Flooding Issues**

It was understood that a Public Inquiry was to be set up but no further information had been received. The Clerk was requested to write to Cllr Keith Aspden to request that the PC be kept informed. **Resolution 090216/08**

(g) Ward Grants

Letters of confirmation had been received of a Grant of £1,950 for the defibrillator and £575 for tools. Cllr Chapman will compile a list and Cllr Smith is to order the defibrillator. The PC will be advised of where to collect the paint and Mr Jakobsen, who is a painter and decorator, volunteered to paint the box and the village signposts. His offer was gratefully accepted by the Council. It was suggested that a presence at the APM on 5th April from First Response/Paramedics would be a good idea and Cllr Smith to see if this can be arranged.

(h) Spring Newsletter

The proposed newsletter had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved. Cllr Marquis to contact Outreach editor and any help with folding on 28th February would be appreciated. **Resolution 090216/09**

6 POLICE REPORT

This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. Cllr Smith was unhappy with the lack of liaison as she was the Liaison Officer for the PC. None of the new team had contacted her and she was disappointed in view of the good relationship previously enjoyed with our PCSO.

7 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

There had been no applications to discuss and therefore no meeting of the Planning Committee this evening

8 FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment **Resolution 090216/10**

(i)	Clerk's salary	£	SO
(ii)	Talktalk mobile	£7.50	DD
(iii)	R Cartmell grass cutting contract	£502.00	
(iv)	City of York Council		
	Lease for Pasture Close	£10.00	
	Lease for Northfields	£10.00	
	Lease for Barley Rise	£10.00	
	Lease for Strensall common	£10.00	
	Lease for Moor Park	£10.00	
	Lease for Willow Park	£10.00	
	Lease for Leyfield Close	£10.00	
(v)	York Tree and Woodland Services	£60.00	
(vi)	BT	£77.49	DD
(vii)	Stoneplan – bus shelter seat	£235.68	S106
(viii)	1-2-3 Reg initial hosting charge	£10.76	
(ix)	Postage for Yorventure application	£2.36	
(x)	Amazon – inks for 4 printers	£82.27	
(xi)	Land Registry search fee	£10.00	
(xii)	Information Board for SLHG	£1,203.60	

(b) Receipts

S 106	£92,298.00
VAT reclaimed	£3,804.16
Interest	£2.26
Cemetery	£45.00

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£23,051.67
Cemetery Account	£7,420.32
Contingency Account	£16,589.40 + £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,370.45 + £10,000 bond

10. CORRESPONDENCE

On the Foss Newsletter - received

11 ITEMS FOR MARCH MEETING

(a) Agenda for APM on 5th April 2016

12. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7.15pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

SignedChairman 8th March 2016