**STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF AN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 08th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

**Councillors Present:** Andrew Bolton Chris Chambers Tony Fisher1 Graham Green Lawrence Mattinson Susan Nunn Daniel Pillai John Shirbon

**In Attendance:** Fiona Hill – Parish Clerk

**Public Present:** 0

1 City of York Councillor

1. **a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:**  Cllr May **b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:** Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)
2. **To discuss the ordinary and casual vacancies** (Currently four)**:** Nothing to report
3. **To receive any declarations of interest under the Parish Council Code of Conduct or**

**Members register of interests:** Cllr Bolton Lords Moor Lane ditch directly affects

Cllr Chambers Grant Application team member

1. **a) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th September 2024:**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**b) To endorse the approved Planning Committee minutes of 10th and 24th September 2024:**

Resolved / Endorsed (Unanimous)

1. **Public participation on any subject relating to the agenda:** None

**24/156 To receive matters raised by/with City of York Ward Councillors: City of York Council – Traffic Plan** Cllr Fisher reported that CYC were currently updating their plan, which would include a blanket 20MPH speed limit in all residential areas. Resolved / The Parish Council would wish to be consulted on actual areas before a decision is made (8 votes in favour, 1 vote against)

**24/157 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action on matters arising/ongoing issues:** a)North Yorkshire Police monthly reports – Cllrs noted receipt of the September 2024 report.

b) York Road Garden – Governance, Future Planting The Parish Council was awaiting a draft of the legal document for both leasing and transferring ownership of the land from CYC . The Parish Council would not require a Highways license for street furniture, as no planters would be used, simply beds dug into the verge. The Parish Clerk had circulated an example Tree Planting Policy (for non-Councillors), which would be used to prepare a draft. The Parish Council was disappointed that one of the trees had been dug up and removed. Cllr Shirbon would draft an article for the next newsletter. Resolved / The garden would be named “Community Memorial Garden” (Unanimous)

d) Lords Moor Lane – ditch clearing Quotes had not been received, so the Parish Clerk would chase these and arrange an extraordinary after the next planning meeting (22Oct24)

c) Wild Flower area – Kirklands Resolved / The Parish Council would not continue with this scheme. (Unanimous) Quotes would be obtained for removing the ragwort and cutting the grass, but contractors would need to be advised about the issues with access.

d) Play Areas – RoSPA inspections These had been conducted and the reports received. Quotes for the required works would be obtained.

**24/158 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action, on matters raised since last meetings:**

1. Friends of New Earswick Swimming Pool – seeking general letter or support

Resolved / The Parish Council agreed general support for this scheme (Unanimous)

1. SCYSA – Redevelopment Plans The Parish Council noted the content of the email from the Chairman detailing future plans. Cllr Fisher would research S106 funding.

Current Advertising Placements – The Parish Council had no record of permission been requested, as per the lease agreement.

Resolved / The Parish Council would have no objection to notices issued by the Football Association or similar health and well-being notices e.g. no smoking, no dogs (Unanimous)

Additional Advertising Placements – The Parish Council, agreed in principle, to an reasonable design, but advertising could not extend outside the boundary. Resolved – Permission should be obtained for future advertising (Unanimous)

Redevelopment:

Resolved – The Parish Council, supported in principle, subject to the planning application.

1. Strensall Community Events Team – grant application Resolved / A Grant of £250.00, as requested, was agreed (Unanimous).
2. Resident – Proposed fairy train along the footpath between Lords Moor Lane and Moor Lane Resolved / The Parish Council agreed to this, subject to the following points (Unanimous)
* The fairy houses should be sited, where possible, a minimum of eight feet from the ground to avoid vandalism
* The fairy houses should be fixed to the trees by strapping, as the use of nails or similar is not permitted.
* No lighting is permitted, without prior approval from the Parish Council, to prevent disturbance to bats.
* A list and/or map of trees to me used, should be submitted to the Parish Council, prior to fixing, so a site meeting can be arranged, if necessary.
* All those erecting tree houses do so at their own risk (volenti non fit injuria) and the Parish Council does not accept any liability for injuries/accidents incurred.
* The Parish Council, will purchase a fairy house, up to a value of £30.00.
1. Tree Planting – Wild Haven and Flaxton Road The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Fisher could plant six trees, Horse Chestnuts or similar.

**24/159 To discuss matters raised by/with Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO):** a) Bank reconciliation, income received, payments made to date:

 

b) Payment Approval: None

c) Budget 2025-2026



The Parish Council discussed this, ready for confirming at the next meeting.

d) Internal Controls Checks: Full year forecast discussed with Parish Council as part of the budgeting procedure.

e) Yorkshire Local Councils Association: Nothing to report

f) Monthly Report from Parish Office:

Hirst Hall / Asset of Community Value - Tim Bradley, Asset Manager, City of York Council emailed (24Sep24) as follows – “I am writing to advise you that the application to renew the listing of Hurst Hall as an asset of community value was approved at the member decision session on 19th September. I am now writing to the owners of the pub, advising them of the approval. The provisions of the ACV Regulations will give them 8 weeks to seek a review of the decision. They have not done so before, so I think this is unlikely”.

Escheat Land – At the meeting on 12th December 2023, I reported about Crown/Escheat Land. Since then, the Parish Council and Ward Councillors have been approached about the possibility of volunteers conducting work on this land. I advised caution as the land was not owned/managed by an organization covered by liability insurance. I have contacted the Parish Councils insurance as follows – “I have attached a copy of a letter, which the Parish Council received, after enquiring about land that was thought belong to the Crown Estate. Please can you advise if the Parish Council insurance would cover Parish Councillors and volunteers to work on this land”. The insurance company has responded as follows – “I have referred your query over to our underwriters and soon as I have a response, I will let you know. The main complication being the ownership of the land as any land owned by the council we would provide cover for volunteers on however there may not be cover on land not owned by the council”.

MOD Car Par Closures – after receiving the Parish Councils response, the proposal is to close the car parks: 1st October to 31st March 1600 to 0700 (the following morning), the TBC for the summer months. If the Parish Council supports this, the MOD requests that this is conveyed to the local MP for their consideration. Resolved / The Parish Council did support this, but did not wish to engage with the local MP, so no further action would be taken. (Unanimous)

**24/160 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 12th November 2024 @ 7.00 p.m.:** Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)