



STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2026 AT 7.00 PM

Councillors Present: Andrew Bolton Thomas Carmichael
Chris Chambers Anthony Drake
Tony Fisher¹ Graham Green
Lawrence Mattinson Daniel Pillai
John Shirbon

In Attendance: Fiona Hill – Parish Clerk

Public Present: 0

¹ City of York Councillor

25/316 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

Sarah Glynn, Simon Hide and Alan May

b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

25/317 To discuss the casual vacancy: Nothing to report

25/318 To receive any declarations of interest under the Parish Council Code of Conduct or Members register of interests: None

25/319 a) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th February 2026:

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

b) To endorse the approved Planning Committee minutes of 10th and 24th February 2026: Resolved / Endorsed (Unanimous)

25/320 Public participation on any subject relating to the agenda: None

25/321 To receive matters raised by/with City of York Ward Councillors:

A city wide smoke control order has now been imposed.

Highways within City of York Council area are in “Managed Decline”

25/322 To discuss matters raised by/with Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA)

- Delegated powers

The Parish Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it is unlawful for decisions/actions/delegations to be done by individual councillors without a resolution by the

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Parish Council. A scheme of delegation could be adopted, so delegation could be made to either the Parish Clerk or a committee.

25/323 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action on matters arising/ongoing issues:

a) North Yorkshire Police monthly reports – February 2026 report received

b) Community Memorial Garden - Governance – Progress on land transfer/lease
Dave Meigh, CYC emailed – *“The offer of the lease was approved unanimously last night. The next steps are for the Council to advertise the disposal of the land and deal with any representation. I will let you know when this happens. In due course legal services will also send a draft lease for you to consider, it will be based on similar ones. We will probably need a postal address at some stage, and the names and address of the PC representatives who can sign the lease. For now, don’t send anything to me until I know what is needed”.*

c) Community Memorial Garden Fencing – to decide if required and if so, agree specification for design/installation etc

Resolved / The Parish Council agreed that fencing/gate would be erected (8 In Favour, 1 Against)

The specification would be prepared for the next meeting.

d) Community Memorial Garden Signage - to decide if required and if so, agree specification for design/installation etc

A decision regarding this was deferred until the next meeting.

e) Community Memorial Garden – to agree details/specifications etc

Cllr Shirbon had written a report and plan, which was circulated around Parish Councillors. The Parish Council were happy with all plans but would need to be informed about any changes.

f) Play Areas – Handyman inspections

The Parish Clerk had met with Jon Brock and monthly he would:

- Visually inspect the play equipment at the Kirklands and Northfields Play Areas
- Rake the bark around the swings at Northfields
- Confirm inspections done, along with any works required, to me, so I can raise at next meeting

In addition, he would repair the Northfield Park fence and bark surround for the Northfields Junior Swings.

g) Tree Works – Flaxton Road

Resolved / The Parish Council accepted the quotation totalling £1350.00 from Lewis Trees. (Unanimous)

h) Fence Repairs – Allotments, Langton

The Parish Clerk was now seeking additional quotes.

i) Resurrection of Traffic Study and Road Safety Improvements Proposals 14th July 2015

Cllr Mattinson had updated the draft and Cllrs Chambers and Fisher had made some

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amendments/additions, which would be included.

Resolved / Cllr Mattinson would forward the final draft to the Parish Clerk, so it could be submitted to the CYC Director of Transport David Atkinson. (Unanimous)

25/324 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action, on matters raised since last meetings:

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) – introduction/services brochure email received – the Parish Council would approach them to ask if they would be interested in working in the wooded areas.

25/325 To discuss matters raised by/with Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO):

a) Financial Management - Bank reconciliation, Receipts and Payments to date:

Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council			
Bank Reconciliation as at 28 February 2026			
Balance b/f 01 April 2025			208519.49
Add receipts			73039.28
			281558.77
Less payments			87417.68
Balance c/f 31 March 2026			194141.09
Balance at bank and in hand:			A/c No
Treasurers	67371.13		11104098
Contingency	67812.76		93981827
Premium	20912.43		22422018
Cemetery	13044.77		03839958
Premium Bonds	10000.00		30712310
Contingency Bonds	15000.00		90712515
	194141.09		
Unpresented items:			
Ref	Amount		
	0.00	0.00	194141.09
Made Up of:			
Ring-fenced Funds:	Computer/Projection	1000.00	
Unspent 2024/25 budget	Play Areas	13500.00	
	War Memorial	220.00	
	Cemetery	4000.00	18720.00
Ear-Marked Funds:	Tree Works	11624.00	
See Minutes 14Nov23	Grants	7858.04	
	Play Area Maintenance	44855.04	64337.08
General Reserve:			111084.01
Good Practice = Precept x up to 2 =	108000		3084

b) Financial Management - Payment Approval: None

c) Monthly Report from Parish Office – Nothing To Report

25/326 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

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