

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Chambers (Chair) Bolton, Fisher, Maher, Hill, Mattinson, Ogilvy, Harvey-Walker, Baxter, Jakobsen and Mrs J Smith. Ward Cllr Paul Doughty
4 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Ward Cllr Helen Douglas

2. RESIGNATIONS

Following the resignations of both Cllrs Plant and Marquis, they were both in attendance to say a few words about the long and dedicated service they have both given to the parish council. The members all wished them well in their retirement and they left the meeting

3. NEW COUNCILLOR

An application had been received from Mrs Diane Hails to become a member of the Council. She spoke a little about herself and following a brief discussion, was co-opted onto Parish Council and, following a Declaration of Acceptance, took her seat at the table. **Resolution 081116/01**

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Chambers and Smith declared a personal interest in item 7(b and 7(i)) and Cllr Jakobsen declared a personal interest in item 7(c). They did not take part in any discussion or decision on these items

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11th October 2016 had been circulated and were approved without amendment and the Council endorsed the approved Planning Committee minutes of the same date **Resolution 081116/02**

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Doughty asked whether the Parish Council would support an application to remove the national speed limit sign on Strensall Road and that it be made 40mph all the way to the Camp where it is reduced to 30mph. The general opinion was that it should 40mph maximum all the way to the Golf Club but the Parish Council would support Earswick in this regard. **Resolution 081116/03**

7. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Footpath Booklet** – this is now being collected from the Printer and will be on sale at £2.50 per copy. The Community Library wish to purchase 10 copies and see how they sell. The Clerk suggested that complimentary copies be given to former Cllrs Plant and Marquis together with the Footpaths Officer for CYC. This was approved. The Local History Group would also sell some and others would be available from the Clerk. Cllr Harvey-Walker was asked to advertise this on the website and Cllr Ogilvy to put on Facebook. **Resolution 081116/04**
- (b) **Replacement fencing at Northfields** – The Clerk confirmed that delivery of the fencing was imminent and that work would commence as soon as possible. The Village Hall Committee had decided that the hedge was to be removed at the same time and as soon as work was completed the path would be resurfaced and widened.
- (c) **Fencing at York Road** – The Clerk confirmed that there were in fact 8 properties with responsibility for the boundary fence. Five had responded favourably and she was awaiting a response from the others. The Clerk was requested to chase this up **Resolution 081116/05**
- (d) **Police Issues and Reports** - Cllr Smith reported that she had finally secured monthly meetings with the PCSO and the Clerk so that concerns and issues can be discussed and solutions sought. She is disappointed it has taken so long to achieve any dialogue but progress is being made. Cllr Smith confirmed that she attended the Village Hall car park and also the playgrounds in an evening. Cllrs were concerned for her safety and suggested she did not go alone. The Loss Adjuster had suggested keeping a log – the Clerk checked on Wednesdays and Cllr Jakobsen did Thursdays about 8.30pm. They had both seen nothing untoward so far. Cllr Smith, as Police Liaison, agreed to complete the monthly forms for the safer Neighbourhood Team. The Clerk would then send them electronically with a copy attached to the agenda for the next meeting. **Resolution 081116/06**
- (e) **Black Dyke Bridge** The Clerk had been contacted by the Footpaths Officer at CYC to confirm the reconstruction of the bridge was nearing completion. It is hoped that this footpath can be reopened by the end of the year.
- (f) **Christmas Trees**– The Clerk confirmed that these had been ordered for delivery on Friday 25th November. She was happy for the use of her

garage to put the lights on each tree before putting them in place. Bacon sandwiches and coffee would be provided for volunteers. Cllr Jakobsen to provide the ladder – volunteers were Cllrs Chambers, Jakobsen, Maher and Chapman. Cllr Mattinson wished to minute his disapproval of Cllrs climbing ladders and, in his view, the PC should pay a professional to put the trees up. The Clerk was requested to seek costings for this and check the insurance cover in place

- (g) **Allotments-** the Chairman reported that there are two vacant plots and it was agreed that this should be advertised in the first instance to a resident and if there was no interest then one could be offered to a non resident. Cllr Ogilvy to put on Facebook and Cllr Harvey-Walker to place an advert on the website.
- (h) **Signatories** –the Clerk confirmed that both the former Councillors were signatories and two more would be required. Cllrs Chambers and Bolton agreed to become signatories and the Clerk to prepare the mandate. **Resolution 081116/05**
- (i) **CCTV** Cllr Fisher had not been able to find a suitable cctv package without knowing the budget. It was agreed that Cllr Smith would ask for a decision from the Village Hall Committee on their contribution and the PC approved that they would match this **Resolution 081116/06**
- (j) **Website** – the Clerk asked for a councillor to be responsible for the website and loading the dongle before meetings. Cllr Harvey-Walker agreed to do this and the Council expressed their thanks

8. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chambers reported on the four applications discussed and two decisions notified. The recommendations of the planning committee were approved. **Resolution 081116/07**

9. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 081116/08**

(i)	Clerk’s salary	£	SO
(ii)	Talktalk mobile	£7.85	DD
(iii)	1-2-3 Reg renewal	£10.76	DD
(iv)	R J Cartmell grass cutting	864.00	
(v)	R J Cartmell Cemetery maintenance	£1,050.00	
(vi)	Mrs S Nunn -Stationery	£14.50	
(vii)	Mrs S Nunn –key cutting	£19.50	
(viii)	BT phone	£87.24	
(ix)	P Hanson – plants	£25.65	
(x)	Cllr D Hill – bulbs	£9.00	
(xi)	RoSPA annual inspection fee	£349.80	
(xii)	Travis Perkins –play bark	£511.20	
(xiii)	Royal British Legion	£50.00	
(xiv)	Amazon inks	£37.13	

(b) Receipts

VAT reclaim	£16,844.62
Cemetery fees	£510.00

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account	£60,317.87
Cemetery Account	£8,717.72
Contingency Account	£38,969.14 + £15,000 Bond
Premium Account	£18,397.95 ``+ £10,000 bond

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter from Pensions Agency – noted – to file
- (b) letter from Kirklands Resident – TF to deal further and the Police copied in
- (c) Code of Conduct decision –Cllr Chambers read this to the meeting and confirmed all named members had received a copy. The Council felt that the bias was on the side of the report compiler and Cllr Chambers is still pursuing his complaint.

11. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The position of Chairman is vacant until May 2017. Cllr Chambers was nominated but declined. Cllr Fisher was then nominated and accepted the position with the assurance that his political views would not be relevant as Chairman of the Parish Council.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7.15pm

Signed..... 13th December 2016

Chairman