STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor A H Fisher

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Fisher (Chair) Bolton, Maher, Ogilvy, Baxter, Hill, Chambers, Chapman, Mattinson, Fleming and Mrs D Hails

7 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllr Mrs Judy Smith and Ward Cllr Paul Doughty

Cllr Jakobsen had e-mailed the Clerk to say that his present heavy workload made it impossible to attend meetings at the present time and for the foreseeable future. He regrettably resigned as a councillor. He hoped to be able to rejoin at some time in the future.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Hails declared a personal interest in item 5(c) and Cllr Baxter in item 5(j)

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the monthly parish council meeting of 8th August were approved and signed. The Council endorsed the approved Planning Committee minutes of the 8th and 22nd August **Resolution 1209417/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives from two families attended to reinforce their demands for items to be permitted in the Cemetery.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) **Vacancy for a councillor** -Dr Helen Cox had registered her interest in the vacancy for a Councillor. She was introduced to members, gave a brief resume and confirmed that she would like to be a councillor once the advertising period was complete. She would be co-opted as soon as the time expires and a new advertisement issued for Cllr Jakobsen’s vacancy

(b) **Police Report**– the report was noted but it was felt that it lacked a great amount of detail so it was resolved that Cllr Fleming would discuss possible improvements to the reports for the future with the Police **Resolution 120917/03**

 (c) **Kirklands Playground–** the response from the second consultation was overwhelmingly in favour of the scheme as portrayed with a little re-adjustment. The Chairman, Cllrs Fleming and Chapman met the representative at the site. It was agreed that only two “buddy benches” be put in, it was not possible to realign the multi use unit as it would not then fit onto the astro turf. By starting the trail with the low balancing beam to the right of the gate it meant that none of the taller equipment was near properties, the suggestion of protective shoes for the equipment was accepted and the design approved. The revised quote had been received. This was approved and signed by the Chairman. **Resolution 120917/04**

(d) **Village Show** –Cllr Mattinson reported that there had been a good response from residents (approx. 100) and the petition was progressing. It was suggested and agreed that this should be sent to the Golf Club for their support **Resolution 120917/05**

(e) **Tree replacements**

A representative from Treemendous had offered assistance with advice once the grant of 102 saplings from the Woodland Trust had been received. There were three trees, paid for by residents to replace ones removed, to be planted somewhere in the village. It was agreed that two would be planted in open space on Hallard Way and one would replace the oak tree which had been felled recently. The species and siting could be done at the same time although these would be more mature and substantial. **Resolution 120917/06**

(f) **Insurance**

The Clerk had received a renewal quote from Came and Company using AXA rather than AVIVA. Cllr Bolton would look through and advise on its suitability. The claim against the PC was, it was understood, completed although yet again the PC were not informed. Formal complaints have been made but largely ignored by Aviva and the Broker has been asked to investigate. This is due before the November meeting so should be agreed at the next meeting.

(g) **Grants**

The Clerk confirmed that the Ward Councillors had given grants to provide a pole saw and strimmer and a large quantity of spring flowering bulbs. Sites for mass planting were suggested as Lords Moor Lane verges, Moor Lane, the land to the rear of the benches on York Road and it was hoped that residents may have suggestions. The Clerk requested approval for expenditure for winter flowering plants in the tubs and village signs. Sponsorship continued for 5 tubs and therefore up to £100 was approved **Resolution 120917/07**

(h) **Speed Restrictions –**

The suggestion made to request an amendment to the speed limits on Ox Carr Lane was discussed further and a letter from York Golf Club was circulated. It was suggested that this should be sent to Julia Mulligan (Police Commissioner) Julian Sturdy (MP) and Cllr Ian Gillies (Executive Member for Highways) and our petition passed to Golf Club members for signature in support **Resolution 120917/08**

(i) **Grass Cutting Contract**

 The contract for open space maintenance (excluding the Cemetery and Northfields Junior Playground) expires at the end of the year. The Clerk requested permission to insert an advert in Outreach inviting tenders from contractors on a one, three or five year term. This was approved **Resolution 120917/09**

(j) **Cemetery Issues**

 The rules and conditions governing the Cemetery were once again discussed and a motion put forward to consider changes to the rules – this went to a vote with 8 for and 3 against. A meeting would be arranged to discuss this further and in the meantime Councillors were requested to think about what changes they would be willing to make, if any, and forward these to the Clerk before a meeting can be arranged as this was a topic that required an extraordinary meeting of its own. **Resolution 120917/10**

(k) **York Road Improvements**

 It was agreed that it was too soon to make a judgment on whether the “improvements” had any effect at all and this matter was deferred to a later meeting

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the applications received together with decisions made. The recommendations of the Planning Committee were approved **Resolution 120917/11**

7. INVOICES

(a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 120917/12**

 (i) Clerk’s salary £ SO

 (ii) O2 mobile £18.47 DD

 (iii) R J Cartmell £771.50

 (iv) RJ Cartmell cemetery £403.00

 (v) HMRC tax and NI £377.88

 (vi) Mr O Hare £195.00

 (vii) RPII inspection £72.00

 (viii) 1-2-3 reg fees £17.96

 (ix) Mr J Chapman £77.74

 (x) Yorkshire Water £7.04

 (xi) Directions Planning consultancy £810.00

 (xii) Beaver Plant Ltd £645.00

 (xiii) Image Playgrounds £6,978.00

(b) Income:

 Refund from VH CCTV £53.43

 Refund from Parkers £6.00

 Interest £2.01

© Account Balances:

 Treasurers Account £47,351.02

 Cemetery Account £10,324.75

 Contingency Account £43,998.15 + £15,000 Bond

 Premium Account £18,414.79 + £10,000 Bond

(d) The Bonds on the Money Market are due to expire and permission was sought to re-invest for three months– granted **Resolution 120917/13**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

 a) letter from Historic England

b) Letter from Mrs Ellis

c) Letter from Mr Skeldon

d) letter from CYC on Local Plan

e) CYC free compost

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 7.15pm

Signed…………………………………………………….. 10th October 2017

Chairman