# 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 13th June 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

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

Two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Mattinson, Mrs J Smith and Harvey-Walker Ward Cllr P Doughty

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting and the monthly parish council meeting of 9th May were approved and signed. The Council endorsed the approved Planning Committee minutes of the 9th and 23rd May **Resolution 130617/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) **Police Report**– the Chairman reported that shortly after planting bedding plants in the village sign on Haxby Moor Road, the plants were removed and thrown under the hedge. Whilst he was tempted to leave the space empty he felt that would be unfair but the incident was reported to the police. The remainder of the report was noted

(b) **Traffic and Road Safety–** the proposed protest letter to The Executive Member for traffic and Road Safety was approved and it was agreed that a copy should be sent to The Press to enlist their assistance. **Resolution 130617/02**

(c) **Tree Risk Assessment**– One quote had been received and the second and third firms should be reminded of the urgency on felling the dangerous trees. **Resolution 090517/03**

 (d) **Clerk’ Vacancy** – a sub-committee consisting of Cllrs Fisher, Fleming, Chambers, Bolton and Mrs Hails would prepare an advertisement, job description and contract in accordance with the NALC recommendations and templates. It was agreed that any three would be able to interview candidates. **Resolution 130617/04**

 (e) **Flower Tubs–** the Clerk reported on flower tub sponsorship and also the cost of plants from the sums received. It was agreed that research was needed to locate some heavy tubs which required less maintenance and would not rot when the doges urinated against them. Once costs were established the amount to be purchased could be discussed. **Resolution 130617/05**

(f) **Continued Use of the safety fencing** -the Clerk reported that she had received an invoice for the safety fencing and wondered whether it was still required. Cllr Fleming said there were no issues with the surface and it was agreed that it could now be removed. Cllrs then wondered what was to happen to the site and it was agreed that the Playground Sub-Committee would meet to draft a consultation letter to residents and a plan of proposed equipment so that this site did not revert back to what it was several years ago. The date suggested was 6.30pm on Monday 19th June or 6.30pm Tuesday 20th June and the Clerk was requested to see what funds were available. **Resolution 130617/06**

(g) **The Play Equipment –**the clerk confirmed that she had costed the play bark and this would be £882 for 6 bags. This expenditure was approved. The representative from Jupiter Play had visited the site and confirmed that there were issues with the cone climber which would be put right under the warranty. She had contacted the firm for a date but received no response as yet. Cllr Fleming was concerned as to its continued use and suggested a sign asking children not to use it although it had been verbally confirmed that it would not need to be taken out of service. Members did not feel able to agree to the suggestion of removal of matting and concrete under the flat swings. Cllr Chapman and the grass cutting contractor had spent several hours weeding round the swings and rocking horse. Cllr Chapman had photographed the damaged litter bins and sent a request to CYC for repair or replacement. Cllr Chapman will investigate the benches **Resolution 130617/07**

(h) The Clerk had circulated a training programme for Councillors and urged them to “book early to avoid disappointment”

(i) The Clerk had received an e-mail from Andrew Docherty at CYC to invite members to an informal meeting with the Joint Standards Committee on Thursday 22nd June from 7pm to 8.30pm. Cllrs Jakobsen, Fisher, Chambers, Fleming and the Clerk to attend.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the enforcement issues outstanding and applications received together with decisions made. The recommendations of the Planning Committee were approved **Resolution 130617/08**

7. INVOICES

(a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 130617/09**

 (i) Clerk’s salary £ SO

 (ii) O2 mobile £18.47 DD

 (iii) R J Cartmell £696.00

 (iv) RJ Cartmell cemetery £429.00

 (v) Hire of safety fencing £216.00

 (vi) RPII playground inspection £72.00

 (vii) Earth Anchors - noticeboard £619.20

 (viii) Office Outlet- stationery £42.92

 (ix) trophies and prizes for carnival £58.00

 (x) Travis Perkins playbark £882.00

 (b) Income:

 Cemetery £150.00

 Donation for three trees £60.00

© Account Balances:

 Treasurers Account £48,093.40

 Cemetery Account £10,031.84

 Contingency Account £43,985.01+ £15,000 Bond

 Premium Account £18,407.04 + £10,000 Bond

(d) It was resolved to reinvest the Bonds for a further three months on a capital only basis as before **Resolution 130617/10**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

 a) CPRE Annual Review brochure – noted

 b) Merchant Navy Day brochure – noted

 c) Keep Your Pet posters - noted

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.15pm

Signed…………………………………………………….. 11th July 2017

Chairman