STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 14TH April 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Tuohey, Scott, Chapman, Chambers, Hill, Ogilvy, Maher and Mrs C Edwards

Ward Cllr Sian Wiseman and 7 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs C Edwards, Ms T Flannery, Mrs J Smith and D Hill

Ward Cllr Paul Doughty

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Chambers declared an interest in item 5(g)

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, Council approved these and authorised the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. **Resolution 140415/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Resident from Pasture Close outlined the problems with the football area, another resident reported a fourth incident of broken glass in his greenhouse and a third resident informed the Council of the damage caused to their property by footballs and stones have been thrown.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) Kirklands Playground

Cllr Scott informed the Council of the Lottery award and the suggestions and costings so far for fencing, equipment and installation. Some S 106 monies will be required. Cllr Marquis reported on a proposed letter of consultation with residents and users of the site. This was approved. The Clerk to seek advice from CYC as to options and consultation. **Resolution 140415/02** *following the meeting a discussion was held with CYC and a further consultation letter with more detail, as advised, was circulated to Councillors and approved. The Clerk to deliver the letters to residents and e-mail a copy to the junior football club and Hurst Hall for the users of the site. When delivering letters Mr and Mrs Ransome requested the Clerk recommend some screen hedging to prevent footballs hitting their fence.*

(b) Carnival

 The Clerk updated the Council on progress and siting of banners in the village. Programmes will be ready to distribute in May and will be delivered to homes in the village. The raffle tickets will also be ready to distribute and Cllr Marquis confirmed his son would take 20 books initially to sell at his workplace. Mike Parish will be in charge of road closures and marshalling.

(c) Annual Parish Meeting

 Cllr Marquis gave a brief update on the meeting which was attended by 28 people and he thanked the councillors who attended. Nobody had come forward to offer assistance with the preparation of a Neighbourhood plan.

 Cllr Wiseman confirmed that nobody had come forward regarding assistance at SCYSA at yet. The Clerk offered advertising space in the notice boards

(d) Hanging Baskets and bedding plants

Cllr Maher reported that the hanging baskets were to be delivered on the first week in June and it was possible to borrow Brown’s van to deliver. There was requests for 16 baskets with flowers for the tubs to be sourced. The required expenditure for this was approved **Resolution 140415/03**

(e) War Memorials

 Cllr Plant updated the meeting with regard to the additional memorials which were located 1 in the Garrison Church and 5 in St Marys. He is to do further research and speak to the Vicar and Padre regarding maintenance of these memorials.

(f) Heritage List

 Cllr Marquis reported that no progress had been made with this to date

(g) Village Hall Grant

 Cllr Marquis reported that with the Lottery Grant and funding from Village Hall funds there was a shortfall of approximately £580 plus the cost of the tiles for the splash backs. Following a discussion it was agreed to give a grant of up to £1,200 following confirmation of the cost of the tiles. **Resolution 1404215/04**

(h) Footpath Issues

 Cllr Chambers informed the Council that he had researched ownership with HM Land Registry and showed the land between Westpit Lane and the River Foss was still in the registered ownership of Shepherds and NYCC. The clerk confirmed that she had been contacted by the Barley Rise/Ryecroft owners who had now received evidence forms and were keen to cooperate. The forms had been returned without being completed by possible owners of land on Westpit Lane and it would appear that they are unwilling to co-operate.

(i) The Clerk reported that there would not be an election as there were only 12 nominations for parish councillors and therefore there was a possibility of co-option of 2 more councillors as Cllr Hill was moving to Stamford Bridge and not sought nomination and Cllr Scott was to retire as he was suffering hearing loss which made it difficult for him to participate fully in debates. The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Cllr Scott for his many years of service to the people of Strensall and Towthorpe.

6. POLICE REPORT

 The report had been circulated and the contents noted. The Parish Council would wish to have a speed gun and the clerk requested to apply for one.

7. PLANNING REPORT

 Cllr Chapman reported on the 5 applications and 6 decisions discussed and the recommendations were approved **Resolution140415/05**.

8. FINANCE

The following invoices for payment:-

 (i) Clerk’s salary and overtime £ SO

 (ii) Talktalk telephone and broadband £33.03. DD

 (iii) Talktalk mobile £7.50 DD

 (iv) N Jackson Joinery work £1,025.00

 (v) Signs Express £330.60

 (vi) YLCA £766.00

 (vii) AnyVan £62.00

 (viii) J Chapman playground repairs £4.98

 (ix) M4 UK signage for carnival £180.00

 (x) A K Marquis – locks for office £22.23

 (xi) Mrs S Nunn – new keys £10.00

 (xii) Mr C Chambers LR fees & wood £59.87

 (xiii) Grant to the Village Hall tba

 (xiv) Grant to the Carnival £760.00

 (xv) Key Fob for shutters £26.00

 (xvi) R Cartmell grass cutting etc £541.00

 (xvii) R Cartmell cemetery maintenance £98.00

(b) Receipts

 (i) Double taxation £10,982.06

 (ii) CYC grant to VDS £50.00

 (iii) St Marys Church donation Christmas tree £50.00

 (iv) Interest £23.38

­­(c) Account Balances:

 Treasurers 16,038.77

 Contingency £18,33.91 + £15,000 bond

 Premium £20,972.08 + £10,000 bond

 Cemetery £8,569

9. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Doughty confirmed that the no waiting restrictions had been implemented in the Village but the faded markings have not yet been refreshed.

Drainage issues outside the Tannery have been reported but no response to date

A meeting was held on the corner of Sheriff Hutton Road and the Village to discuss road safety issues with CYC officers. The City Council are awaiting a further safety audit and other issues regarding the Tannery development and then will consider a request to put some form of barrier fencing across the emergency access. Cllr Wiseman pointed out that Earswick PC had donated a gate to CYC which gave disabled and pushchair access. This could possibly be still in the depot and may be of benefit at this site. The Parish Council had also suggested some form of warning sign for inbound traffic warning of narrow bridge and children crossing

10. CORRESPONDENCE

1. To approve a request for the provision of a memorial bench at The Cemetery – this was approved **Resolution 140415/06**
2. Countryside Voice Newsletter –noted
3. River Foss Society Newsletter –noted
4. letter from Mr & Mrs Ransome –this had been discussed under item 5(a)

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY

(i) Update the list of councillors and responsibilities following the AGM

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed……………………………………………………. 14th May 2015

Chairman.