STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Hill, Ogilvy, Bolton, Fisher, Mattinson, Chambers, Harvey-Walker, Baxter, Maher, Chapman and Mrs J Smith,

Ward Cllr Ms Helen Douglas and six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cllr Tracy Flannery and Ward Cllr Doughty and the reasons were accepted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

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 and also endorsed the minutes of the Planning Committee of 10th and 24th May **Resolution 140616/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents of Pasture Close and Knapton Close complained about the damage to their properties and intolerable noise from the playground, specifically the football, demanding the Parish Council take action.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) **Footpath brochure** – Cllr Plan updated the council as to the ongoing progress. It was hoped that the front cover and cost could be approved at the July meeting with a view to producing a completed brochure by August. An update on PROW had been received and noted. Cllr Fisher reported that the footpath between Old Humpy and the Water Treatment Works was sloping, slippery and dangerous following the flooding and heavy rains. The Clerk was instructed to advise the Footpaths Officer at CYC. **Resolution 140616/02**

(b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Chairman reported on the previous meeting of the working group and the attendance and advice received from a consultant from Ward Associates. Another consultant is to attend the July meeting and in the meantime the draft Local Plan should be available for scrutiny at the June meeting

(c ) **Vehicle Activated Speed Sign and Response to Consultation request** – Cllr Mattinson’s proposed response to Tony Clarke was unanimously approved together with the re-iteration of the earlier response to Ben Potter. It should be emphasised that there should be a 40mph sign north of the Cemetery entrance and the 30mph be re-located closer to the Cemetery entrance through to the junction with The Village. The no footway sign should be relocated to face oncoming traffic proceeding northwards past the Cemetery. Some form of traffic calming is required on Sheriff Hutton Road, The deadline for response was Thursday and the Clerk was instructed to send with a copy to Cllr Douglas, Cllr Doughty and Cllr Iain Gilles as Executive Member. **Resolution 140616/03**

(d) **Clerk’s Salary -** the National Pay Awards for Clerks had been implemented at 1% and took effect from 1st April 2016 – the amendment to the Clerk’s contract and salary was approved as indicated in the Awards document. **Resolution 140616/04**

(e) **Flooding Issues** – the Chairman had no update on this as he was awaiting a reply from the Environment Agency.

(f) **Playground Issues** – Cllr Fisher reported that the work was to start on the new playground at Northfields on Monday 20th June and would be completed about mid July.

Kirklands football area continued to be abused and bullying was rife. The residents confirmed that noise and damage were major issues for them. Four options were put to the Council but it was agreed that no decision should be made until Paul Morrison had been to the July meeting and updated the Council on the new Public Space Protection Order which is included in the Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. Cllr Fisher wished to have his vote against this resolution minuted. The result was for – 8 against -5 This would be an agenda item for July when a decision would be made **Resolution 140616/05**

(g) The siting of the two dog bins was agreed as Barley Rise by the shops and Heath Ride outside the boundary wall of 5-8 Lakeside Gardens **Resolution 140616/06** Cllr Smith felt that some action needed to be taken and agreed to research the cost of bio-degradable spray and cut out shapes

(h) **Defibrillator – Cllr Smith** reported that the glass had been replaced by Oxforde Glass with no charge. The Clerk was requested to write and thank them. First response training was booked for Thursday 16th June at the Village Hall. **Resolution 140616/07**

(i) **White Rose update** – Cllrs were directed to the training courses and other content of the latest information from YLCA and the Clerk instructed to purchase 15 Good Councillor Guides 2016. Approval was also given for the purchase of the new Arnold and Baker publication on Law  **Resolution 140616/08**

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the five applications received and the recommendations of the planning committee were approved **Resolution 140616/09**

7. FINANCE REPORT

(a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 140616/10**

(i) Clerk’s salary £ SO

(ii) Talktalk mobile £7.50 DD

(iii) R Cartmell grass cutting £587.00

(iv) R Cartmell cemetery maintenance £250.00

(v) Staples £154.77 DD

(vi) ARB Tree Surgeons £160.00

(vii) Park Lane Services £216.00

(viii) Marmax – seats £982.80

(ix) Amazon inks for printers £14.98

(x) J & P Hanson – plants £122.02

(xi) Tax and NI £362.28

(xii) Park Lane Services (inspection & repair) £216.00

(xiii) YLCA training £36.00

(xiv) Signs Express –replacement sign £76.80

(xv) Mrs S Nunn stationery £45.16

(xvi) YLCA Good Councillor Guides £33.00

(b) Receipts

` Precept £18,000.00

S 106 payment £2,061.13

Cemetery £620.00

Interest £10.22

(c) Account Balances:

Treasurers Account £51,262.92

Cemetery Account £7,849.98

Contingency Account £108,923.35 + £15,000 Bond

Premium Account £18,380.79 + £10,000 bond

8. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Thank you letters received from Village Hall & Kidz klub - noted

(b) Letter from Friends of Huntington School – PC did not feel it appropriate to contribute

(c) Letter on consultation /feasibility study Sheriff Hutton Road traffic (see item 5(c)) – response agreed

(d) Letter from young resident with a request for a cricket net/strip at Northfields. This would be discussed with SCYSA trustees and the young man had been sent a reply

(e) Correspondence on Sevenoaks discussed and response agreed

(f) Reminder of Clerk’s holiday 17-25th June and arrange a rota for office

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY**:**

1. Updated Grievance and Disciplinary procedure to approve (NALC LTN 22)

2. Footpath brochure front page and cost to agree

3. Kirklands Playground to decide on options

4. to discuss and approve expenditure for fencing car park boundary VH

5. To receive a report on the Carnival

6. to discuss and approve any action on increasing play facilities in the village

7. Paul Morrison to advise on new legislation for Public Open Space

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday 12th July at 7.15pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed…………………………………………………….. 12th July 2016

Chairman

Appendix 1

1. Damaged village sign –At last agreement with LV Insurance at the original quote from Stoneplan and Stoneplan to put the work in hand asap. The cheque has arrived and been banked –Stoneplan hoping to do it this weekend.. The purchase of some extra bedding plants will be necessary

2. Two new benches- these have been ordered in the recycled plastic material as the one on York Road. Both will have dedication plaques – the War Memorial will say “in celebration of the 90th birthday of our Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II 21st April 2016”

The one at the top of Moor Lane will say “this bench is dedicated to all the animals and birds who have sacrificed their lives in the service of their country during times of war and conflict.”

3. Dog bins –following the provision of two dog bins from City Council, the main areas are Barley Rise, Heath Ride and Terrington Court

4. Cemetery

The sign has now been amended to show the contact address as the Village Hall

5. Defibrillator Training

A reminder that the training is booked for Thursday 16th June at 7pm in the Village Hall. Anyone interested in attending please let Judy know.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY UPDATE

Tannery – North Bank of the Foss

CYC is waiting for a proposal from David Wilson on behalf of Barrett’s.  Internal Drainage Board need to agree the plans.  David Wilson has been told in no uncertain terms that he must act now or face Court action!

Cowslip Bridge

Unfortunately, this crossing point remains a low priority for City Council.  This would be a big bridge, maybe even a Kit bridge.  Access along the PROW is an issue and there is no support for the work from the Landowner.  Soil trials would have to be done too.  The resources are not available from the Council’s perspective and it is understood the funding opportunity has gone.

lack Dyke Bridge

The Council will design a longer bridge than before and some typical designs for this type of crossing put forward.  Again, the local landowner is seeking compensation mainly for crop loss and a tractor would be needed to move the materials on to the site.  Quotes would be easily available once deigned.  CYC is hoping that again an opportunity will arise at the end of August, once the crops are cleared and the ground is ready to be churned up for replanting.   They are trying to keep the cost down by keeping the compensation claim as low as possible and cooperating with the landowner’s wishes.  PROW officers have put signs in place to keep walkers notified of any developments will be updated during the coming weeks as the plans move along.