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 8th August 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

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

11 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

 Received from Cllrs Harvey-Walker and Jakobsen and Ward Cllr P Doughty

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Hails declared a personal interest in item 5(d)

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the monthly parish council meeting of 11th July were approved and signed. The Council endorsed the approved Planning Committee minutes of the 11th and 25th July **Resolution 080817/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives from three families attended to complain at the removal of unacceptable items from graves. They wished to have a meeting with the Parish Council with a view to amending the rules to accommodate their tributes. They felt that the legislation was outdated and should be amended.

One resident made several suggestions regarding Kirklands play area which they hoped would be considered.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) **Police Report**– the report was noted

(b) **Neighbourhood Plan–** the Chairman had prepared a formal response to City of York Council which had been circulated and was approved. **Resolution 080817/02**

(c) **Clerk’s Vacancy** – an advert had been placed in White Rose update for August. Interviews to take place in October/November with a view to a successful candidate starting in the New Year

 (d) **Kirklands Playground–** the response from the residents was poor – only 8 responses from over 100 letters. One suggestion was for a community garden and another for an outdoor gym. Three suggestions for CCTV and six in favour of low level equipment. Two providers have send proposals –both require some adjustment but the maximum budget is £20,000. It was resolved that a copy of the proposed design would be delivered to all consultees with 5 days to respond **Resolution 080817/03**

(e) **Village Show** -the Clerk had received confirmation that the Parish Council may have a table at the Village Show. If a petition is to be launched it must be from the table and not walking round the show. Cllrs Fisher, Fleming, Mattinson and Mrs Hails would be there from 2pm **Resolution 080817/04**

(f) **Autumn Newsletter –**this had been circulated before the meeting and approved following discussion **Resolution 080817/05**

(g) **Spring Bulbs**  The Clerk had purchased crocus bulbs with the remaining sponsorship funds and had applied to City Council for a grant to provide more along York Road. The £200 allocated from parish funds was to be spent on bulbs which she would liaise with Cllr Hill. **Resolution 080817/05**

(h) **Speed Restrictions.** A possible request for a speed restriction along that stretch of road from the Golf Club to the 30 mph start at Pasture Close was discussed briefly and deferred to the September meeting.

(i) **Parking in West End** Cllr Fisher reported on his informal meeting with Richard Ludlow regarding the parking congestion in West End and surrounding roads. He had been informed that the administration staff were to move to Osbaldwick which would reduce some parked cars. The planning consent for additional car parking in 2010 was not financially viable and a further application in 2018 may be possible if funding is available.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Chapman reported on the applications received together with decisions made. The recommendations of the Planning Committee were approved **Resolution 080817/06**

7. INVOICES

(a) Invoices for payment approved:- **Resolution 080817/07**

 (i) Clerk’s salary £ SO

 (ii) O2 mobile £18.47 DD

 (iii) R J Cartmell £710.00

 (iv) RJ Cartmell cemetery £407.00

 (v) British Red Cross - carnival £132.00

 (vi) BT phone and Broadband £75.06

 (vii) YLCA advertisement fees £15.00

 (ix) 1-2-3 reg fees £17.96

 (x) Campbells strimmer service £44.40

 (xi) Cllr Chapman expenses £49.05

 (xii) J Parker Bulbs £205.50

(b) Income:

 Cemetery £825.00

 VAT reclaim £814.01

 Refund from Village Hall CCTV £53.43

© Account Balances:

 Treasurers Account £49,533.24

 Cemetery Account £10,616.75

 Contingency Account £43,996.74 + £15,000 Bond

 Premium Account £18,414.16 + £10,000 Bond

8. CORRESPONDENCE

 a) Foss Society Newsletter

b) Letter from Robert Wilkinson Academy

c) Countryside Voice

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.15pm

Signed…………………………………………………….. 12th September 2017

Chairman