STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman Mr A H Fisher

 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 8th July 2019 at 7.00pm in Strensall Village Hall

Present : Cllr Fisher (Chair) Cllrs Maher, Chapman, Mattinson, Chambers, Ogilvy, Hill, Baxter, Bolton Mrs S Nunn, Mrs H Cox and Mrs J Smith

1. Apologies: received from Ward Cllr P Doughty

Before the meeting commenced there was a presentation by Craig Alsbury, Mark Lambert and Stephen Taylor from Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) on the proposals for Queen Elizabeth barracks after the proposed decommissioning in 2024 followed by a question and answer session. The chairman drew this to a conclusion at 7.35pm

1. Declarations of Interest under the Parish Council Code of Conduct or Members register of interests – Cllr Hill declared his personal interest in item 10(e)
2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 11th June were approved and signed as a true record and the Planning Committee minutes of 11th June were endorsed

4. Public Participation - none

5. Matters raised by Ward Councillors

Cllr Fisher reported on a site visit to consider the possibility of reducing the verge at the corner of St Marys close to make it easier for vehicles turning or reversing. CYC representatives were not enthusiastic but our Ward Cllrs will pursue this

The issue of a joint footpath and cycle path along Strensall Road from the Barracks to Earswick is also being pursued

6. Vacancy

There are still two vacancies for parish councillors but no interest shown to date.

7. Matters Arising from previous minutes

(a) no Police report received and the Clerk to be asked to chase this on her return from holidays.

(b) Defibrillators: Cllr Mrs Smith reported that the second defibrillator was now in situ at the Petrol Station and was awaiting commissioning. Cllr Smith requested the assistance of another Cllr with the checking and reporting and Cllr Hill offered to do this. The state of the floor of the former telephone kiosk was discussed and the expenditure approved to employ a handyman to tile the floor and seal it with tiles donated by Cllr Hill. Cllr Nunn agreed to deal with this in the absence of the clerk.

A third defibrillator was needed at the village Hall and The Chair agreed to make enquiries whether this could be funded by the Parish Council and Ward Fund in equal shares

Cllr Smith reported that the floor of the old telephone box was disgusting and required tiling and sealing. Cllr Hill offered to donate the tiles and Cllr Nunn employ a tiler to do the work for which the expenditure was agreed.

(c) bulb planting- this years planting was discussed and the suggestion of planting crocus this year – some at the grassed area towards the junction of York Road and Strensall Road and some at West End was agreed although other suggestions could be put forward. Planting in 2020 sites were suggested but none agreed

The hanging baskets had now been delivered and installed and invoice agreed for immediate payment

Cllr Nunn reported that four more concrete planters were required to complete the replacements. The wooden one by Kirklands was full of ants and the Lords Moor Lane one required removal.

 8. Committee Reports:

(a) Mr Marquis brought the meeting up to date on the consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council wished to record their gratitude for his unstinting work to achieve this and their good wishes for his return to good health.

(b) Emergency access –no progress to report on surfacing

 Landfill site - no further methane monitoring required

9. City of York Council Local Plan consultation – proposed response

This was discussed at length and the PC resolved:

1. To support PM 4 and PM 5, reducing the objectively assessed housing need from 867 to 790 homes per annum
2. To support PM 13 and PM 19 (removal of policy SS 19 and deletion of the Queen Elizabeth Barracks site ST35 as a housing allocation for 500 homes) This was carried by 9 votes to 1 (Cllr Chambers recorded his vote against this part of the resolution)
3. To support PM 17 (requiring that the allocation of site E 18 (Towthorpe Lines) as an employment site is accompanied by a comprehensive evidence base to understand and mitigate any possible effects on Strensall Common SAC/SSSI)
4. To support PM 18 (removal of site H 59 at Howard Road Strensall as a housing allocation for 45 homes). This was carried by 9 votes to 2 (Cllr Chambers recorded his vote against this part of the resolution)
5. To support PM 39 (to move the outer edge of the Green Belt boundary to run along Ox Carr Lane, thus placing all land to the south, including the entire Queen Elizabeth Barracks site, in the Green Belt)

Note – Cllr Fisher chaired the debate and gave some planning guidance, but did not express any personal opinions or vote on any resolution.

The Parish Council made no comments on any other sections.

10. the following invoices were approved for payment:-

(a) Cartmells Gardens Garden Maintenance £743.00/444.00

All Design and Print Ltd NP Printing £354.00

Flexibubble NP Printing £75.00/£145.00

B&Q Timber Screw £11.01

Phoenix Direct Inks £51.97

Appletree Designs NP Website £75.00

Strensall Village Hall Room Hire £387.50

Post Office NP Postage £13.98

Community Heartbeat Defib Support £126.00

Catapult Films NP Printing £300.00

Sainsburys NP Postage Stamps £36.60

(b) payments made electronically noted:-

Parish Clerk Salary Standing Order £-

Mrs P Hansen Planter Plants Cheque £104.00

Browns Nurseries hanging baskets bacs £401

(c income received:-

HMRC VAT Refund 2018-2019 £3316.82

HSBC Interest £60.21

(d) bank reconciliations as at 30 June 2019

 Treasurers Account 11104098 £21175.55

 Contingency Account 93981827 £62284.57

 Premium Account 22422018 £18559.34

 Cemetery Account 03839958 £11032.87

 Premium Bonds 30712310 £10000.00

 Contingency Bonds 90712515 £15000.00

(e) the refund of woodland course fees was discussed and it was resolved to refund these in annual instalments:-

 To be repaid April 2020, £240.00, (Accreditation Fee £90.00 and 1st quarter of course fee £150.00)

To be repaid April 2021                £150.00        (2nd quarter of course fee £150.00)

To be repaid April 2022                £150.00        (3rd quarter of course fee £150.00)

To be repaid April 2023                £150.00        (4th quarter of course fee £150.00)

Therefore, the total amount of £690.00 will be repaid in exchange for four years service.

11. Correspondence

 No written requests received but Cllr Nunn had been asked by thee residents on separate occasions if a seat could be provided at the top bus shelter on York Road by Newton Way, similar to that provided at Middlecroft Drive (York bound) This would require agreement at a later meeting or be considered in the budget for 2020

12. the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th August 2019 at 7.15pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm