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 10TH MARCH 2020 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Baxter, Chambers, Chapman, Dr Cox, Hill, Maher, Mattinson and Mrs Smith

IN ATTENDANCE (\*City of York Council Strensall Ward Councillors)

Fiona Hill – Parish Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

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1. APOLOGIES –

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Cllr Fisher, who currently has similar symptoms has decided to self-isolate for seven days, so would not attend this meeting. The Parish Clerk, who had a heavy cold, would remain in the office, to take the minutes. In view of this issue, Cllrs Bolton, Mrs Nunn and Ogilvy decided not to attend the meeting.

City of York Council Strensall Ward Councillor Paul Doughty was working nights

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Chambers – Land Registry Adverse Possession – Applicant is a friend

3. MINUTES - The minutes of the previous meeting (11Feb20) were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a correct record. The Parish Council endorsed the approved minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 11th and 25th February 2020. **Resolution 100320/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

5. CITY OF YORK WARD COUNCILLORS – NTR

6. ORDINARY VACANCIES – One expression of interest had been received and the gentleman would attend the next meeting.

7. MATTERS ARISING AND ONGOING ISSUES -

(a) **Police report –** The Parish Council noted receipt of the latest report, but it still did not state what actions/resolutions have taken place, so the Parish Clerk would request this again.

(b) **Floral Arrangements – Hanging Baskets/Planters/Christmas Trees** – Hanging Baskets: Prior to ordering, the Parish Clerk would circulate the list, so Cllrs could agree the final total/list of those who would receive one.

Planters: Cllr Nunn had advised that she would be unable to obtain the usual sponsorship, so the Parish Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for plant/planting.

Christmas Trees: Cllrs Chapman and Fisher had looked at the open space on the Kirklands/York Road area, which was close to a street-light for an electric supply and probably not affected by underground supply pipes. Cllr Fisher had put this forward to CYC for a quotation.

(c) **Speeding - Speed Indicator Device (SID) Trial**/**Community Speed Watch-** The Parish Council suspected one of the SID/VAS was not working, so Cllr Chapman would check them all and report if necessary. Cllr Mattinson reported that the training date to be confirmed, but should be in April 2020.

(d) **Cowslip Hill Bridge –** A meeting is currently being arranged with Richard Hoyland, CYC Rights of Way Officer. During the meeting the plan is to visit Lock House, Cowslip bridge (from the northern bank), the bank slip downstream from the new Tannery footbridge that crosses the drain and upstream from Strensall New Bridge, near the water treatment works. The purpose of the site visits is to introduce Eddie Allen, CYC Flood Risk Engineer to the issues and for CYC to consider a suitable way forward. However, CYC added the caveat “Please note that just because we are visiting the locations it does not mean we are proposing on undertaking a programme of works”. Additional attendees would be: CYC Strensall Ward Councillors Paul Doughty and Tony Fisher, John Millet representing The River Foss Society, Parish Councillor John Chapman and the Parish Clerk

(e) **Neighbourhood Plan – to approve the submission version to be sent to City of York Council and to approve a meeting between members of working group and CYC Officers to allow the NP to be submitted to a Planning Inspector for approval**

The Parish Council approved the submission version to be sent to City of York Council and to approved a meeting between members of working group and CYC Officers to allow the NP to be submitted to a Planning Inspector for approval, subject to the document being amended to the working group’s satisfaction.

(f) **Litter Pick – to agree priority area** Cllr Fisher suggested four areas – public open space at Moor Lane, West Pit Lane/School, Kirklands/Oaklands, Netherwoods snickets. These were agreed and others could be added.

8. NEW MATTERS –

(a) **City of York Council – Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order**

CYC have agreed that the Parish Council can take over from the resident, who had given written approval. The Parish Clerk and Cllr Fisher would commence with the required notices.

(b) **Container on verge**

The Planning Committee had reported this to CYC Planning Enforcement.

**Parish Councillor Mrs Judy Smith**

“I have now been living at Cropton for four months. After giving it much thought, I have realised that it is not as easy as I thought to commute to Strensall for meetings etc.

It is with regret that I have decided to tender my resignation. I have really enjoyed serving the village of Strensall. I have learnt so much from my fellow Councillors and will treasure my experience over the years.

I have been informed that there is a vacancy on the council at Cropton and have been invited to go to the next meeting to see how they function.

Thank you once again for your friendship and the help you have given to me”.

The Chairman thanked Judy for her service on both the Parish Council and the Village Hall. The Parish Council gave her a round of applause and wished her all the very best for the future.

She would remain for the rest of her meeting and her resignation would take immediate effect on closure of the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –

(a) **Land Registry – Notice to a registered proprietor of an application for registration based on adverse possession @ land on the North side of Pasture Close**  The Parish Clerk reported that CYC had received the letter as landowner and were not minded to object, subject to agreement by the Parish Council, as tenants. The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Chapman and the Parish Clerk could compare the measurement of the Wild Haven Open Space and the measurements of the lease agreement, so they can evidence what affect, if any, this has case has on the legal tenancy.

10. TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED BY/WITH RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

(a) To approve payments for invoices as follows:

Cartmells Gardens Grass Cutting etc £619.00

Canopy Care Tree Services Tree Works £1300.00

Catapult Films NP £400.00

Deans Garden Centre Tree Work Equipment £149.62

City of York Council Annual Rent – Durlston Drive £10.00

City of York Council Annual Rent – Barley Rise £10.00

City of York Council Annual Rent – Willow Park £10.00

City of York Council Annual Rent – Pasture Close £10.00

City of York Council Annual Rent – Strensall Common £10.00

City of York Council Annual Rent – Moor Park £10.00

City of York Council Annual Rent – Northfields £10.00

(b) To note payments made electronically as follows:

Parish Clerk Salary £

O2 Mobile £19.68

(c) To note income received

Cemetery £141.75

Interest – Premium Account – Money Market £0.00

Interest – Premium Account £2.96

Interest – Contingency Account – Money Market £0.00

Interest – Contingency Account £10.50

(d) To receive bank reconciliations as at 29 February 2020

Treasurers Account 11104098 £32294.74

Contingency Account 93981827 £62418.42

Premium Account 22422018 £18618.22

Cemetery Account 03839958 £7719.95

Premium Bonds 30712310 £10000.00

Contingency Bonds 90712515 £15000.00

(e) Internal Controls Checks – In the circumstances, Coronavirus (COVID-19), it was agreed not to risk cross-contamination, so the checks were not done this month.

(f) Parish Council Office Report – Nothing To Report

11. NEXT MEETING - The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th April 2020 at 7.15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.