**STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF AN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST 2021 AT 7.15PM**

**Councillors Present:** Andrew Bolton Chris Chambers (Chairman) John Chapman Tony Fisher\* Duncan Hill Susan Nunn Kevin Ogilvy

**In Attendance:** Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

Paul Doughty\*

**Public Present:** 1 – Ray Maher

\* City of York Councillors

1. **a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:** Parish Councillors Catherine Donohoe and Lawrence Mattinson

**b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:**

Cllr Donohoe - Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

Cllr Mattinson – no reason given

1. **To discuss the ordinary vacancies following the Local Elections 2019 and three casual vacancies (Total 5):**

Resolved - Ray Maher was co-opted on to the Parish Council, proposed Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Chambers (Unanimous)

Resolved – Ray Maher would join the Planning and Finance Committees (Unanimous)

1. **To receive any declarations of interest under the Parish Council Code of Conduct or**

**Members register of interests:** Cllr Chambers – Village Hall Committee Member

1. **a) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of 13th July 2021:**

Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

**b) To endorse the approved Planning Committee minutes of 13th and 27th July 2021:**

Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

1. **Public participation on any subject relating to the agenda:** None

**21/20 To receive matters raised by/with City of York Ward Councillors:** Cllrs gave an update on Local Government re-organisation Ward funding had been agreed for the footpath between Lords Moor Lane and Moor Lane

**21/21 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action on matters arising/ongoing issues:** a)North Yorkshire Police monthly reports The July 2021 report had been circulated by email b) Floral Displays Resolved – Cllr Nunn could spend up to £50.00 on bulbs (Unanimous) The Parish Council discussed at length the possibility of wild flower area within the parish. Resolved – The Parish Council agreed in principle to the planting of wildflowers on the square off York Road behind Jenny’s bench and on Leyfield Close, subject to seeking further advice and agreeing a management policy. Two other area, which may be included in the future are along York Road and the borders of Hallard Way. c) Defibrillators The Parish Council discussed at length the pros/cons of defibrillation and the pros/cons of various locations within the parish and opinion remained divided Resolved – The Parish Council would prepare a report including locations, funding etc, which could be used as guidance when deciding, in future budgets whether or not to fund additional defibs within the parish.

**21/24 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action on matters raised since last meeting:** a)Allotment Cllr Chambers reported that he had been unable to find a contractor willing to complete the required work. Rob Cartmell had done some strimming. Cllr Chambers had removed some self-seeded Willow. Resolved – The Parish Council would request quotes from other contractors.

**21/25 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action, on any correspondence received:** a) Strensall Village Hall Management Committee – Appeal for new members Cllr Nunn volunteered to join the committee

**21/26 To discuss matter raised by/with Responsible Financial Officer (RFO):** a)Bank reconciliation, income received, payments made to date The Parish Clerk had circulated the bookkeeping records 01 April 2021 – 31 July 2021, to bring Cllrs up to date. b) Internal controls checks These would commence from next month’s meeting c) Internal audit report for year ended 31 March 2021 The Parish Clerk had circulated the report and there were four recommendations: i) Internal Control Checks to resume – see above ii) Revoke power granted to Parish Clerk – see Minute Ref 21/7 iii) Review format of documentation posting to website – corrected going forward iv) Review Asset Register – work in progress d) Yorkshire Local Councils Association NTR

**21/28 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 7.15 p.m.:** Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)