STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 10TH December 2019 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Baxter, Bolton, Chapman, Dr Cox, Fisher (Chairman)\*, Hill, Maher, Mrs Nunn and Ogilvy

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

Fiona Hill – Parish Clerk

Paul Doughty\*

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

1. APOLOGIES – Parish Councillor Chambers, Mattinson, Mrs Smith

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES - The minutes of the previous meeting (10Nov19) 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 10th and 24th November 2019. **Resolution 101219/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

5. CITY OF YORK WARD COUNCILLORS –

Unfortunately, only two people attended the Ward Committee on Sat30Nov19

Durlston Drive signs - NTR

6. ORDINARY VACANCIES – No expressions of interest had been received.

7. MATTERS ARISING AND ONGOING ISSUES -

(a) **Police report –** The Parish Council noted receipt of the latest report. Two representatives from North Yorkshire Police called into the meeting and discussed how incidents are logged

(b) **Floral Arrangements – Hanging Baskets/Planters/Christmas Trees** – Hanging Baskets: All baskets were back in the cemetery shed.

Planters: NTR

Christmas Trees: A tree was now in situ outside the Ship Inn. The F.I.D.B had confirmed where the services are within the open area on York Road. Cllrs Chapman and Fisher would visit the site and agree an exact position for the electricity supply. Cllr Chapman highlighted the recent case in Copmanthorpe, where the Christmas tree was vandalised, removed and thrown down an embankment. He had concerns about this happening and other Cllrs agreed this was a worry. Cllr Fisher would obtain a quote, then the final decision could be made. Cllr Hill would fit some battery operated lights to the Christmas tree on York Road

(c) **Speeding - Speed Indicator Device (SID) Trial**/**Community Speed Watch-** The first month of the trial had now passed and everyone felt it was a success. Cllr Chapman had reported to CYC when it hadn’t been working at one point. In addition, Cllr Chapman had reported the VAS on Ox Carr Lane, which had been turned around.

8. NEW MATTERS –

1. **To discuss treatment of roots on trees felled along Old Humpy lock wall** – It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this work, proposed: Cllr Dr Cox, seconded: Cllr Fisher

* The Parish Council had obtained four quotes for fitting of Eco-plugs and it was agreed to award the contract to the cheapest, Canopy care Tree Services - £250.00
* The Parish Council would purchase the Eco-plugs and drill bits
* The Parish Clerk would write to the Robert Wilkinson Trust to inform them of the work to be done.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – (a) **A Rural/Market Towns Group of Rural Services Network** – Cllrs noted the content of the email, but unanimously agreed no further action.

10. To discuss matter raised by/with Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

1. To approve payments for invoices as follows

Cartmells Gardens Grass Cutting etc £619.00/224.00

Browns Nurseries Planter flowers £51.74

Complete Business Office Supplies £222.41

Appletree Design Web Hosting £250.00

York Landscapes Play Area works £2018.48

1. To note payments made electronically as follows

Parish Clerk Salary £

BT Landline/Broadband £291.66

CPRE Subscription £36.00

O2 Mobile £19.68

Came & Co Insurance £1847.24

1. To note income received

Cemetery £75.00

Interest £13.53

1. To receive bank reconciliations as at 30 November 2019

Treasurers Account 11104098 £31277.24

Contingency Account 93981827 £62351.58

Premium Account 22422018 £18592.15

Cemetery Account 03839958 £8469.46

Premium Bonds 30712310 £10000.00

Contingency Bonds 90712515 £15000.00

1. Internal Controls Checks - Cllrs Maher checked the bank statements against the balances reported above and checked the invoices against all the payments listed in 8a and 8b and for everything to be in order.
2. Parish Council Office Report – The Parish Clerk had circulated a report for information only

Kidz Klub – the committee had written to say that with regret it would close at the end of December 2019. From the original grant of £1000.00, £348.00 was spent on leader costs and £320.00 was spent on holiday club costs, which left £332.00 which would be returned to the Parish Council. This was unanimously approved.

Cllr Dr Cox would obtain some extra-large strong bin liners for emptying the Parish Council bin.

Cllr Chapman had found some large pieces of timber within the new play bark, so Parish Clerk would contact York Landscapes asking them to investigate this.

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed.