**STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Chairman : Mr A H Fisher

**MINUTES OF AN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

**Councillors Present:** Andrew Bolton Chris Chambers Tony Fisher1 Graham Green Lawrence Mattinson Alan May Susan Nunn John Shirbon

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

**Public Present:** 0

1 City of York Councillor

1. **a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:**  Parish Councillors Daniel Pillai **b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:** Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

The Chairman read a statement regarding Chris Tetley – “At the meeting on 12th December 2023 a six-month period of absence was agreed, which would expire 11th June 2024. At the meeting on 11th June 2024 this period was not extended, so this date would be when “Persistent Absence” calculation would start, which ends tonight. Therefore, as he has failed to attend, failed to submit apologies, or submitted apologies which were not accepted, then he is disqualified”.

1. **To discuss the ordinary and casual vacancies:** Now five
2. **To receive any declarations of interest under the Parish Council Code of Conduct or**

**Members register of interests:** Cllr Bolton – Lords Moor Lane drainage works. He would give a verbal report, then leave the meeting whilst the Parish Council made their decision

1. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 12th November 2024:**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous) (No approved Planning Committee minutes to endorse)

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

**24/190 To receive matters raised by/with City of York Ward Councillors:** Cllr Fisher gave an update on the City of York Council budget.

**24/191 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action on matters arising/ongoing issues:** a)North Yorkshire Police monthly reports – Cllrs noted receipt of the November 2024 report. The Parish Council has seen on social media incidents of two young women ringing doorbells and asking for money to get a public transport home. This is not shown on the report and the Parish Council would ask if this was an oversight.

b) Community Memorial Garden – Governance, Signage, Christmas Tree, Future Planting Costs The Parish Council is still awaiting a draft of the legal document for both leasing and transferring ownership of the land from CYC. Cllr Shirbon had dug the beds for four roses, of which three had been sponsored. Resolved / The Parish Council agreed to sponsor the fourth rose (Unanimous) The Parish Council would obtain prices for a metal name plate and would obtain “No Dogs” signage. Resolved / The Parish Council authorized Cllr Nunn to spend up to £20.00 on ground plants and up to £100.00 on a rooted Christmas tree (Unanimous)

c) Play Areas – post RoSPA works Juniper Play had attended a site visit to inspect the Rota Web and a report will follow. Playdale will visit the week commencing 20 January 2025 to deal with the toggle entrapment issue. Playsafety will attend in the new year to conduct the resistance penetration tests. Park Lane will attend in the new year to conduct the post RoSPA works.

d) Tree planting policy for non-councillors Resolved / Adopted (Unanimous)

e) Drainage works – Lords Moor Lane, Northfields Park Resolved / The Parish Council accepted quote 1302 from J Atkinson & Son for £4245.00 plus VAT to work on replacing bridge (Unanimous) Resolved / The Parish Council accepted quote 1301 from J Atkinson & Son for £820.00 plus VAT to clear approx. 250m of ditch on Lords Moor Lane (Unanimous) Resolved / The Parish Council accepted quote 1300 from J Atkinson & Son for £6290.00 plus VAT to investigate and install drainage at Northfield Park (Unanimous)

Cllr May left the meeting for another engagement

**24/192 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action, on matters raised since last meetings:**

CYC – Online consultation regarding the introduction of a citywide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) The Parish Council would respond asking for the PSPO to cover Strensall, use of cannabis and query how it would be policed.

**24/193 To discuss matters raised by/with Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO):** a) Bank reconciliation, income received, payments made to date: A bank reconciliation totalling £222465.01, along with an income and expenditure report had been circulated to Councillors. b) Payment Approval: None c) Budget 2025-2026 Resolved / The Parish Council agreed a precept of £54000.00 (Unanimous) d) Internal Controls Checks: The Interim Audit would take place tomorrow. e) Yorkshire Local Councils Association: Nothing to report f) Monthly Report from Parish Office: Solar streetlight outside Durlston Drive SCYSA sports field

  

City of York Council have confirmed that the light is situated on unadopted land, so they are not responsible for it.

The Parish Council obtained quotes as follows:

Solar Vision Lighting Technologies Limited 6x Q-Batteries 12LCP-9 @ £50.00 + VAT per unit = £350.00 plus VAT

City of York Council Labour element 2 man team inc MEWP. @ 3-4 hrs inc travel time = £346.67 plus VAT

These costings have been forwarded to SCYSA and the Parish Council was awaiting to hear back.

Tree in memory of John Chapman A Cherry tree has been ordered from Orchard Nurseries, York and will be planted early 2025. A plaque would be ordered nearer the time.

Remembrance Sunday The arrangements for 2024 had gone well and TM Community Ltd have been booked for Sunday 09 November 2025.

City of York Council Polling District and Place Review – The Parish Council noted receipt of the information.

War Memorial – The Parish Council recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Grummitt who had tidied the surrounding area.

**24/194 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th January 2024 @ 7.00 p.m.:** Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)