**STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF AN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 08th APRIL 2025 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:** 3

1 City of York Councillor

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

1. **To discuss the ordinary and casual vacancies:** Thomas Carmichael and Simon Hyde were both co-opted to the parish council, so this now leaves three vacancies.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest under the Parish Council Code of Conduct or**

**Members register of interests:** Cllr Bolton, Fisher, Green and Mattinson – Smoke Control Area – they have DEFRA compliant log burners.

1. **a) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11th March 2025:**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**b) To endorse the approved Planning Committee minutes of 11th and 25th March 2025:**

Resolved / Endorsed (Unanimous)

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

**24/230 To receive matters raised by/with City of York Ward Councillors:** Cllr Fisher reported -

* that Sheriff Hutton road would be surface dressed on Sunday 13 March 2025, 0700-1600, weather permitting, this would only take one day.
* That planning application ST9 North of Haxby had been withdrawn, so that issues could be resolved.

**24/231 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action on matters arising/ongoing issues:** a)North Yorkshire Police monthly reports – March 2025 report circulated. The Parish Council were concerned about the assault/hate crime at Morrisons and would write to Inspector Lee Pointon as follows:

*“At the meeting of Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council on 08 April 2025, the Council discussed the police response to the above incident.*

*The Council was extremely concerned about the failure of the police to respond to an incident of alleged hate crime and a racially aggravated assault, which caused  injury to a manager of a local retail store.*

*Despite the incident being reported as a 999 call, no officers were available to attend at the time and it was four days before an officer was able to attend and review the CCTV of the incident.*

*The Parish Council is alarmed about the delay in responding to a serious incident and would ask you to press the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to review the resources available, so that North Yorkshire Police can adequately police the parish and ensure the safety of residents.*

*The Parish Council would welcome your feedback…….”*

b) Community Memorial Garden – Governance, Signage, Christmas Tree, Future Planting Costs - NTR

**24/232 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action, on matters raised since last meetings:**

1. Update of bus shelter outside the Fish & Chip Shop The Parish Council had received a small number of requests for upgrading the bus shelter to improve access for disabled users. City of York had responded as follows: “The shelter is a Parish owned one installed around 1998 so it’s overdue an update. My recommendation would be to replace it entirely with a new 3 bay shelter open to the front with a wooden bench seat. The waste bin can be re-sited either to the side or behind. That would allow much better access, particularly for wheelchairs. A new shelter will be around £6,000 including removal of the old one. I’m happy to contribute half if the Parish can match this. In addition, a real time display will be installed in the next month as part of the BSIP improvements. Would you be able to contact the owners of the Fish and Chip shop to inform them of the plans and if they have a preference for the waste bin location? Let me know if this is acceptable and I will get the shelter ordered – delivery is normally in 4-6 weeks”. Resolved / The Parish Council would ask for a re-quote using the existing shelter, which appeared to still be in good condition” (Unanimous)
2. City of York Council Consultation – Smoke Control Area for whole of York Resolved / The Parish Council objected to the smoke control area covering the whole of York are, as they felt it was unnecessary for the Strensall are and Cllr Bolton would draft the wording for the consultation for the next meeting.

**24/233 To discuss matters raised by/with Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO):**

a) Bank reconciliation, income received, payments made to date: The Parish Clerk was concentrating on year end, so a report had not been prepared, as it would be discussed at length at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

b) Payment Approval: None

c) Financial Management - Policy Review Resolved / The Risk Management Policy was adopted (Unanimous) The CCTV policy was still work in progress.

d) Yorkshire Local Councils Association – NTR

e) Monthly Report from Parish Office: Now

**24/234 To confirm the date of the next meeting as:**

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 6.30 p.m. Planning Committee Meeting 7.00 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 13th May 2025 6.30 p.m. Planning Committee Meeting 7.00 p.m. Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.45 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)