

Complaint Form

1. Your details

Title	Mr and Mrs
First Name	Graham and Mandy
Last name	Harrison
Address	
Daytime telephone number	
Evening telephone number	
Mobile telephone	
E-mail address	

Your address and contact details will not usually be released unless necessary to deal with your complaint.

However, we will tell the following people that you have made this complaint:

- *The Member you are complaining about*
- *The parish or town clerk (if applicable)*
- *The Independent Persons who advise the City Council on handling standards complaints*

We will tell them your name and details of your complaint. If you have serious concerns about your name or details of your complaint being released please discuss those concerns with the Council's Monitoring Officer before submitting your complaint.

2. Making your complaint

You should submit your complaint to the Council's Monitoring Officer by e-mail to monitoringofficer@york.gov.uk or by post to:

Andrew Docherty
 The Monitoring Officer
 City of York Council
 West Offices
 Station Rise
 York
 YO1 6GA

3. Please provide the name and address of the Councillors who you believe have breached the code of conduct and the name of their Council:

Title	First name	Last name	Name of Council
Mr	Keith	Marquis	Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council (STPC)
Mr	Dennis	Baxter	" "
Mr	Duncan	Hill	" "
Mr	Tony	Fisher	" "
Mr	Chris	Chambers	" "
Mr	John	Chapman	" "
Mr	Lawrence	Mattinson	" "
Mr	Kevin	Ogilvy	" "
Ms	Tracey	Flannery	" "
Mr	Geoffrey	Harvey-Walker	" "
Ms	Cath	Edwards	" "
Ms	Judy	Smith	" "
Mr	Ralph	Plant	" "

4. Please explain in this section (or on separate sheets) what the Councillor has done that you believe breaches the Code of Conduct. If you are complaining about more than one Councillor you should clearly explain what each individual has done that you believe breaches the code of conduct.

The background to our complaint concerns our dealings with the Parish Council in connection with their management and control of the strip of land between our boundary and the highway which is owned by York City Council and Leased to STPC. Details are set out in our letter to

STPC and Brian Gray, York City Council dated 10 September 2015 and in our letter to Brian Gray, York City Council dated 21 September 2015. We are aware that your jurisdiction does not extend to revisiting the decision made by STPC to refuse our request for a Deed of Easement to allow services across the leased land hence our focus is on the conduct of the Parish Councillors named above for the reasons set out below. Copies of the correspondence referred to are attached:

1. By letter dated 11 August 2015 from Keith Marquis (chairman, STPC) to Messrs Hague Dixon, Solicitors to the prospective purchaser of the building plot sited on our property at the above-address, Mr Marquis alleged that we would “**profit through deception**” if STPC were to grant a Deed of Easement for services to the building plot for which we have obtained full planning permission. There is no foundation to this libellous comment made to a third party. By letter dated 9 September 2015 from Keith Marquis to us he confirmed that the views expressed in his letter dated 11 August 2015 were “**those of the entire Parish Council**” hence all members of the Parish Council have in our view breached the Code of Conduct in that they defamed us and failed to proffer any apology despite being pressed to withdraw these allegations and exposing their allegations as groundless by our letter dated 10 September 2015.
2. At the Parish Council Meeting on 11 August 2015, Ralph Plant failed to declare an interest in our matter (agenda item 5(b)) despite the fact (1) he lives opposite us and (2) he is a signatory on behalf of the Parish Council on the lease of the strip of land in issue from York City Council .
3. STPC have failed to implement their Complaints Procedure – we have urged them to reconsider the maladministration inherent in their decision making process as set out in our letter dated 10 September 2015 (see also point 4 below) but they regard the matter as “closed” as per Mr Marquis’ letter to us dated 9 September 2015. Our criticisms of the Parish Council’s procedures have therefore not properly been addressed in accordance with their Complaints Procedure – indeed there is no-one on STPC who is not a party to the letter making the libellous comment against us so they have deprived us of any lawful Complaints Procedure.
4. The behaviour of STPC members set out above demonstrates bias as there is no lawful reason to refuse our request for services. This was acknowledged by comments made at the Parish Council meeting on 13 October 2015, (Mandy is a shorthand typist and made a full note of the

proceedings). At item 9 in connection with the request for services to be allowed to a development of 3 properties at Seven Oaks, Strensall, Mr Baxter said access for services "should have been sorted out before – no different to the other case (ie ours) and if we give permission for this one, it's a rod for our back and could be expensive" by reference to our case. The Parish Council granted permission for services across the leased land for this development even after they had been installed!

5. The biased conduct of STPC is exemplified in Keith Marquis' letter to us dated 9 September 2015 where he refers to "the long running dispute over the illegally constructed second access to your property" when in fact, as our letter in reply dated 10 September 2015 to STPC records and reminds the STPC, we had obtained what York City Council considered to be permission for a vehicle crossing from Stuart Partington by letter dated 12 June 2007 and subsequently after years of maladministration by STPC it became the subject of an unconditional Deed of Grant dated 28 August 2013 from STPS and York City Council allowing us "full right and liberty for a right of way" over the strip of leased land "for the purposes of both pedestrian and vehicular access." The second access is not and was not illegal and for Keith Marquis, the chairman of STPC to continue to make such references shows nothing short of maladministration, prejudice and bias. It seems that because of this jaundiced view, there is no possibility of any fair decision making for any application we might now make at the hands of STPC. It is wholly wrong for the Keith Marquis to seek to limit the exercise of the Deed of Grant and Deny the Deed of Easement for Services by stating as he does that "the Deed of Grant should have been adequate for the purposes you had outlined" – it is unconditional and cannot be limited by the STPC in this way. Keith Marquis then goes on to refer in his letter to the distress Mandy exhibited at the loss of her father. It is outrageous that such personal matters be referred to in this context and for which no apology has been forthcoming despite our request in our letter dated 10 September 2015. .

6. For the purposes of its dealings with the public, the Complaints Procedure/Code of Practice for STPC states: "At all times, the rules of natural justice will apply – that is that all parties should be treated fairly and the process should be reasonable, accessible and transparent." In our view the conduct of the Parish Council as described above demonstrates that they have failed to act fairly as is required of a public body demonstrating irrationality at best and bad faith, at worst.

It is important that you provide all the information which you wish to have taken into account by the Monitoring Officer and Independent Persons in considering whether your complaint requires a detailed investigation. For example:

- You should be as specific as possible as to what you are alleging the Councillors did. For example instead of saying that a Councillor insulted you, you should state what they said or did.*
- You should provide dates of the the alleged incidents if possible or a general timeframe if you cannot remember dates.*
- You should confirm whether there were any witnesses.*
- You should ensure that your complaint is about the code of conduct. The Joint Standards Committee cannot deal with general complaints about decisions made by a Council or actions taken by Councillors in a purely private capacity.*

Additional help

2. Complaints must be submitted in writing. This includes by e-mail. We can make reasonable adjustments if you have a disability which prevents you making your complaint in writing or provide assistance if you have any other difficulty which prevents you completing this form.

Sent: 10 September 2015 23:08
To: Susan Nunn <clerk-strensallpc@btconnect.com>
Cc: Brian.Gray@york.gov.uk; Martin Thorpe
<martin.thorpe@harrowells.co.uk>
Subject: The ... York. ...

Dear Mr Marquis

RE: Land To The Rear of ...

We write further to your letter of 9th September 2015.

Although you state that the Parish Council now regards this matter as closed, from our point of view, this is far from the case. You have failed to address significant concerns we raised in our letter dated 26th August 2015 and your "reply" raises further issues which we have set out below.

In our letter of 26th August 2015 we asked, amongst other things for the following:

An explanation and any evidence upon which you rely for the purposes of

the serious allegations made in your letter dated 11th August 2015 to Messrs Hague and Dixon who act for Marsden Homes (York) Ltd, the former buyers of the building plot on our land namely that to agree the Deed of Easement would enable us to "profit through deception":

The reasons underpinning the decision of the Parish Council to deny our

request for a Deed of Easement as reported to us in Mrs Nunn's letter dated 10th June 2015; and

An explanation as to why the Parish Council gave no intimation in its response to our Outline Planning Application of its intention to deny the site access to utilities but chose instead to do so in relation only to the Full Application.

We have received no or no satisfactory reply on any of these issues.

As to the first point, making unsubstantiated allegations defaming our characters in a letter to a third party is not only actionable in tort as libel but also is a prime example of the Parish Council failing to act in an appropriate way as an accountable public body in order to honour its decision making obligations. There is and never has been any deception on our part. You refer to a meeting on 14th November 2011, "when our newly appointed Clerk, as an impartial third party, tried to find a sensible solution to the long running dispute over the illegally constructed second access to your property". You misconstrue and misrepresent the situation in our view. The Clerk to the Parish Council in a dispute involving the Parish Council could never defensibly be regarded as "an impartial third party" and to brand the construction of the bridge as "an illegally constructed second access" does not fairly represent the position in which we found ourselves. As you know, from the Minutes of the Meeting on 14th November 2011 the true situation was this: "Graham confirmed that he had complied fully with the terms required by the City of York Council and had received permission from Network Rail, Foss Internal Drainage Board and was not aware that he had to seek permission from the Parish Council as he had not been advised of any lease." The reality of the situation is

recorded in Mrs Nunn's letter to Brian Gray dated 16th November 2011: "Mr Harrison referred to a letter dated 12th June 2007 from Stuart Partington which gives permission for a vehicle crossing over land leased to the Parish Council by City of York Council...

On 13th August 2008 Philip Callow, Head of Asset and Property Management confirmed that the City Council should have consulted the Parish Council regarding the application ..." That letter goes on to say, "If the City of York Council gave permission, as our Landlord, to this vehicle crossing, they should, in the opinion of the Parish Council, provide the land owner with a Deed of Grant over the land as they accepted that no breach of the lease has taken place by giving permission in the first place." What is abundantly clear from all of this is that we took care to obtain all relevant permissions for our second access and the fact that your Landlord, the City Council did not refer the matter to the Parish Council shows how obscure and little known or understood the ownership and title to the strip of leased land has become.

You then go on in your letter dated 9th September 2015 to state that we both assured the Parish Council more than once on that occasion that the only reason for the second access was to make manoeuvring the caravan in and out easier...". We have never owned a caravan, however, we have allowed our son to park his caravan at our property since 2012. We do, however, own a motorhome. You then refer to Mandy's late father and her breaking down at the meeting. It is manifestly inappropriate and insensitive to refer to these matters. The loss of Mandy's father is deeply felt and for this to be brought up in the context of a dispute with the Parish Council is callous, disrespectful and irrelevant to the substance of our complaint and its resolution. We expect a full and unreserved apology. You state that, "Whilst there was irrefutable proof that the second access was constructed without the consent of the Leaseholder and Landowner, the Parish Council did not wish to cause you more distress and, having been assured by both of you, more than once during that meeting that you had no

other reason for wanting

a second access." The reality of the situation is somewhat different - as

the quote from Mrs Nunn's letter to Brian Gray dated 16th November 2011 cited above demonstrates. The Parish Council were concerned not to be found in breach of their lease with York City Council - to dress

up the decision making as designed not to cause "more distress" to us could not be further from the truth. We have had over 7 years of correspondence and turmoil with the Parish Council over the second access and now the request for access for services - our distress has been compounded year on year by the behaviour of the Parish Council rather than alleviated in any way.

This leads us to consider the Deed of Grant dated 28th August 2013. At the time it was signed off, we had no intention of creating a building plot. In its terms, the Deed of Grant states that York City Council and the Parish Council together granted to us as fee simple owners of our property i.e. the house and grounds, "full right and liberty for a right of way" over the strip of leased land "for the purposes of both pedestrian and vehicular access". There is no condition in the Grant that the access is permitted only for the current dwelling. Planning permission has legitimately been obtained for development on the building plot. All that is preventing the planning permission from being a reality is the indefensible decision of the Parish Council to decline our request for services to run through the second and now legitimate vehicular and pedestrian access. There is no lawful reason for the Parish Council to resist our application and this is perhaps why no reason has ever been given save that the Parish Council intended only to allow a second vehicular access to one dwelling on our land and not more, the case for which we have demolished above.

You say that "The Parish Council are intrigued to know why we think it is appropriate for them to mention the need for services across its

land as it felt it was entirely possible an alternative route had been decided." This is unacceptably provocative language for a public body such as the Parish Council which would know from their local knowledge of the siting of our dwelling that there is no alternative access route. Furthermore, as a responsible Leaseholder of adjacent land, issues about access for services could and should have been raised at the Outline stage, if they had assumed the significance that the Parish Council now seeks to attribute to them rather than only in

relation to the Full Application. We suspect that the truth lies in the fact that this was the point in time at which the Parish Council realised they could bring the development to a halt as a Leaseholder of a diminutive strip of abutting land soured because of the innocent lack of consultation over the second vehicular access and that up until that point they had 'forgotten' their potential to stifle this legitimate development.

The situation we find ourselves in now has grim resonance with the saga over the second vehicular access. You will recall that York City Council carried out the bridge works and you as their Leaseholder attempted to have these works removed because no-one at York City Council had told us we needed to consult with you and nor for that matter, did they. Now, we are equipped with Full Planning Permission by York City Council only to find the whole endeavour again being thwarted by the Parish Council. Has not the time now come for York City Council to intervene? There are other developments currently on going in Strensall involving multiple dwellings with access and services over the leased strip of land (eg Seven Oaks, Ox Carr Lane) but we are being singled out for refusal by the Parish Council who apparently consider their role to include making unsubstantiated allegations about deception and policing profit from building plots. This clearly demonstrates maladministration in action and shows just what a nonsense the Parish Council's role as Leaseholder has become.

The fact that you now regard this matter as closed allows us to take our concerns elsewhere since you have formally and unilaterally brought to an end the ongoing dispute resolution process. We therefore call upon York City Council to whom this letter is copied to intervene and allow access for services to the approved dwelling on our building plot. We reserve all our rights in connection with the libellous comments you made in your letter of 11th August 2015 to Messrs Hague and Dixon who act for Marsden Homes (York) Ltd and for recompense for the substantial losses these comments have caused as set out in our letter dated 26th August 2015. We understand that if we bring proceedings against you, part of the process will involve

full disclosure of all relevant documentation including any exchanges whether oral or in writing. the Parish Council has had in connection with this matter with Marsden Homes (York) Ltd. their Solicitors, their Architects, our Estate Agent and service providers amongst others. All notes and other documents should therefore be retained. We also put you on notice that it is our intention to put this matter before the Monitoring Officer.

Furthermore, we reserve all our rights to take such action as we think fit to secure what we believe to be the only defensible decision in the public interest, namely to permit access for services to the approved dwelling on our building plot.

Yours sincerely

Graham and Mandy Harrison

Copy to:

Martin Thorpe, Harrowells

Brian Gray, Senior Legal Adviser, City of York Council

Sent from my iPad

From: mandy.harrison@york.gov.uk
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: 21 September 2015 23:19
To: Brian.Gray@york.gov.uk
Cc: Martin Thorpe martin.thorpe@harrowells.co.uk, philip.callow@york.gov.uk, Susan Nunn clerk-strensallpc@btconnect.com, glen.mccusker@york.gov.uk

Dear Mr Gray

Thank you for your letter of today's date.

We are indeed disappointed to read your response.

The position we have now reached can be summarised as follows:-

- . The Parish Council have declined to grant our request for a Deed of Easement for services to our building plot for which we have the City Council's full planning permission.
- . The only reason they have proferred is libellous: they do not wish us to "profit by deception".
- . Despite the fact that we have robustly demolished their outrageous allegations which have no basis in fact or law, the Parish Council have failed to supply any legitimate reasons for refusal and now regard the matter as closed - see the closing paragraph of Susan Nunn's letter dated 9th September 2015.
- . We have watched new build properties at Seven Oaks, Ox Carr Lane have services (gas) supplied over the leased land which has not attracted any opposition from the Parish Council. Nor should it in our view: as leaseholder and a public body what legitimate interest could there possibly be in the Parish Council declining such a request?
- . You have suggested we take our concerns up with the Parish Council which as you will now be aware, takes us no further forward because they will no longer engage with us.

We would urge you to reconsider the City Council's stance - the decision making of your leaseholder in this instance does indeed have an adverse affect on the City Council's ownership of the land as freeholder. This is because the Parish Council's perverse decision making is thwarting our legitimate expectations of making the planning permission granted by the City Council a reality. How can it be justified or justifiable for the City Council to lead us to

believe that the development can be pursued via the planning process when the Parish Council appear to be entitled without any valid or lawful reasons to deny us access to services. Is this what the City Council intended the Parish Council to be enabled to do pursuant to the lease and what provision of the lease in the City Council's view authorise this determination?

We would welcome the opportunity of meeting with you to discuss this matter and find a satisfactory resolution.

Yours sincerely

Graham and Mandy Harrison

Sent from my iPad

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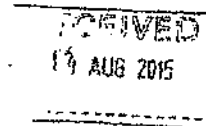
Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council

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Chairman: Councillor A K Marquis

11th August 2015

Mr C D Barton
Messrs Hague and Dixon
Solicitors
Cumberland House
Cumberland Street
York YO1 9SR

Your Ref: 15/CD8/M/2



Dear Mr Barton

Re: Land to the Rear of ...

Thank you for your letter of 5th instant which was discussed at the Parish Council meeting this evening.

Whilst the Parish Council has considerable sympathy for your client, it remains adamant that, if this were agreed, the vendors would profit through deception which would be unacceptable.

The Parish Council therefore regrets that it is unable to agree to your client's request.

Yours faithfully

CHAIRMAN

Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council

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Chairman: Mr A K Marquis

9th September 2015

Mr and Mrs G Harrison

By e-mail:

Dear Mr and Mrs Harrison

The Application for a Deed of Easement

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of 18th instant, the content of which has been discussed by the Parish Council together with the various letters sent since that date.

The "selective number of points" responded to in the Clerk's letter of 28th August are a matter of public record in that the minutes show that Councillor Plant declared a personal interest and also the information regarding the comments made by the Parish Council on the outline planning applications are on the City of York Council Website; therefore the letter was confirmation of this and not the Clerk's views.

The Parish Council are intrigued to know why you think it is appropriate for them to mention the need for services across its land as it felt it was entirely possible an alternative route had been decided.

I can confirm that the views expressed in the letter of 11th August were those of the entire Parish Council.

The Parish Council would refer you to the meeting in the Rainbow Centre on 14th November 2011 when our newly appointed Clerk, as an impartial third party, tried to find a sensible solution to the long running dispute over the illegally constructed second access to your property. Three members of the Parish Council attended that meeting and the notes the Clerk prepared were sent to you and accepted by you at that time.

You both assured the Parish Council more than once on that occasion that the only reason for the second access was to make manoeuvring the caravan in and out easier and you pointed out the distress it had caused to your late parent and yourselves, with Mrs Harrison breaking down at several points in the discussion. All three members of the Parish Council who attended that meeting have a very clear recollection of that.

Whilst there was irrefutable proof that the second access was constructed without the consent of the leaseholder and the landowner, the Parish Council did not wish to cause

you more distress and, having been assured by both of you, more than once during that meeting, that you had no other reason for wanting a second access.

I also refer you to the letter sent to you on 14th December 2011 in which you were advised that *"to formalise the position the City Council will agree to our request and is prepared to join in a Deed of Grant (to be granted by the Parish Council as freeholder) in order to allow such right of access only."* Subsequently the Parish Council agreed to give you a Deed of Grant for pedestrian and vehicular access only which should have been adequate for the purposes you had outlined.

I would also refer you to the correspondence between the Parish Council and your solicitors in May of this year when your request for a Deed of Easement was refused and the reason given.

The Parish Council, with the support of the City of York Council are not prepared to permit any Deed of Easement to allow you to profit from the erection of a new property, accessed in this way. The Parish Council feel that you misled them in order to achieve your wish to profit from providing a building plot made accessible by the second structure.

This is the stance taken by the Parish Council who now consider this matter is closed.

Yours sincerely

CHAIRMAN

STRENSALL with TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 11th August 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Marquis (Chair) Plant, Baxter, Hill, Fisher, Mattinson, Maher, Ogilvy and Mrs J Smith

Ward Cllr Paul Doughty and 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Chambers, Chapman, Ms T Flannery and Mrs C Edwards

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, Council approved these, endorsed the planning committee minutes for 14th and 28th July authorising the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. **Resolution 110815/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two residents spoke on the issues they were experiencing with the new play equipment and how they felt that the Parish Council had ignored their problems. They said there were still young people there at 10.30pm at night which was, to them, unacceptable. The screening trees were not helping. One resident accused the Parish Council of deliberately omitting correspondence received from the agenda and not making documents available on the website. He felt there were still legitimate safety issues regarding the football area and the Parish Council are doing nothing to address this. He was annoyed that the petition signed by the residents had not been published and stopped short of naming the person he held responsible.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

- (a) **Complaints Procedure** – Cllr Mattinson confirmed he had checked the document and it complied with the current legislation and did not require any amendment. The document was therefore approved for a further 12 months **Resolution 110815/02**
- (b) **The Firs** -The letter from the solicitor representing the proposed purchaser of the building plot was discussed and the Parish Council voted

unanimously to refuse the request. A letter was approved for signature by the Chairman. **Resolution 110815/03**

- (c) **Telephone Kiosk** - The Clerk reported the joiner would plane the wood on the door and fit a yale lock to secure the box whilst its future is decided. This expenditure was approved **Resolution 110815/04**

Cllr Smith confirmed that all Cllrs had now read the information on the defibrillator and whether or not to have one was discussed at length. Other Parish Councils were considering this. Funding was discussed and Cllr Smith would make further enquiries. Cllr Doughty confirmed that Ward funding was available for groups including Parish Councils

- (d) **Playground Issues** - in appendix 1 the recommendations of the Playground Working Group was discussed and approved. *Kirklands* -the cost of the screening trees was agreed. Approval was given for the provision of hedging if required following the erection of the cage. Parents had requested the provision of a roundabout and a slide for small users. Providers were being asked if the tower could be modified in some way *Northfields* - some of the equipment was in need of replacing and costings were being obtained for this for when funds are available. A new self-closing gate was on order and should be fitted before the end of August. **Resolution 110815/05**

- (e) **Footpath Brochure** -Cllr Plant explained that the brochure was now nearing completion and the cost would be around £650 in total. It was agreed that this should be finished and that a charge should be made for the purchase and this price should be included on the front page. This would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to progress.

- (f) **Neighbourhood Plan** - This was discussed and it was agreed that the parish boundary should be used as the boundary for a Neighbourhood Plan. **Resolution 110815/06**

- (g) **Bus Shelter Seating** - The Clerk had received a request for a seat in the bus shelter on York Road opposite Middlecroft Drive. There was a problem with the location being close to a hedge and enough room is required to permit a wheelchair or buggy to pass. The Clerk was requested to obtain some costings and designs to enable a decision to be made at the next meeting

- (h) **SCYSA** - There is an Extraordinary General Meeting of SCYSA on 11th September 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall to enable the Strensall Junior Football Club to appoint Trustees to run the group. Any business plan would need to be approved before an underlease would be passed to them

- (i) **Post Office Relocation** - Following receipt of notification of Costcutter no longer wishing to have the Post Office in their shop, it was resolved that the Clerk would write to the Post Office to seek some clarification as to any progress by them in respect of the relocation. **Resolution 110815/07**

6. LOCAL PLAN

9). Mr Chambers speaking:-

Andrew Bolton. - episode 667 - wanted to do his drive in block paving - all broken up - land that is leased to Parish Council - spoken to Keith and John - neither have any problem with it.

Couple of other areas of land that is leased - arbitrary action has taken place

Wants to repair a grotty corner

Keith's and John's opinion - ok

Tatty - a saving grace you have actually asked us - that's basically what he wants to do

Ralph Plant agrees with what has been sent

Mr Bolton produced a photo

Judy - a big improvement - happy with approval

The Firs - Seven Oaks

Seven Oaks

Issues of people digging up path without asking

Yorkshire Water tackled by Chapman - told him to p. off - ignored him

Spoke to Transcore - narrow entrance and exit - would we consider selling a bit to widen the entrance. Would have to apply to CYC to drop kerb - relating to - rectify - would wish to enlarge the

existing driveway to 5 m - would mean water meters would be in their driveway - would supply

something in the playground - Parish Council leased land - if say yes would have to buy it off CYC -

money we wouldn't see it - Baxter thought it was common land - Baxter doesn't seem to think its any different - Sue Nunn, not illegal.

Chambers

Whole thing approached in a reasonably gentlemanly way - satisfy all parties involved

Very good value - roundabout for playground

A way round what could be a challenging problem

A bad corner - if it means getting the cars off quickly

They would have to agree with CYC

Parish Council agree in principal

Quite a few cars

Baxter - should have been sorted out before - no different to other case - if we give permission for one - rod for back - could be expensive

Baxter - not sticking up for man - rod for our own back

Matteson - Wasn't on agenda - not familiar - would like to see a drawing of it

Sue Nunn - Only room for 3m - wants to kerb it - drop kerb wider - it would look so much neater

A written plan

Judy - no dyke - Sue Nunn - grass and footpath

Yorkshire Water ? Cheaper for

Difference being done upfront

Ralph Plant - said he would say go ahead

Matteson - clear idea what's involved - can't make an opinion

Most people are aware of Firs issue, other one involved already

Need to consult further with members of Parish Council

Compromise be Sue Nunn and Matterson to go look at it

Would like to get something back to them - Yorkshire Water waiting to see if have to take it up

Chambers

Hold whip hand this time - need to make a decision - not wait till next meeting - a lot riding on it

Detailed drawing - what is proposed

The Firs

Chambers - nothing more to say

Sue Nunn - Nothing to go forward

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall, Strensall

PRESENT

Cllrs Chambers (Chair) Plant, Baxter, Harvey-Walker, Hill, Fisher, Maher, Mattinson, Ogilvy, and Mrs J Smith

PCSO Hannon and 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Were received from Cllrs Marquis, Chapman and Ms Flannery together with Ward Cllr P Doughty

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter of resignation from Mrs Edwards

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Plant declared a personal interest in item 9(a)

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, Council approved these, authorising the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. Council also endorsed the planning committee minutes for 8th and 22nd September **Resolution 131015/01**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nobody wished to speak in this session

5. POLICE REPORT

As PCSO Hannon was in attendance and was needed in another part of the Ward this item was discussed first to allow any questions from Councillors before he had to leave.

The police report was noted and also the issue relating to the Village Hall and car park. People were urged to ring in any concerns so that these are recorded. The Police urged the reporting of any genuine incidents so that a correct picture and appropriate responses could be given

PCSO Hannon was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting

6. ONGOING ISSUES

(a) **SCYSA** – A letter had been received rescinding the termination of the underlease as new Trustees had been accepted and the management would continue under new Trustees. The Clerk had confirmed that she would give any assistance required to the New Trustees whose names would be confirmed in the minutes

(b) **Playgrounds** –The Clerk confirmed the completion of the football enclosure and that the children she had spoken to were thrilled with the structure which it is hoped would encourage smaller children to play up to 5 a side and

- (e) Cllr Chambers reported that, so far as this and almost all other York Parish Councils are concerned, with regard to S 106, it was business as before until formally notified differently.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) A letter from Mr Andrew Bolton of Heathfield, Lords Moor Lane had been received, together with supporting information to request permission to extend the block paving of his driveway onto part of the pathway that is presently in poor repair and under the tenancy of the Parish Council. Mr Bolton was present and answered questions from Councillors who viewed photographs and diagrams. The Parish Council approved the request
Resolution 131015/10
- (b) A letter had been received from Transcore regarding the work done at Sevenoaks in Ox Carr Lane. Yorkshire Water were most apologetic and were willing to move the provision of services onto land not owned by the Parish Council and agreed that ignorance of the ownership was not a valid excuse. The Clerk had met a Director of Transcore on site to discuss matters. She had been asked if it were possible to acquire some of the verge from the Parish Council to increase the access and encourage better visibility and for two cars to be able to pass within the entrance way. An offer had been made from Transcore to obtain this part of the verge and provide a piece of play equipment in return. It was agreed in principle subject to the provision of a detailed plan. The Parish Council viewed each request as a separate item and this would in no way set a precedent for any other property
Resolution 131015/11
- (c) A letter had been received from the Post Office regarding the re-siting of the Strensall Post office to Londis/Strensall Road Service Station and inviting comments. Residents can respond via the website or Sarah at the Library will assist
- (d) Foss Society Newsletters had been received and were distributed.

10 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER

- (a) Report on Ward meeting on 15th October
- (b) Freedom of Information Policy update
- (c) Organise the purchase and erection of Christmas trees
- (d) Cemetery
- (e) Traffic issues

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm. The next meeting to take place on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7.15pm

Signed..... 10th November 2015

