



STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12th APRIL 2022 AT 7.15 PM

Councillors Present: Andrew Bolton Chris Chambers
Tony Fisher** Ray Maher
Lawrence Mattinson Susan Nunn

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

Public Present: 0

** City of York Councillors

The Parish Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Philip Thorp who had been a Parish Councillor and a member of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Party.

- 22/1 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:** None
b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence: N/A
- 22/2 To discuss the ordinary and casual vacancies:**
James Dickson was welcomed by and co-opted to the Parish Council
- 22/3 To receive any declarations of interest under the Parish Council Code of Conduct or Members register of interests:** None
- 22/4 a) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 08th March 2022:**
Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)
b) To endorse the approved Planning Committee minutes of 08th and 22nd March 2022:
Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)
- 22/5 Public participation on any subject relating to the agenda:** None
- 22/6 To receive matters raised by/with City of York Ward Councillors:**
- Community Payback Spring Clean – The Parish Council would put forward the area between Old Humpy and Haxby Moor Road along with the riverside walkways.
- Fire on Strensall Common – Cllr Fisher would ask the MOD if more fire warning signs should be erected.

- Wild flowering – Cllr Fisher had obtained permission from City of York Council to plant wild flowers on the triangle outside the school, as long as nothing is higher than 3 feet. Cllr Fisher would now contact the school in the hope the children could be involved.

22/7 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action on matters arising/ongoing issues:

a) North Yorkshire Police monthly reports

The March 2022 report was circulated by email. The Chairman reported that a pane of glass in the phone box had been broken, which had now been repaired.

b) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022

The Parish Council were keen on the idea of a Community Garden on York Road. Cllrs Dickson, Fisher and Nunn would meet to discuss this and hopefully the school children would be involved.

c) Grass cutting contact November 2022 draft specification

The Parish Council were happy for the specification to be used, with these amendments:

- contract period to be reduced from five to three years
- a cancellation clause will be added
- clarity that the price must be fixed for the length of the contract

d) Parkgate Bus Shelter – bench installation

Resolved – The Parish Council approved the purchase of the traditional seat from Marmax Products, which would be fitted by York Landscapes Ltd. A plaque commemorating the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Neighbourhood Plan:

Resolved - The Parish Council approved the indicative proposal and budget presented by Directions Planning Consultancy of £5250 plus VAT

Village Sign:

The Parish Council would obtain a quote for repairing the sign adjacent to the golf course, then find out if the insurance policy covers this.

22/8 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action on matters raised since last meeting:

a) War Memorial

City of York Council had confirmed that planning approval would be required, so the application process would be started. Quotes had been received, but Cllrs queried if the whole fence needed replacing, so Cllr Fisher and the Parish Clerk would visit the site. The neighbours had asked if wooden rather than concrete posts could be used, so the Parish Council would seek advice.

b) Allotments – legislation/guidance regarding use

The Parish Council noted the information provided, but no further action was required at this stage.

c) Cemetery Bench requests

Resolved -The Parish Council would purchase a bench to be site adjacent to Area B, as a number of requests had been received.

d) Water Fluoridation

Cllr Mattinson had circulated information about the governments plan to make this a compulsory requirement. Another Cllr challenged the evidence, so Cllr Mattinson would circulate more information. The Parish Council noted the information, but would not take further action at this stage.

22/9 To discuss and, if necessary, agree action, on any correspondence received:

a) Grass Cutting – Delay until mid May

A parishioner had emailed asking if grass cutting could be delayed until mid May, so wildlife would benefit from the dandelions etc. The Parish Council would write to the parishioner, rejecting this proposal, but would tell them about the planned wild flowering projects.

22/10 To discuss matters raised by/with Responsible Financial Officer (RFO):

a) Bank reconciliation, income received, payments made to date

The Parish Clerk had circulated a financial report, which is shown below

b) Internal controls checks

Cllr Maher conducted the checks and found everything to be in order.

c) Yorkshire Local Councils Association – NTR

The Parish Council would seek advice on investments.

22/11 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.15 p.m.:

Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

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Meeting Financial Report - Tuesday 12 April 2022								
		Treasurers	Contingency	Premium	Cemetery	Premium Bonds	Contingency Bonds	
28-Feb-22		60100.20	62512.35	18662.93	9530.63	10000.00	15000.00	175806.11
Mar22	Memorial Fees				95.00			
Mar22	Double Taxation	7763.33						
Mar22	Interest		3.66	2.18				
		7763.33	3.66	2.18	95.00	0.00	0.00	7864.17
Mar22	Parish Clerk Salary	732.13						
Mar22	Annual Rent x7	70.00						
Mar22	Parish Clerk Expenses	22.06						
Mar22	Ink Cartridges	22.99						
Mar22	Parish Councillor Expenses	27.00						
Mar22	Mobile Phone	20.48						
Mar22	Water Rates				8.37			
Mar22	HSBC Charges	6.20			5.00			
		900.86	0.00	0.00	13.37	0.00	0.00	914.23
31-Mar-22		66962.67	62516.01	18665.11	9612.26	10000.00	15000.00	182756.05
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