
MEETING	STRENSALL WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	12 OCTOBER 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR M KIRK IAIN DUNN, STREET ENVIRONMENT ALLEN MARSH, STREET SPORT YORK INSPECTOR ALISTAIR DEY, PC ALEX DOBSON AND PCSO 'JIMMY' HANNON, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE LAUREN WEBB, INDEPENDENT COMPLAINTS ADVOCACY SERVICE VIRGINIA SHAW AND CLAIRE TAYLOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT TWENTY RESIDENTS
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR S WISEMAN

1. 7.00 PM SURGERY

1.1 Local residents had the opportunity to speak with: Cllr Madeleine Kirk, Iain Dunn (Street Environment Officer), the Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team, Virginia Shaw and Claire Taylor (Neighbourhood Management), Allen Marsh (Street Sport, York) and Lauren Webb (Independent Complaints Advocacy Service)

2. 7.30 PM MAIN MEETING - INTRODUCTION AND MINUTES

- 2.1 Residents were welcomed to the meeting
- 2.2 Apologies for absence were given for Cllr. S. Wiseman
- 2.3 The minutes of the last meeting held in July were approved and signed

3. POLICE REPORT, POLICE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 PC Alex Dobson gave a report on Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team activities. Crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) are both down in the ward. He drew attention to the "Light up, lock up" initiative to provide home security advice to the public and encourage use of timers for lights to combat burglary in the home.
- 3.2 Various campaigns have been operating in the ward, such as Operation Caboose targeting general ASB in Strensall and running till December, Operation Deflection aimed at tackling ASB at Strensall allotments and Operation Igloo focussing on burglary prevention to address the slight increase in Strensall.

- 3.3 He drew attention to the 95 Alive forms available for reporting speeding. These forms activate a process. A volume of forms is unnecessary and indeed will be unhelpful as they will all be responded to: one form will trigger the process. Team cards are available with details of the Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team; and cards to note priorities for policing in the ward (“Help influence policing priorities in your neighbourhood”). This feedback helps inform the setting of policing priorities for the ward. The team also have available copies of a booklet on home security (“A guide to home security”) and wheelie bin stickers to deter speeding vehicles.
- 3.4 The following questions were asked and responses given:
 Q: An incident at Strensall Post Office involving a piece of concrete being thrown through the shop window (the postmaster had the offender on the premises) took till noon the following day for police to arrive.
 A: We will look into this and report back
 Q: Following submission of 95 Alive forms for Hopgrove Lane, Stockton-on-the-Forest, nothing seems to have happened
 A: We are about to look into speeding in this area. Following the process triggered by the 95 Alive forms, incidents of injuries lead to prioritisation of use of equipment.
 Q: Are patrols continuing in Earswick?
 A: Yes. There is some under-reporting of crime.
 Comment: Thanks from Durlston Drive residents for good work done this summer.

4. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

- 4.1 Cllr. Kirk invited those present to speak to the list of scheme suggestions for 2010/11 short-listed in the October issue of Your Ward. She confirmed she had no personal interest to declare in any of the schemes.
- 4.2 Parish Councillor Peter Jesse spoke in favour of scheme suggestions 2 and 5: a grant application from Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council to erect an additional street light; and to position new vehicle activated signs in suitable locations in the ward respectively, to improve safety in the ward. He also emphasised the safety aspect of scheme 8: to investigate the feasibility of improving provision for cyclists in the ward including the conversion of the existing footpath between Towthorpe Lane crossroads and the Six Bells roundabout (Strensall Road) into a dual purpose pedestrian and cycle path.
- 4.3 Scheme suggestion 13: a grant application from Stockton and Hopgrove History Group to purchase a laptop and USB sticks for storing archives and giving presentations. Terry Briggs said the Group has 20 members who meet alternate months. The settlements are documented in the Doomesday Book. The group has no facilities to record and store information on

the history of the village and its families and other groups have such facilities.

- 4.4 Scheme suggestion 10: a grant application from Strensall and Towthorpe Sports Association. The Association Chair, Tracey Dixon, said that, thanks to a previous ward committee grant, the clubhouse is now watertight. There is some interest in hiring the clubhouse and in order to achieve this, heating and other facilities are required.
- 4.5 Scheme suggestion 11: a grant application from Hurst Hall Community Association to operate a children and young people's chest. Lynette Nelson reported that funding from the ward committee and parish council had enabled Hurst Hall to buy in other activities, thus expanding what is on offer. They would like to go further with the chest, which the children and young people would allocate themselves. The project would run for 10 months, allowing £250 per month. She mentioned that children who attend Robert Wilkinson Primary School are now feeding into the older age group and that generally the children and young people come from a wider area than Strensall.
- 4.6 Scheme suggestion 14: a grant application from York Young People's Service for continued provision of the URBIE bus in the ward. This will allow continued provision of a 2 hour session in the ward every week, including detached youth work.
- 4.7 Scheme Strensall 09-09. Efforts had been made throughout the year to bring a portakabin in the grounds of Robert Wilkinson School up to current health and safety standards; and to obtain appropriate planning permission. As an alternative and more feasible option, it was announced that the budget of £4,715.23 be spent on providing staffing, resources, furniture and activities at Durlston Drive.
- 4.8 Scheme suggestion 15: a grant application from York and District Mind. Cllr Kirk declared an interest as she has recently applied for membership. A volunteer was present to support the scheme. He referred to the small amount of funding involved in the application and the importance of removing the stigma of mental illness. The support provided by York Mind also helps people who care for those experiencing mental ill-health. One in four people suffer from mental illness at some point in their lives and a number of ward residents have such difficulties.
- 4.9 Scheme suggestion 21: Strensall Bowling Club. The Chair, Hugh Crawford, was present to support the application. He referred to the bowling green as an oasis in the centre of Strensall. The club needs to replace nine benches, which are well past their useful life, with new ones to benefit older and disabled players and spectators.

- 4.10 Scheme suggestion 17: a grant application from Earswick Parish Council to provide fitness equipment for mature residents of the village. Parish Cllr. Malcolm Leach spoke in favour of this suggestion which will allow for the purchase of static equipment for more mature residents of the parish.
- 4.11 Scheme suggestion 18: a grant application from Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council (PCC), Stockton-on-the-Forest. John Bond, representing the PCC, described how the new vicar had successfully engaged more young people and other groups so that the church building is at capacity. The PCC are looking for help with replacing the guttering and down pipes.
- 4.12 Scheme suggestion 19: a grant application from Street Sport York to provide ten sports and other activities to young people in the ward at various times of the year. A scheme had been approved in previous years and Allen Marsh from Street Sport reported that attendance at sessions in 2009 has increased from 2008.
- 4.13 Scheme suggestion 20: a grant application from Active York to support Fund for the Gifted. This was supported in the current year.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY

5.1 The following questions were raised in Have your Say!

Q: A Youth Council is about to be launched in York as part of the Take Part York initiative. Are there any plans to extend a similar approach to the ward committee?

A: Cllr Kirk will be attending the launch of the Youth Council on 13 October in the Guildhall

Q: Would it be possible to form some sort of young people's group?

A: Will include on a future ward team agenda.

Q: Strensall is down for Playbuilder funding in 2010/11 financial year. What is the location?

A: do not yet know. Ward councillors will be looking at this and into possibility of various locations.

Q: What is Playbuilder?

A: Central Government funding to provide challenging play equipment for 8 to 13 year olds. York has successfully applied for funding for various locations

Q: How have the areas of need been established?

A: The numbers of young people and the existing play facilities available to them. An article in the next Your Ward was suggested.

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[The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.35 pm].