

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY
ON WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present: David Crossley Russell Dowson
Rosie Dunn Ken Sawyers
Chris Small Roger Wood

In Attendance: Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk
CYC Strensall Ward Councillor Tony Fisher

Public Present: 0

21/60 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

Parish Councillor John Coldwell
CYC Strensall Ward Councillor Paul Doughty

b) To consider the approval of reason given for absence:

John Coldwell – No reason given, unable to approve

21/61 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

**21/62 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 November 2020:
Resolved - The minutes were approved**

21/63 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

The Old Chapel – City of York Council Planning Enforcement asked to investigate

21/64 To discuss long-standing matters:

- Appearance of the parish – Parish Council felt the recent grass cutting in December was not good value for money, Cllr Fisher would investigate.
- Yorkshire Marathon – NTR, remove from agenda for now
- City of York Local Plan – NTR, remove from agenda for now
- Strensall with Towthorpe PC Neighbourhood Plan – NTR, remove from agenda for now
- Speeding - The Parish Clerk had written to North Yorkshire Police at Athena House
- Hopgrove Lane South – Left Filter Lane – Cllr Fisher was still working on this matter
- Barr Lane – NTR, remove from agenda for now
- A64 Proposed improvement scheme – NTR, remove from agenda for now

21/65 To receive any matters raised by members of the public:

Thank you from the primary school for the recent grant toward Christmas decorations.

21/66 To discuss matters raised with/by representatives of following outside bodies:
Footpaths – Cllr Crossley had spoken to the landowner about the leaning fence along the
bridleway
Foss (2008) Internal Drainage Board – No Meeting
North Yorkshire Police – Catalytic Convertor thefts and allotment crime were topics of
recent reports
Stockton Hall Hospital – No Meeting

21/67 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning application: None

21/68 To report planning decisions by City of York Council: None

21/69 To discuss the Stockton-on-the-Forest Play Area:

- Cllr Crossley had conducted the inspections last month and Cllrs Sawyers and Wood would conduct the inspections next month
- Quotes for the post RoSPA works had been received as follows:
Ashfield Play £750.00
Park Lane £1480.00

Resolved – The contract would be awarded to Ashfield Play subject to clarification about the charge of £50.00 for fitting caps, which was felt to be too expensive

Resolved – Aspects Horticultural would be asked to cut back the hedge as previous years

21/70 To report any new correspondence received by the council:

A-One + Survey responses – Noted

Holy Trinity Church, Grant request for graveyard upkeep – Add to next agenda

21/71 To receive matters raised by members:

Salt bins – Cllrs Dowson and Small would check if there was sufficient salt inside them

Christmas Waste Collections – The Parish Clerk would ensure the details were published

Litter Bins

The Parish Council were aware that on 08 December 2020 on the Stockton on The Forest & Surrounding villages Community Page (Facebook) posts appeared as follows:

Person 1 -Use of public bins, Stockton on Forest - As I was leaving the village this morning at 0840 I saw a car parked next to the litter bin on the way to Dean's. A male carer, with a generic uniform (blue tunic, black trousers) & wearing full PPE (mask, apron and gloves), put a sealed carrier bag in the bin. I didn't have time to stop. I'm concerned that this is contaminated rubbish which should be disposed of in a specific way. Can someone bring this to the attention of the parish council please? Thanks

Person 2 -I also saw this man, but he got into his car and had driven off by the time I got there. Small black car reg beginning SD02. I wasn't close enough to see but I shall be keeping my eyes open as there are rubbish bags crammed into that bin on a regular basis.

Person 3 - I wonder which company he works for

Person 4 -this is horrible - well spotted! I wonder if maybe York City Council should be advised rather than the Parish Council? It's a weird coincidence that it is bin collection day tomorrow.... wonder if the bin is used daily or weekly by this mystery man?! Hope it gets sorted.

The Parish Council does not use social media, but agreed to minute the following:

- The Parish Council is not responsible for the litter bins and their contents
- The Parish Council is not responsible for organisations and their employees
- Parishioners/visitors to the parish are urged to report matters of concern to North Yorkshire Police as soon as they are able.

21/72 To discuss matters raised with/by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

- Bookkeeping records for year ending 31 March 2020
- Cllrs noted receipt of the spreadsheet circulated by email
- Budget 2021-2022

The Parish Council amended the draft to show a precept of £8150.00, Capital Projects expenditure of £500.00, which resulted in a expenditure total of £8500.00. This would be discussed and ratified at the January 2021 meeting.

- Financial Management

Scanned copies of bank statements had been circulated around Cllrs, so internal control cheques were conducted remotely and everything was in order.

- Policies to adopt/re-adopt - WIP
- Payment Approval –

Came & Company	Insurance	£495.58
I.C.O.	Subscription	£35.00
Aspects	Play Area Grass Cutting	£323.30
Parish Clerk	Expenses	£46.68
Parish Clerk	Home Working Allowance	£15.34
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services		£300.00
Aspects	Play Area Grass Cutting	£63.10

21/73 To confirm the dates of the future meeting on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. as:

27Jan21, 24Feb21, 31Mar21, 28Apr21, 26May21, 30Jun21, 28Jul21, 25Aug21, 29Sep21, 27Oct21, 24Nov21, 15Dec21