

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

<b>COUNCILLOR D BOWEN</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR B BELL</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR D F PARKER</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR S STERICKER</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR G WAITE</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER</b>	

  

<b>Mrs P D Greenwell</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Mr Paul Thackray</b>	<b>City of York Council</b>
<b>Mr Simon Parrott</b>	<b>City of York Council</b>

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor A Travena

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. PARK AND RIDE – proposed Scheme**

Messrs Thackray and Parrott, representing CYC Highways, outlined the proposal for the new Park and Ride Scheme at Askham Bar. Cllr Bowen explained that the main concern of the Parish Council is the probable impact on traffic in the vicinity. Mr Thackray explained that the current site is heavily oversubscribed, and there is government money available for a new scheme. If approved, work would commence in Autumn 2010 and the site would be operational by January 2012. There is funding for 1,100 car parking spaces, but this could increase to 1,250 if additional monies were to be found. Current ownership of the land is split between CYC and the private sector.

A number of parish councillors pointed out their concerns about the use of the current facility as a car park by students of the College. However students will not be allowed to use the new facility unless they are using the Park and Ride bus. Another

problem, which can only be exacerbated by the proposal to almost double the number of car parking spaces, is the backing up of traffic on Tadcaster Road and trailing back along the A64 slip road beyond the road from the village. This is especially bad when students are using the pedestrian crossing to go to Tesco at lunchtime, as well as at the usual morning and evening peak times. The Officers acknowledged that the safety of students and all pedestrians is very important, and agreed to investigate the possibility of a footbridge.

## **5. CLERK'S REPORT**

The renewal form for our subscription to the YLCA at a cost of £604 is received. It was RESOLVED to renew for a further year.

The proposed judge for the Garden Competition, Mr Nigel Harrison has requested a fee of £120 per night. This is considerably more than we have paid in previous years. After some discussion Cllr Mrs Townsend offered to ask one of the gardening staff at Castle Howard to undertake the job, but if this was not possible it was PROPOSED that we agree to Mr Harrison if Townsend for 2 nights only, and to find someone less expensive to judge the children's competition. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Following the recent death of a two year old boy in the village, the Clerk suggested that we need a policy on burial fees for children. After some discussion it was PROPOSED that fees for the purchase of a plot for a child of primary school age henceforth be waived, and the internment fee only be charged. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. 8 IN FAVOUR. Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Townsend abstained.

## **6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

During the past month two garages have been broken into on Temple Lane, and a wheelie bin has been stolen from Homefield Close.

The new "Police Pledge" will be discussed at the Ward Committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## **7. WARD COMMITTEE**

No councillor present. Cllr Healey is in discussions with CYC about the extension of the Temple Lane footpath, and it is deemed to be low priority. The CYC Officer dealing with this is currently on holiday.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN****a) Planning**

Approvals are received for 14 Learmans Way and 24 Manor Heath.

It was noted that in Bowyers Close there is a particularly bad example of extensions coming right up to the boundary line, resulting in the eaves of one property overhanging the one next door. The Clerk to write again to the Planning Department on this issue.

Clerk

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

A meeting had been held last week, minutes to be circulated shortly.

Main Street lighting – a light will be installed at the burial ground, and Ricky Watson will be investigating the area around the Royal Oak and will bring a proposal for consideration by the Parish Council.

The post office are considering the re-siting of the post box on Top Lane to the other side of the road by the Tadcaster Road sign.

The missing litter bin on Memorial Green has been replaced.

Following the recent litter pick when 94 bags of rubbish were collected, a debriefing session will take be attended by Cllr Bowen.

The Clerk has confirmed in writing the order for the Site Survey and Concept Plan for the shopping centre car park.

The Flaxman Croft sign at the top of Merchant Way will be removed.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Clerk

**c) Finance**

A request has been received from the Holiday Club run by the two churches for a grant of £250 towards their costs. CLLR BOWEN DECLARED AN INTEREST as he is one of the organisers of the Club. The Churches donate £250 each towards this, and the children who attend pay a fee. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that we make a grant of £250. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**10. PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The number 21 bus service is to be withdrawn. Residents have met with Cllrs Bowen, Mrs Stones and Mrs Townsend, Cllr Healey, Julian Sturdy and Terry Walker, CYC, at the home of Mrs Una Dalton on Temple Garth. Mrs Dalton has yet to receive any further response, however certain other residents have had letters from Terry Walker, CYC. The number 13 will not run after 19.30 hrs, but the Coastliner will go around the St Giles Way/ Station Road link.

**11. ALLOTMENTS**

It was RESOLVED that the Question and Answer sheet and the new Tenancy Agreement be posted on the website.

The Clerk has instructed Mike Round, plumber, to replace a faulty valve on the water tank.

**12. STREET FAIR**

The Clerk to draw up a rota to man the stall, and email to Members. Clerk

**13. GARDEN COMPETITION**

Entry forms and posters are being distributed. Clerk

The entry form will appear in the May edition of the Newsletter and on the website.

There will be a stall at the Street Fair. The winner from last year, Ms Alisa Ord, is to bring the Cup and is also organising an activity for children.

The next meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**14. RECREATION CENTRE**

Work on the demolition of the old Scout Hut has begun. It is intended that the proposed all-weather tennis court will be available for anyone to use at any time, using funding from PlayBuilder is this becomes available. It has been suggested that this court should be on the current site of the children's play area, which will be relocated to an area near to the Nursery.

**15. ACCOUNTS**

Community Account	£	3,287.54
Business Money Manager Account		26,752.25
	£	30,039.79

## Credits to the Account this Month

Ward Committee grant re Rural Arts Project	£	540.00
Re: Gladys Richmond		75.00
	£	615.00

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

City of York Council – ½ year allotments rent	£	411.00
Npower – burial ground		240.86
East Riding Horticulture Ltd – Recreation Centre		234.60
Arthur Richmond – weedkiller for allotments		41.50
Aetherweb Ltd – Website domain name re-registration		6.88
Copmanthorpe & App Roebuck Drainage Board		2.73
P D Greenwell – salary		435.53
	£	1,373.10

In addition the Clerk sought approval to pay an invoice from CPI Corporate Solutions Limited for the new banner, with photographs (£85.10) and the Sec. 106 monies promised to the Recreation Centre (£1,775.00). AGREED. These will appear in next month's accounts.

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs STONES. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**16. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT**

A request has been received for suggestions for projects to improve the village under this legislation. Replies are to be sent in by 8<sup>th</sup> May, therefore there is insufficient time for the Council to consider this properly. Individual councillors may however wish to make suggestions as residents of Copmanthorpe

**17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Christmas lights  
Public transport

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 12 May 2009 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. An interim meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, 29 April at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....