

A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR B BELL
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
 COUNCILLOR A TRAVENA
 COUNCILLOR G WAITE
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Ms Carolina Torsney

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor P Healey

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held Tuesday, 12 May 2009,
having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting.
PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. **SECONDED** by Cllr Whitfield. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

All allotment rents are now received and banked.

The Clerk had met with the Internal Auditor this morning, and the books have been taken away for examination by him.

Places on training courses for the Clerk and Cllr Stericker, as discussed at the last meeting, have been reserved.

Sponsorship of two display boards at the Art Exhibition has been arranged as agreed and £20 has been paid.

Arrangements have been made for the cleaning of the War Memorial.

A verbal quote of £1,000 has been received from CYC for the installation of three additional taps at the allotments. However, there is the opportunity to use Community Workers, under the Probation Scheme, to dig out the required trenches, thus saving £850 labour costs. The Clerk to arrange a meeting on site with Paul Ezzard (plumbing) and Rachel Bell (probation services), both CYC, Cllr Stericker and the Clerk, to determine the exact position of the taps, in consultation with two allotment holders, Stan Cockerham and Arthur Richmond.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

There have been a considerable number of incidents in the month of May:

Two burglaries in Barons Crescent, one autocrime in Fairfax Croft, criminal damage to a vehicle in Dykes Lane, anti-social behaviour in College Road and Bellmans Croft, arson on Earfitt Lane, criminal damage on Church Street, theft of a cycle from a back garden in Barons Crescent, and a theft from outside the Co-op.

This is very disappointing, particularly after a very quiet month in April.

6. WARD COMMITTEE

Cllr Healey informs us that neither Health and Safety, nor Highways, nor Licensing at CYC can deal with the matter of the fence at the Fox and Hounds. We need to look back at the planning consent to see if there are any conditions regarding a fence contained therein.

Clerk/Cllr
Mrs Taylor

As anticipated, the Executive Member Decision Making session did not re-instate the bus service on Temple Lane. However some re-routing options for the number 21 bus have been suggested which will be relayed to Terry Walker and Andrew Bradley. Steve Galloway is open to finding a solution as long as there is minimal, or preferably no, cost involved.

Repairs have been requested to footpaths in Horseman Close.

7. YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

Cllrs Bowen and Stericker, and the Clerk, had attended the YLCA meeting held in Copmanthorpe last week. The branch officers were all re-elected, and Cllr Graham Lacey (Haxby TC) has joined the Liaison Group, of which Cllr Mrs Stones is a member.

The proposal from the Liaison Group that the draft Charter, in its present form, be operated for 12 months and then re-examined if there were found to be problems, was discussed at some length. It was then RESOLVED that a letter be sent from the Branch to CYC indicating that the draft Charter, in its present form, was not acceptable to the Branch as it thought that it already could cause problems.

Cllr Mrs Stones, who had not been able to attend the Branch meeting, expressed her disappointment and frustration at this turn of events. A great deal of time has already been spent by senior CYC Officers, an Executive Member and Neighbourhood Services Manager on this matter, producing a document which, whilst not perfect, is workable. Cllr Mrs Stones feels that her position as a member of the Liaison Group has been undermined and a lot of bad feeling caused between this Parish Council

and the YLCA.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of thanks for grant monies are received from the **Occasion Choir**, the **South Ainsty Archaeological Society**, the **Yorkshire Countrywomen** and the **Friends of Copmanthorpe Primary School**.

CYC inform us that the Appeal by Elvington Park Limited/Elvington Events Ltd will now be heard on 23 June, having been postponed from 26 May. If the Appeal fails the Noise Abatement Notice will be in effect, and any breach of that Notice will be an offence.

The CPRE expects that there will be public consultation in August on the next stage of the Local Development Framework, which will include the assessment of the land available to meet the forecast 19,780 dwellings required over the next 20 years. The sites likely to be on the list for development, and in the Green Belt, include land to the rear of Copmanthorpe Burial Ground, extending behind Homefield Close and beyond, which is in the ownership of Shepherds. The CPRE is seeking help from people and organisations with local knowledge of these sites to help it sustain an objection to development. The Planning Committee is asked to discuss this. Planning Committee

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals have been received for 25 Sawyers Crescent (including a Sec. 106 Grant of £2,124) and Copmanthorpe Lodge Farm. Cllr Mrs Taylor to contact Dave Meigh, CYC, to ensure that this money comes to the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs Taylor

A refusal is received for 36 Main Street.

Cllrs Bowen, Stericker and Mrs Stones had attended a meeting with CYC to outline the arrangements for electronic planning consultation in the future. It is inevitable that this will happen in the medium to long term. Funding is available from Awards for All, part of the Lottery, to purchase the necessary laptop, projector and screen, the cost of which will be in the region of £1,000. Haxby Town Council is already giving its views electronically, and we are invited to attend one of their meetings to observe the process. It is noted that electronic consultation will probably result in additional work for the Clerk.

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that Cllr Whitfield investigate further precisely what equipment we should acquire, and that the Clerk should then make application to Awards for All for the funding. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. Cllr Whitfield/
Clerk
ALL IN FAVOUR.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Articles on the Litter Pick on 23 May, and the Main Street lighting, have been sent for inclusion in the next edition of "Your Ward".
Road damage in Horseman Close has been repaired, and the St Giles Way/Main Street and Merchant Way/Top Lane junctions are being progressed.
The Flaxman Croft sign at the top of Merchant Way is still to be removed.
The bollard at Merchant Way/Faber Close has been repaired.
CYC Highways are to take action to improve sight lines being blocked by vegetation at the Colton Lane/Manor Heath junction.
We are informed that the Temple Lane footpath has received a Low Value for Money Score and will not proceed as there have been no casualties in the past five years. The cost of installing a footpath currently stands at £250k.
The post box on Top Lane is to be re-sited this month.
Graffiti on the railway bridge has been reported to York Pride.
The "No Through Road" sign at the Fox and Hounds has been cleaned.

c) Finance

Nothing to report.

10. SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK

A Concept Plan has now been drawn up. To implement this will cost £75k. Cllr Stericker PROPOSED that we have a further meeting with Croft Developments to point out to them that the current arrangement of parking spaces is not compliant with standards now used by CYC for the design of car park layouts. The Clerk to arrange. Cllrs Bowen, Stericker, Mrs Stones and the Clerk to attend.

Clerk

11. REGISTRATION OF LAND

Letters to determine the whereabouts of the Title Deeds to the Burial Ground and the two Village Greens have been sent to Harlands, Solicitors and Mr Lionel Lennox, Diocesan Registrar, and replies are awaited.

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

No feedback has been received from the Seminar/Workshop on the proposed new Park and Ride site.

Cllr Paul Healey informs us that the No. 21 bus is not to be reinstated, but there will be some re-routing options, and Cllr Steve Galloway is open to finding a solution provided there is no financial cost. At present the only option is Dial And Ride, which is not reliable. The Parish Council feels this matter should be resolved before the onset of bad weather in the autumn.

It was noted that the X64 bus, an express service between Leeds and York, passes through Copmanthorpe four times per hour, but does not stop here. It is not clear why this happens.

13. CARNIVAL

Cllrs Mrs Stones and Mrs Taylor will not be available.
Cllrs Whitfield and Travena will set up the Parish Council stall, and Cllrs Whitfield and Stericker will dismantle at the end of the day.
The Clerk will prepare a rota for all councillors.

Clerk

14. GARDENING COMPETITION

Fourteen adult entries, and five child entries have been received. Judging will take place on 22 and 23 June, starting at 6.30 pm. Cllr Mrs Taylor will accompany the judge and Garden Committee members to take photographs of the gardens for a display at the Horticultural Show.

Cllr Mrs
Taylor

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 9 July at the home of Cllr Travena.

15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllrs Stericker and Whitfield had visited a lighting company in Bradford where it was suggested that we should work with CYC lighting engineers on any scheme for Christmas lights in Copmanthorpe. Cllr Stericker is accordingly arranging to meet with Ricky Watson. The cost of purchasing suitable lights is in the region of £5,000, or they could be hired at a cost of approx. £200 for each feature per year.

Cllr
Stericker

It was suggested that, should the Parish Council decide to proceed, the school, Scouts and Brownies be approached to run a competition for children to design a light.

Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that the Roads and Footpaths Committee progress matters. SECONDED by Cllr Travena. ALL IN FAVOUR.

16. BUSINESS SIGNAGE

Cllr Waite expressed his dislike of the proliferation of brightly coloured advertising signage and banners in the village. Some of these are in fact out of date. Cllr Travena PROPOSED that Councillors should, before the next meeting, try to identify a particular sign and ask the owners to remove it. This would serve as a test case. It was noted that any sign in the Conservation Area should have the approval of the Conservation Officer.

All
Cllrs

17. RECREATION CENTRE

At the recent AGM the current Committee was re-elected en bloc.

A meeting has been held with Dave Meigh, CYC, to discuss the PlayBuilder money. This can only be used for recreation, not sport, therefore the proposed additional tennis court cannot be funded in this way. A decision as to whether it would be best to spend the money in the first year or the second, will need to be taken.

Recently £5,200 has been spent on the fence marking the boundary with Flaxman Croft, and the Recreation Centre is grateful to the Parish Council for financial assistance with this. A further £1,500 - £1,700 will be needed for low level fencing to mark the edge of the car park.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	6,549.50
Business Money Manager Account		26,758.94
	£	33,308.44

Credits to the Account this Month

Allotment Receipts 76-85	£	224.00
Allotment Receipt 86		19.00
	£	243.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Zurich Insurance Company	£	723.38
Sports Turf Services – Rec Centre		550.62
Cllr Peter Whitfield – gazebo		89.98
Yorkshire Water – allotments		21.56
P D Greenwell – expenses		123.50
P D Greenwell – salary		435.53
	£	1,944.57

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

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Risk Assessment

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14 July at 7.30 pm. Interim meeting of the Planning Committee –
Wednesday 24 June 2009 in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.15 pm.
Roads and Footpaths Committee –Wednesday 8 July at 7.30 pm in the Howell
Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed Date