

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
14th JULY 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE 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 C TOWNSEND
 COUNCILLOR A TRAVENA
 COUNCILLOR G WAITE
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Cllr P Healey **City of York Council**
 Mrs Kate Thomlinson
 Mr Nigel Brown
 Mrs Una Dalton

Before the business of the Meeting began Mrs Thomlinson thanked the Parish Council for the grant of £500 for the Good Companions.

Mrs Una Dalton gave an update on the attempts of residents in the Temple Lane area to secure some level of bus service for that part of the village. A letter received from Terry Walker, CYC, giving two possible options has been discussed by residents. They favour the second option, which will provide a bus service on 2 days a week (previously 3) and seek the support of the Parish Council, which was given. Cllr Healey also feels that this is the better option for our residents. Responses need to be sent by 27 July, costings will be done during August and the decision will be made by the Executive Member on 3 September.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs M Taylor.

2. DECLATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday 9 June 2009**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Travena. **SECONDED** by Cllr Stericker. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The Internal Audit is complete and the Annual Return has been sent to the External Auditors, Mazars in Southampton.

The War Memorial has been cleaned, and a working party organised to paint the railings in due course.

Further documents re the Local Development Framework are received.

The Title Deeds to the Burial Ground have been located. A reply from Harlands, Solicitors, to our enquiry re the Title Deeds to the Village Greens is awaited.

Regrettably, it appears that we can make no further progress with regard to the shopping centre car park.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE REPORT

The incidence of crime in Copmanthorpe is down by 31% in June.

Underage youths were seen drinking outside the Co-op on 20 June, and on Moor Lane on 27 June. Members of the travelling community have been selling manure door to door.

6. WARD COMMITTEE

A vote of thanks to Cllr Healey for all his work on the Temple Lane bus service.

The Consultation into the proposed new Park and Ride site is ongoing.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Cyclists Touring Club (North Yorkshire) sends us a copy of its response to the Park and Ride consultation.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals are received for 5 Temple Lane, and the extension to the Methodist Church.

Two copies of the latest LDF documents were given out for circulation.

Our comments on these are required by 28 August. The Planning Committee to discuss at its meeting on 29 July and bring a suggested response to the August meeting of the Parish Council.

The CPRE asks for our views on the possible development of the Green Belt

Land around the village. To be discussed by the Planning Committee as above.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Minutes of the Meeting held 8 July have been circulated. Stephen Hotley is now the CYC officer responsible for dealing with footpath overgrowth. The criteria for action are that two people should be able to pass each other without one having to step into the road. Where it is felt that this is not possible, the Clerk will write in the first instance. If there has been no action within two weeks of the date of this letter, Mr Hotley will inspect and if he thinks the overgrowth is unacceptable he will write to the occupants. If there is still no action he will arrange for the overgrowth to be cut back and send an invoice to the occupants. Members are asked to bring a note of any offending trees/hedges to the next Meeting.

Cllr Parker noted that The Link is still flooding when there is significant rainfall. This is on the list for action, but it appears that there is a collapsed drain.

A complaint has been received regarding the condition of the front of a house in Waggoners Drive. The Parish Council has no powers to act but the Clerk Clerk will reply to the complainant.

c) Finance

Nothing to report.

9. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

One of the possible Co-optees has withdrawn, and a letter of application is still awaited from the other. Defer to next month.

10. SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK

A summary of the situation has been previously circulated. The reduction to 21 parking spaces is unacceptable to Croft Developments and regrettably there is no way forward. The Parish Council will however continue to liaise with Croft Developments.

11. REGISTRATION OF LAND

No response has yet been received from Harlands, Solicitors. The Clerk to pursue.

Clerk

12. BUS SERVICES

Residents have replied to the letter from Terry Walker. We must now await the decision of the Executive Member.

13. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION

Cllrs Whitfield and Parker, and the Clerk, had attended a meeting of Haxby Town Council Planning Committee to see how they run their meetings electronically. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that we apply to Awards for All (part of the Lottery) for a grant of £1500 to purchase the necessary equipment. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend.

Cllr Bell the PROPOSED that, as we can apply for a maximum of £2,000, we make application for this amount in order to purchase a spare laptop. Cllrs Mrs Stones and Mrs Townsend voted against what they feel is unnecessary additional expenditure of public money. ALL OTHER CLLRS IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that we apply for sufficient funds to purchase one laptop (plus the necessary screen and projector). SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. No other Councillors IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The proposed document, together with a summary document, has been circulated by email. The risks facing the Parish Council have been addressed and assessed. Cllr Travena PROPOSED a small management team consisting of Cllrs Bowen, Stericker, Parker and himself to keep the document under constant review. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. The first meeting to be arranged for the first week in August. The Clerk also to be part of this group.

Cllr Travena PROPOSED that the Parish Council accept the document as our Risk Assessment. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Travena PROPOSED that a "Members only" section be set up on our website to aid communication between councillors. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

15. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

It was suggested that we apply for funding towards the proposed Christmas Lights, and additional land for use as allotments.

16. CARNIVAL

Mr Martin Pickard estimates that there were approx. 4,000 visitors to the Carnival this year. The amount of money raised is not yet known.

17. GARDENING COMPETITION

Cllr Mrs Townsend circulated a report.

18. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllrs Whitfield and Stericker had met with representatives of the Bradford City Council Festival of Lights, and subsequently with Ricky Watson, CYC Street Lighting Engineer. If a decision is taken to proceed with decorations on the street lights, CYC will pay for the cost of the electricity but the Parish Council will have to pay for the installation of the spurs at £125 each, the timer and the erection of the lights.

After a lengthy discussion Cllr Waite PROPOSED that we spend £6,000 this year to light the trees on Memorial Green, and the lamp standards in the area of the Royal Oak, the shops, the Doctor's surgery and the butchers. The cost for subsequent years will be £3,000 per year. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. 5 IN FAVOUR. Cllr Mrs Townsend AGAINST. Cllrs Parker ABSTAINED. Cllr Mrs Stones ABSTAINED due to her concerns about lack of consultation with residents..

19. BUSINESS SIGNAGE

It was agreed that the advertising signage on the outside front wall of the post office is undesirable. However the banners on the Fox and Hounds and the Royal Oak are very much out of date and Cllr Waite PROPOSED that the Clerk write, asking that they be removed. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

20. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting had been held.

21. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	5,064.41
Business Money Manager Account		26,758.94
	£	31,823.35

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Wallace – 2 x burial plots	£	500.00
	£	500.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Dean Landscapes Ltd	£	660.10
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services		250.00
Npower – burial ground		143.04
John Foxton – garden competition judge		100.00
Cllr P Whitfield – waterproofing for gazebos		18.99
P D Greenwell – expenses		234.85
P D Greenwell – salary		435.53
Petty Cash		30.00
	£	1,872.51

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield.
SECONDED by Cllr Travena. ALL IN FAVOUR.

22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Footpath overgrowth.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed Date