

**A MEETING OF THE ROADS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE was held on
WEDNESDAY, 8th JULY 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR S STERICKER** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR B BELL
 COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
 COUNCILLOR A TRAVENA
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor G Waite

- 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 7th April 2009**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Whitfield. **SECONDED** by Cllr Bell. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

3. ONGOING ISSUES

Main Street Lighting Ricky Watson, CYC Lighting Engineer, is investigating the possibility of a light near to the Royal Oak, and whether or not there is a supply of electricity available. The light at Dykes Lane has been connected.

Fox and Hounds boundary fence It would appear that there is nothing which can be done to oblige the landlord to erect a proper and suitable fence.

New Moor Lane litter sign Will be erected soon.

Top Lane post box The box has been moved to its new location.

Burial Ground shed Cllrs Bowen, Stericker, Parker and the Clerk have cleared out much of the old archive material stored in the Howell Hall, with a view to moving some of the material held in the burial ground store room into the Howell Hall.

Road Repairs Patching at Merchant Way has been done. On St Giles Way a 20m long stretch is to be cut and relaid kerb to kerb.

Litter Picking The snickets were picked a few weeks ago.

Flaxman Croft sign in Merchant Way The responsibility for this has moved from one person to another within CYC, and an order has been raised to remove it.

Shopping Centre Car Park Cllrs Bowen, Stericker and the Clerk have met with

Mrs Sue Spence of Croft Developments, owners of the car park, and informed her of the position regarding the best practice guidelines resulting in a proposed reduction in the number of parking spaces, to 21, that would be required as part of the proposed plan drawn up by CYC. This would be unacceptable, and the Parish Council cannot pay for the resurfacing of the whole of the car park. Regrettably, therefore, there is no way forward.

Allotments taps The Clerk has arranged for the trenches for the two additional taps to be dug by unpaid community workers, through the Probation Service, on 12 and 13 August. CYC will then install the taps.

Allotments inspection There is only one allotment in a poor condition. The tenant has made a start on improvements, and does not wish to give it up. He has stated that he will remove broken glass, resulting from the demolition of a greenhouse, in the autumn. Cllr Travena PROPOSED that a letter be sent to the tenant stating that if the allotment is not in good order at the time of the next inspection, a notice to quit will be issued. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. Cllr Bowen ABSTAINED. FOUR IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Bell suggested that one plot be split into smaller sections and made available for children, and that the next plot to become vacant should be halved. Cllr Bowen cautioned against rushing into this kind of change.

Tadcaster Road Link – speeding and litter Speed checks are to be carried out by the police. The road is scheduled to be swept on a regular basis.

War Memorial cleaning This has been done. Cllr Bowen has asked a small group of volunteers to paint the railings with black hammerite.

Temple Lane footpath extension The City of York Council has replied that the Scheme, estimated to cost about £250k, has a very low Value for Money score, since there have been no accidents. Cllr Stericker circulated a summary to Members dated 14 May. The footpath cannot therefore be extended to run between the two sections of housing at the present time or in the foreseeable future.

4. NEW ISSUES

Christmas lights Cllr Whitfield reported on costings. To illuminate the three trees on Memorial Green this year will cost £1,650. To put lights on the lamp posts in the central sector of the village (the area around St Giles Church and the Royal Oak) will cost £4,250 this year. The costs will reduce in subsequent years. Cllr Bell PROPOSED that a Recommendation to spend this money be put to the full Parish Council. SECONDED by Cllr Travena.

Parking on Footpaths An article has appeared in the Newsletter asking residents not to park on footpaths, and giving contact details to report offending vehicles to the Police.

Footpath and snicket overgrowth Cllrs Bowen and Stericker have cut back the brambles growing over the footpath on the railway bridge. Dean Landscapes have trimmed all the snickets. Cllr Whitfield has drafted a notice re footpath overgrowth to be sent to offending residents. However we have an agreement with CYC that they will pursue offenders, and they have powers to serve notices instructing residents to cut back overgrowth and, if they do not, CYC will do the work and send them an invoice. Cllr Stericker is to confirm arrangements and criteria with CYC. Members are asked to report problems in their own areas.

Graffiti in Reygate Grove This has been reported to CYC who will inspect.

Whistlers Close A broken tree stake has been reported to CYC.

Colton Lane end junction Vegetation has been cut back as far as possible.

Back Lane/Moor Lane Trees have been damaged.

Temple Lane Bedding has been dumped.

Temple Lane Copmanthorpe and Acaster Malbis name signs have been demolished by a vehicle. The matter has been reported to CYC, ref.10238920, who are to inspect and report.

Main Street The drain outside Templars Court, opposite the garage, is blocked and has been reported to CYC, ref. 10237673.

Carnival A number of matters were raised by residents: Parking around Ploughmans/Whistlers Close by trainspotters has been reported to the police, PCSO Louise Scott will make contact with complainant. (The Link is similar – Cllr Whitfield will report to the police); the Air Ambulance would like to put a clothing recycling facility in the village (Cllr Whitfield to consult with the Recreation Centre). No action is to be taken at this time regarding the silver birch tree at the end of Yorkfield Way.

5. MEMBERS REPORTS

Nothing further to report.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6 October 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed Date