

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 11  
AUGUST 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR D BOWEN</b>	<b>Chairman</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>Mrs P D Greenwell</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
	<b>Councillor P Healey</b>	<b>City of York Council</b>
	<b>Mr Paul Horsman</b>	<b>Resident</b>

Before the business of the meeting began Mr Paul Horsman of 4 Moor Lane expressed his concerns at the numbers of vehicles regularly parked outside Copmanthorpe Motors and spreading up to, and beyond, his property on the same side of Moor Lane. Not only does this affect his visibility when leaving his driveway, but it also makes it impossible for the road to be swept or the gullies cleared out. When vehicles are parked half on the footpath it is impossible for the grass verge to be cut. Cllr Stericker explained that, whilst the Parish Council understands and sympathises with this problem, we have no powers to force the garage to take action, and that Mr Horsman should contact the police with the registration numbers of the vehicles involved. These can be the vehicles of either staff or customers of the garage. If the vehicles are causing an obstruction the police can take action.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr B Bell  
Cllr A Travena

The Chairman noted that last month's meeting had been a difficult one, and reminded Councillors that they should always address their comments through the Chairman and not indulge in cross table discussion.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 14 July 2009**, have been circulated and various amendments suggested by councillors not present this evening. Cllr Waite **PROPOSED** that these be discussed at the September meeting of the Parish Council

and signing of the minutes was accordingly deferred until then.  
SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

#### **4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

There has been only once incident this month – criminal damage to a car in Barons Crescent.

Cllr Mrs Stones stated that a white van collecting goods donated to Martin House Hospice had been driving extremely fast, and she had reported this to Martin House. The driver was not an employee or representative of Martin House. There have been similar instances of speeding in Flaxman Croft, and residents are asked to contact the police who will send a Speeding Report form.

#### **5. RURAL WEST WARD**

Responses to the proposed amendments to the no. 21 bus service have been received by CYC from Temple Lane residents, and the Clerk has had an acknowledgement of her letter in support of their preferences.

The next Ward Team Meeting will take place on 25 August, and there is to be a public meeting in Poppleton on 18 August to discuss the new Park and Ride site at the A59.

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**CYC** informs us that Elvington Airfield's Appeal has been dismissed because the Noise Abatement Notice was incorrectly drafted.

**CYC** informs us that its Statement of Licensing Policy is to be considered in November/December. The Parish Council has no comment to make.

**NALC** informs us that the Department for Communities and Local Government has produced a consultation paper "Strengthening Local Democracy". The Parish Council has no comment to make.

**MENCAP** asks for a donation towards the services it provides in the York area. The policy of the Parish Council is not to give donations of this kind to charities serving the wider community outside the village of Copmanthorpe.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

Approvals are received for applications at 11 Tadcaster Road, 22 Sawyers Crescent, 19 Horseman Avenue (after 5 revised drawings), 35 Sawyers Crescent and land behind pond off Drome Road to Foss Nook. An application at 3 School Lane has been refused.

The Local Development Framework documents have been discussed by the Planning Committee and a draft letter in response circulated to all Parish Councillors. A number of other points were made by Councillors present and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Taylor and the Clerk would revise the letter taking into account these comments.

Clerk/Cllr  
Mrs Taylor

### b) Roads and Footpaths

The Flaxman Croft sign on Merchant Way has been removed. Ownership of the recently demolished Copmanthorpe sign on Temple Lane is under investigation. The Clerk has had communication from the new Clerk to Acaster Malbis PC, who own their sign which was demolished in the same incident. The possibility of sharing a structure to accommodate both signs will be investigated.

Slurry sealing of footpaths on Flaxman Croft and certain roads leading from there will take place week commencing 10 August.

Re-surfacing of St Giles Way at its junction with Main Street will also take place very soon.

The Link will be inspected this week in respect of flooding.

A damaged tree stake on Whistler Close play area is to be replaced.

Graffiti is to be removed from the Reygate Grove/Low Green snicket.

### c) Finance

No meeting has been held.

## 8. REGISTRATION OF LAND

The whereabouts of the Title Deeds to the Burial Ground have been located. However, those to the Village Greens have yet to be found. The Clerk to write to Bromets, Solicitors representing the Lady of the Manor, as the Clerk believes they may be able to help.

Clerk

## **9. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION**

Following the meeting last month, the application for funding to purchase the necessary equipment is in the course of preparation. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that a new scanner/printer be purchased, instead of a second laptop computer. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## **10. RISK ASSESSMENT**

The first meeting of the Management Group was held last week. A number of amendments to the document were discussed and agreed. Cllr Travena to Cllr circulate the revised document. Travena

## **11. RURAL ARTS PROJECT**

We have received confirmation that the mosaic on the wall of the Annexe Cafe has been nominated to receive a York Community Pride Award. We have been given one complimentary ticket to the Awards Ceremony to be held at York Racecourse on 22 October. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Townsend should use this ticket. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that the Parish Council should fund two additional tickets at £35 plus VAT each for the Clerk and Mr Nigel White of the Scout Group to attend. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. The information to be passed to Cllr Mrs Mr White for names of anyone else wishing to attend at their own expense. Townsend

## **12. WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that the Parish Council consider developing a wildflower meadow. It is acknowledged that there would be much work involved in finding a piece of land, and securing funding, possibly from the Cllr Mrs Ward Committee. SECONDED by Cllr Waite. ALL IN FAVOUR. Townsend

## **13. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

It now appears that the street lighting columns in the central area of the village are not suitable for carrying the kind of lights previously proposed. Cllr Whitfield therefore PROPOSED that only the trees on Memorial Green be illuminated this year. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**14. BUSINESS SIGNAGE**

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that the Clerk ask the Conservation Officer to consider whether the advertising signs on shops in the Conservation Area are acceptable. SECONDED by Cllr Waite. ALL IN FAVOUR. The Clerk also to ask the Royal Oak and Fox and Hounds to remove their out-of-date banners.

Clerk

**15. RECREATION CENTRE**

Cllr Mrs Stones and the Clerk had accompanied Mr Martin Pickard to the Opening of the Play Area at Elvington, which has been funded by Play Builder monies. Mr Pickard has subsequently met with Beth Cooper, an Officer of CYC, to progress proposals for the Recreation Centre. A session for local children to discuss what they would like under this Scheme is to be held at the Recreation Centre on 24 August, 3.00 – 6.00 pm, and a questionnaire for parents has been devised.

**16. ACCOUNTS****Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	3,191.90
Business Money Manager Account		26,763.61
	£	29,955.51

## Credits to the Account this Month

Interest on Business Money Manager Account	£	4.67
	£	4.67

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

Dean Landscapes Ltd	£	330.05
P D Greenwell – expenses		405.43
P D Greenwell – salary		435.53
Petty Cash		30.00
	£	1,201.01

ACTION

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

**17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Floral displays in front of village name signs.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 8 September at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a Meeting of the  
Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.  
Interim meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday, 26 August  
at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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