

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 13th
OCTOBER 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES
 COUNCILLOR G WAITE
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor B Bell
Councillor Mrs M Taylor
Councillor Mrs C Townsend
Councillor A Travena

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday 8 September 2009, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Stericker. **SECONDED** by Cllr. Parker. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

Mr Edward Bromet, solicitor for the Lady of the Manor, is having difficulty locating the archived material needed to respond to our enquiry about Registration of the Village Greens. His further response is awaited.

The application form to Awards for All for funding to purchase equipment for electronic planning consultation has been sent off. However the Clerk has heard that Rufforth Parish Council's application for funding for this has been refused. It was agreed that nothing further could be done until we receive a response from Awards for All.

The Annual Return for 2008/09 has been returned by Mazars, our External Auditors, who had found everything to be in order.

The Clerk has arranged a meeting at the allotments next Thursday morning to finalise arrangements for the additional taps.

The Horticultural Society has been asked to consider creating small flower beds in front of the three village name signs, however they feel that this is too big a project for them to take on. Due to the difficulties of maintenance, watering etc. it was decided not to pursue this project.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

September has been a quiet month – one theft from a garden in Sutor Close on 7th September, and one burglary in Coopers Drive on 27th September.

Cllr Mrs Stones has been informed that there has been a slight resurgence of trouble in the Low Green area, with drinking and anti-social behaviour in the early hours of the morning.

There is also concern about the numbers of young people riding bicycles without lights. The Clerk to put a note in the Newsletter about this.

6. RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Cllr Healey had nothing to report and therefore was not present. Cllrs Bowen, Stericker, Mrs Stones and the Clerk had attended the Ward meeting last week. The meeting was largely devoted to the new Park and Ride on the A59, however Cllr Stericker took the opportunity to convey this Parish Council's dismay about the lack of response to our concerns about the proposed extension to the Askham Bar Park and Ride, and particularly our request that they consider the provision of a footbridge across Tadcaster Road for students from the College crossing over to Tesco. We were not informed of the date of the Planning Committee meeting when this application would have been discussed, but it has now received approval.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

CYC Head of Design, Conservation and Sustainable Development has asked both Conservation Officers and Enforcement Officers to look at business signage in the centre of the village.

Terry Walker, CYC Public Transport Planner confirms the new and temporary timetable arrangements for the Number 21 bus, which will be effective for a period of six months from 23 November.

Vitalise, a charity supporting disabled people and their carers, asks for financial support. However, it is customary for this Parish Council only to support organisations within the village.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals have been received for 7 Thatchers Croft, 25 Drome Road and 34 Barons Crescent. An application at 48 Top Lane has been withdrawn.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Minutes of the Roads and Footpaths Committee meeting held on 6th October have been circulated. Since that meeting:

A power source has been located to serve an additional street light outside the Royal Oak.

Two extra volunteers have been found for the litter pick on 14th November. Cllr Mrs Stones has tried and will continue to contact Persimmons with a view to them staking the tree on Whistlers Close. If this can't be done, the Clerk will ask our contractor to attend to this.

Cllr Stericker has arranged to meet the Clerk to Acaster Malbis PC on 19 October to progress the new name signs on Temple Lane.

Yorkshire Water are checking The Link for flooding problems.

The New Moor Lane sign is still pointing towards the allotments.

The bench planter will be sited on the grassed area opposite the former post office.

An overgrowing hedge on Church Street has been cut back.

A fallen sign at the shopping centre has been reported to CYC.

A request is received for an inspection of the allotments as some are in need of attention. The Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

c) Finance

Cllr Parker will be arranging a meeting for preliminary discussions of applications for grant aid.

9. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION

The Parish Council is now registered with CYC for electronic consultation on planning applications, and this appears to be working.

10. RISK ASSESSMENT

No report as Cllr Travena not present. However Councillors are asked to look out for anything in the village which they feel may belong to the Parish Council, for inclusion in our Assets Register.

All
Cllrs**11. POWER OF WELL BEING**

The Clerk had previously circulated a report on training in the Power of Well Being which she has recently undertaken. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should take steps to be eligible to use this, and the Clerk is to enquire about the possibility of arranging for the necessary training for Councillors, possibly with neighbouring parishes.

Clerk

12. PLAYBUILDER SCHEME

The Service Level Agreement has not yet been signed by the Recreation Centre. The Chairman will contact Martin Pickard to progress this quickly.

Cllr
Bowen

Beth Cooper, the CYC Officer dealing with this Scheme, is happy with the progress being made so far.

13. RURAL ARTS PROJECT- GREETINGS CARD

Cllr Townsend not present, therefore no report. However the Clerk has obtained costings from a local resident, who could produce blank cards at a very competitive price. Further information is needed from Cllr Townsend, and from those organisations who might wish to sell the cards, before a decision can be taken. Clerk/
Cllr Townsend

14. FLORAL DISPLAYS AT VILLAGE NAME SIGNS

It was AGREED not to pursue this (see item 4, above).

15. WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Cllr Townsend not present, therefore no report.

16. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk has placed the order for the lights, which should be delivered next week. Quotations for putting the lights into the trees and getting the electricity supply from St Giles Church, and also from the lamppost outside the Old Vicarage, are being sought. The Church Warden, Mr Phil Warman, does not think there will be any problem about the Church paying for the power.

It was agreed that we will not have a Christmas tree in the Churchyard this year.

17. WEBSITE

Cllr Whitfield has found it very difficult to set up a Members Only area on the website without purchasing additional software at a cost of approx. £250. Councillors were very unsure that the benefits would justify the cost, and Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that a final decision on whether or not to proceed be deferred until next month. SECONDED by Cllr Waite. ALL IN FAVOUR.

18. RECREATION CENTRE

No further report.

19. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	13,582.13
Business Money Manager Account		26,763.61
	£	40,345.74

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Dorothy Ellis	£	375.00
Re: Wayne Robert Wilkinson		125.00
Re: Community Awards dinner		103.50
	£	603.50

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Dean Landscapes Ltd	£	660.10
Newsquest – re Community Awards dinner		178.25
Npower – re burial ground		40.60
P D Greenwell – expenses		44.60
P D Greenwell – salary		454.69
	£	1,378.24

The second half of the Annual Precept in the sum of £12,377.50 has been received.

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

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Website, Risk Assessment, Wildflower Meadow.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th November 2009 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Interim Planning Committee Meeting 28th October in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.15 pm.

Finance Committee – date to be advised.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed Date

