

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
9th FEBRUARY 2010 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR B BELL
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON
 COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Mr Nigel Browne **Resident**

Before the business of the Meeting began Cllr Bowen declared an Interest in the matter upon which Mr Nigel Brown, representing the Churches Holiday Club, wished to speak. Cllr Stericker, in the Chair, explained that Mr Browne wished to speak about Ward Committee funding. Mr Brown feels that this has been very much weighted in favour of Poppleton this year, however Cllr Stericker explained that Copmanthorpe has had more than its fair share of Ward funding over the past three years. Mr Brown feels that more should be done to alert residents of the availability of this funding, and how and when they should apply. Cllr Stericker noted that the Ward Newsletters, which all residents receive, do give information about this.

Mr Brown thanked the Parish Council for its grant of £250 for the Holiday Club for the coming year, and has asked Cllr Healey if it is too late to apply to the Ward Committee.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor D Carr
Councillor A Travena
Councillor P Whitfield
Councillor P Healey

City of York Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. YOUTH COUNCILS

No report.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 12 January 2010**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting, after it was noted that Cllr Stericker, rather than Cllr Whitfield, who had proposed that the Christmas lights be switched on again in February. PROPOSED by Cllr Simpson. SECONDED by Cllr Bell.

5. **NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

There has been a significant reduction in crime across the Ward over the past few months. In Copmanthorpe there has been one burglary from a garage, and also the theft of a safe from one of the shops.

PCSO Louise Scott has left the team and is now working in Acomb. She has been replaced by Elle Mackenzie, who is currently in training and will commence work in approx. 2 weeks.

6. **WARD COMMITTEE**

Cllrs Bowen, Stericker, Whitfield and Mrs Townsend, and the Clerk, had attended the recent Ward meeting in Rufforth. Our application for money towards the Christmas lights (£1,500), as well as £600 for an additional litter bin on Low Green, were on the list of approved schemes. A representative from the Highways Department of CYC informed the meeting that there are reserves available in their funds to meet the cost of road gritting during the recent bad weather, therefore this will not have to come from increased council tax.

Cllr Simpson PROPOSED that the Parish Council write a letter to Mr Nigel Browne in support of the Holiday Scheme's late application, to Cllr Paul Healey, for funding. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. Clerk

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The **Senior Environmental Protection Officer, CYC** informs us that they are continuing to receive complaints about noisy events at Elvington Airfield. They have served Noise Abatement Notices, which have been appealed. This noise is not audible in Copmanthorpe, so the Parish Council cannot Comment further..

We are informed of a public meeting in the Priory Street Centre on 12 February to discuss the possibility of reducing the speed limit on all residential streets in York to 20 mph. This is part of a national campaign.

ACTION

Marshalls give information on how their products can be used to comply with legislation on hard surfacing of garden areas to provide additional car parking. Passed to the Planning Committee.

The **Copmanthorpe branch of the WI** thanks the Parish Council for the grant of £2,631, and informs us of a number of forthcoming events in celebration of its 85th anniversary in Comanthorpe.

A copy of a letter of objection to the Street Fair to Mr Tim Piper from **Mr and Mrs Gorton, 3 Croft Farm Close** is received. Mr Piper has spoken to the Licensing Department at CYC who have told him that one objection is insufficient to prevent an event taking place. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to support the organisers of the Street Fair if they are asked to do so.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals are received for the Recreation Centre (Playbuilder scheme), 46 Top Lane, 14 Manor Heath, 35 Bowyers Close (works to an oak tree) and Walnut Lodge, Station Road (felling of a pine tree).

b) Roads and Footpaths

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 2 February 2010 had been circulated.

The promised quote from Ricky Watson, CYC, for an electricity supply to the Christmas lights on Memorial Green, and to the additional street light opposite the Royal Oak, is still awaited.

Cllr Stericker **PROPOSED** that we proceed with the transfer of archive material from the burial ground building to the Howell Hall at a cost, for shelving, fireproof storage etc, of approx. £750. **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Taylor. **ALL IN FAVOUR**. There is space in the attic for our larger items, and Brian Bell (Carpets) has offered to supply and fit new flooring at no cost.

A list of potholes has been sent to Cllr Healey. Main roads and bus routes will take priority and we have had no indication as to how soon potholes in Copmanthorpe will be attended to.

After some discussion, and a vote, it was decided that the lights on Memorial Green would not be relit this month. (2 IN FAVOUR, 3 AGAINST, 1 ABSTENTION).

Three quotes have been requested to rebuild the name sign on Temple Lane.

ACTION

One so far received, from David Steel - £580

Yorkshire Water deny responsibility for the pothole on Westfield Lane. The Clerk has written to CYC stating that they have riparian responsibility as the drain runs underneath their land. As the principal local authority they must take responsibility on grounds of public safety.

c) Finance

No report.

9. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman had circulated an advisory note on these meetings. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 16 March, and the this year's recipients of grants have been invited. The police will also be informed of the date.
Clerk

The AGM will be in May. Cllr Bowen will not stand for re-election as Chairman, but will be happy to serve as Vice-Chairman if asked. The current Vice-Chairman, Cllr Stericker, will not be standing for election as Chairman.

10. GARDEN COMPETITION

The first meeting to discuss this year's competition will be held on 25 February. It is agreed that payment for the judge will be £50 per evening.

11. ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

Mr Stuart Watts, a resident of Manor Heath, has met with representatives of Askham Bryan College who have said that they are willing to attend a Parish Council meeting, and help us with any maintenance issues or voluntary work within their sphere. They have been given contact details for the Carnival, and the Newsletter. Cllr Whitfield is liaising with Mr Watts. It may be useful to invite representatives of Askham Bryan and Askham Richard Parish Councils to a meeting with the College representatives.

12. QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS

After some discussion it was RESOLVED to hold the matter of re-accreditation in abeyance for the time being.

13. WEBSITE

No report. Cllr Mrs Taylor will take photographs of new Councillors in Mrs due course. Cllr Taylor

14. WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Nothing to report at the present time.

15. PLAYBUILDER SCHEME

Three copies of the Service Level Agreement are with Mr Martin Pickard. He will sign on behalf of the Recreation Centre, and one copy will be returned to the Parish Council.

16. RECREATION CENTRE

It has been proposed that a small part of the monies raised at the Carnival be used to reduce the annual fees charged to the various sports groups. An insurance claim against the Recreation Centre by the owner of a vehicle which was damaged whilst parked on the Rec car park is ongoing. The date of the Carnival may change this year, as it will clash with the quarter finals of the football World Cup. Alternatively, it may start earlier in the day.

17. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	5,592.05
Business Money Manager Account		26,772.95
	£	32,365.00

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Ann Wood	£	80.00
Re: Margaret Hall		30.00
Interest on Business Money Manager Account		4.67

ACTION

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Branches Out tree surgeons – installation of Christmas lights	£	200.00
Cllr Brian Bell – gravel for War Memorial		50.46
YLCA – training for Cllr Brian Bell		35.00
Yorkshire Water – allotments		32.74
CPRE – subscriptions		29.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		26.53
P D Greenwell – expenses		31.82
P D Greenwell – salary		516.42
	£	921.97

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

18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Data Protection Act
Garden Competition
Wildflower Meadow
Action Review
Youth Councils
Ainsty Group

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th March 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
Interim Planning Committee meeting – Wednesday, 24th February 2010 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.