

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

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR B BELL
 COUNCILLOR D CARR
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON
 COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
 COUNCILLOR A TRAVENA
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Mr Joe Armer **York Youth Council**
 Miss Alice Carty **York Youth Council**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor P Healey

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. YOUTH COUNCILS

Mr Armer explained that the York Youth Council are trying to raise money to provide a place in the city centre for young people to meet at the weekends, and during the school holidays, and a similar venture had attracted up to 80 people per evening. They need to raise £60,000 for a 3 year lease from a private landlord. Fund raising from various sources is ongoing, and they have £6,000 from Yorkash. Rawcliffe and Poppleton parish councils have also pledged to help.

Mr Armer and Miss Carty answered a number of questions from Councillors and, after they left the meeting, Cllr Travena PROPOSED that we pledge our support to the project and ask them to let us have a more detailed proposal when they have it. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 9th February 2010, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting, after Cllr Whitfield pointed out that he had not in fact been liaising with Mr Stuart Watts on the matter of Askham Bryan College.

PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker.
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

The vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr Mrs Stones has been advertised, and there are currently two potential candidates.

A letter of support for the Holiday Club has been sent to Mr Nigel Brown, with a copy to Cllr Paul Healey.

A resident of Low Green has sent a letter of objection to the Street Fair to CYC.

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Clerk has sent a letter of support to the organisers of the Fair, and we are informed that CYC will not withhold permission for the necessary road closure on the basis of a single objection.

The Copmanthorpe sign on Temple Lane has now been reinstated by CYC, and the Parish Council will not be pursuing a claim against the offending driver.

Correspondence about the hole on Westfield Lane is ongoing.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Ella Smith has now joined the team.

There have been 2 thefts, as well as the theft of a trailer and theft of lead from the roof of the Methodist Church. Also, holes have been made in the roof of the Co-op.

7. ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

Following email correspondence between the College and Mr Stuart Watts of Manor Heath, the College has been given information about the Carnival and the Newsletter. Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that we meet with representatives of the College to progress matters. SECONDED by Cllr Simpson. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor, with Mr Watts, make arrangements to visit the College to discuss how best the students could become more involved in the village community. We need to find out what they are willing to do, and make suggestions as to how they might help to maintain and improve the natural environment in the village
Cllrs Taylor & Whitfield.

8. RURAL WEST YORK

The Ward has a surplus of funds for this year, and has agreed to give £1,000 to the Holiday Club, and £108 to Askham Richard Parish Council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) inform us of their work. Perhaps we could use them in the relation to the Wildflower Meadow, or similar projects. Passed to Cllrs Stericker and Mrs Townsend.

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals have been received for Birchwood House Farm (holiday lets only), and Bluebell Cottage, Orchard Garth.

b) Roads and Footpaths

We are informed that to install a permanent electricity supply to Memorial Green for the Christmas lights, from the light outside the Old Vicarage and across the Green, will cost £1,150. Cllr Stericker **PROPOSED** that we accept this quote. **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Taylor. **ALL IN FAVOUR**.

To install a street light outside the Royal Oak will be approx. £1,000. Councillors **AGREED** to accept this quote.

It had not been possible to commence work in the storage room at the Howell Hall on the date agreed, and a new date is being sought. Cllr Stericker has purchased decorating materials at a cost of £34.44, and it was **AGREED** that this be reimbursed. Heavy duty racking, a 4 drawer filing cabinet and some cupboards have yet to be purchased, but will be approx. £740. Cllr Bowen will liaise with Cllrs Bell, Stericker, Simpson and Carr with regard to a Cllr commencement date.
Bowen

A list of potholes has been passed to Cllr Healey, and CYC have made a start on the worst ones.

The bridge and sign on Temple Lane have been repaired.

A complaint has been received about litter in the Low Green/Wheelwright Close footpath. CPRE (Stop the Drop campaign) has more villages signed up and a meeting with Russell Stone, CYC, is to be arranged.

The Clerk has asked John Gospel to mend the fence at the Burial Ground, and this will be done when the land dries out. Mr Dean has also been asked to stake the tree in Whistlers Close.

CYC have been notified of hazardous metal posts by the Reygate Grove sign.

A reminder about dog fouling has appeared in the Newsletter.

Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that four trees in Horseman Lane be illuminated next Christmas. This was agreed in principle, subject to discussions with Ricky Watson (CYC), and prices from Electrotest and Branches Out (who had worked on the lights on Memorial Green). We will also get information and advice from YLCA about the possibility of putting lights in trees which R&F are in private ownership. Cttee

c) Finance

We are informed by CYC that the charge for a Band A property next year will be £9.57, rising to £28.70 for a Band H property. Copmanthorpe's precept is the 11th lowest out of 31 parishes in the CYC area.

11. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The agenda as drafted by the Clerk is agreed, with the addition of an item on the Christmas lights.

12. GARDEN COMPETITION

The first meeting of the Committee has taken place. A downloadable Clerk/Cllr entry form will be put on the website, and the form will also be published Whitfield in the May Newsletter.

The categories and prizes will be as last year, the name of the judge is yet to be confirmed. Cllr Mrs Townsend is working on publicity posters.

13. DATA PROTECTION

The YLCA have confirmed, in the White Rose Update, that we need to register under the Data Protection Act. The Clerk to investigate how we must proceed, but it is believed that the registration fee will be £35.
Clerk

14. ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

It was agreed that these should be an agenda item each month, and should be noted on the minutes.
Clerk

15. WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Cllrs Mrs Taylor and Mrs Townsend have had a look at a site off Drome Road, and are receiving help from the Archaeological Society.

16. PLAYBUILDER PROJECT

Work will begin as soon as possible. The contractor is Danby, and works access is to be controlled by the Recreation Centre to ensure that there is no damage to the cricket square. Mr Martin Pickard has now signed the Service Level Agreement on behalf of the Recreation Centre, and will pass a copy to the Clerk.

17. RECREATION CENTRE

Recently there has been a problem with youths playing football on the car park. A “No Ball Games” sign is to be erected on the gable end of the club house. The parents of the youths responsible for damaging the light have repaired it at their own expense.

The bank balance is currently around £55,500, but much of this is spoken for, including £5,500 for the fencing of the boundary with Fairfax Croft, work on which is to start this week.

The Carnival will be on 3rd July, possibly starting at 11.00 am, to reduce the clash with the Football World Cup quarter finals. However there is to be a big screen outside for those who wish to watch the football.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	4,670.08
Business Money Manager Account		26,772.95
	£	31,443.03

There have been no credits to the Account this Month

Accounts to be Paid this Month

YLCA – subscription	£	690.00
St Giles Church – 2 x stalls for May Day Fair		40.00
P D Greenwell – salary		441.14
	£	1,171.14

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

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- May Day Street Fair
- Data Protection Act
- Coronation Cup
- Wildflower Meadow

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13th April 2010 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 p m. An interim meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, 31st March at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed Date

ACTIONS

- Askham Bryan College – Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor
- BCTV – Cllrs Stericker and Mrs Townsend
- Royal Oak light – Cllr Stericker
- Lights on Memorial Green – Cllrs Whitfield/Stericker and R&F Committee
- Howell Hall storage – Cllr Bowen
- Data Protection registration - Clerk