

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 13 JULY 2010 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:**            **COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD**                            **Chairman**  
                          **COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON**  
                          **COUNCILLOR B BELL**  
                          **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN**  
                          **COUNCILLOR D CARR**  
                          **COUNCILLOR D F PARKER**  
                          **COUNCILLOR S STERICKER**  
                          **COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR**  
                          **COUNCILLOR MRS M TOWNSEND**

**Mrs P D Greenwell**                                                    **Clerk**  
**Councillor P Healey**                                                **City of York Council**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor G Simpson  
Councillor A Travena

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010**, were accepted as a true and correct record of that Meeting, after it was noted that Item 5, Youths near Railway Line, should refer to Bishopthorpe Crossing, not Earfitt Crossing.

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

**4. CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk and Cllrs Whitfield and Bowen had walked round the village with Julie Hood, the new CYC Neighbourhood Management Officer for Rural West Ward. She is endeavouring to familiarise herself with all the villages in the Ward. Three letters and one email of support have been received for the proposed extension to the Christmas lights along Horseman Lane, following letters sent to residents. One of the allotment holders has asked for permission to keep some chickens on his allotment. It was agreed that this should be allowed, with the proviso that there be no more than 4, that they should be removed if they become troublesome to other allotment holders, and that this does not set any precedent.

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

There have been 2 reports of Cold Calling in the area, which is a decrease compared to last month. The police have set up 2 Cold Calling Controlled Zones with Trading Standards which

seems to have helped, but residents should be vigilant and report to the non emergency number if needed.

There were 4 reports of ASB in the form of text messages, Facebook messages and youths in the Social Club premises.

Also 1 report of a Road Traffic Collision, (RTC), whereby a vehicle reversed into a mobility scooter. There were no injuries sustained, and a witness obtained the vehicle's details. The driver of the vehicle is being dealt with.

The figures for Rural West have dropped by 10% to +18%.

## **6. ACTION REVIEW**

**Burial Ground** The Deeds have at last been located, in the archives of Ware & Kay, Solicitors, who will be asked to carry out the Registration of the burial ground and the allotments.

**Askham Bryan Student Cards in the Library** We are informed that anyone can join any library anywhere regardless of residence, provided they show ID.

## **7. FUTURE PROJECTS**

A list of proposed future projects has been circulated including extending allotment provision, parking in the centre of the village (under discussion), the shopping centre, wildflower meadow (under discussion) a village boundary walk, heritage trail and information board, village broadband and some kind of inter-parish event with other parishes in the Ward. Ward Committee funding may be available for some of these.

Cllr Bowen noted that the Head of the School is wanting to improve access to the swimming pool, and he has given her an application form for Ward funding.

## **8. ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE**

The College provided a considerable amount of literature for the Parish Council stall at the Carnival, and approx. 50% of this was taken by visitors to the stall.

## **9. RURAL WEST WARD**

Cllr Healey has investigated the hole in Westfield Lane, but does not believe that anything further can be done by CYC.

Cllr Healey is to meet with Sally Burns, an officer of CYC, to discuss the ticketing of vehicles parked illegally on the day of the Street Fair.

The Ward budget will be set in February. This was brought in by the Lib-Dems and there has been no change to this for the past 3 years. To save money, it is possible that there will be a reduction in back-office funding, and a reduced number of Ward

Newsletters – 3 instead of 4 per year.

The Number 21 bus service is to cease due to insufficient custom, probably because the travelling time was too long. Cllr Healey has met with some of the original complainants, and it appears that a lot of them are now using the Dial-And-Ride service.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Whitfield has contacted the Company which is laying fibre-optic cable to Schools and libraries in York/North Yorkshire, but they have responded that they did not lay said cables to/in Copmanthorpe and so are unable to assist with any extension to a “village hub”. We would need to ask CYC about this.

**CYC** inform us that Elvington Park/Events Limited’s appeal against the noise Abatement notice has been dismissed, so the notices are now in force.

**Mr Julian Sturdy, MP**, writes with his contact details.

**Mr Stuart Arnott** writes on behalf of the Youth Club to thank the Parish Council for refitting the store room.

Further information is received from **York Youth Council**. It has raised £54,000, but still requires a further £46,000. The project will be considered by the Parish Council Youth Group.

**Julie Hood, Neighbourhood Management Officer**, informs us that the Ward Cllrs Team Meeting will take place on 1 September, between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm in the Guildhall. Cllrs Whitfield, Bowen and Carr will attend. Applications for Ward funding must be received by 20 August – to be discussed next month.

## **11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

### **a) Planning**

The minutes of the last Planning Committee meeting have been distributed. Objections had been made to the proposal for a cafe/tea room in the former shop premises at the side of the Royal Oak. Two further applications were considered this evening. Approvals have been received for 2 top Lane and 2 Deacons Court.

### **b) Roads and Footpaths**

A number of Cllrs had met on 22 June outside the Co-op to discuss the traffic and parking situation in that vicinity, together with the problems associated with litter and equipment belonging to the shop situated on the street. Cllr Stericker is to arrange a meeting with CYC Highways Department to discuss the parking issue. Cllr Bowen will speak with the Co-op manager.

The connection box for the Christmas Lights is now in place on Memorial Green, but not yet connected.

A new tree stake at Whistlers Close has now been provided.

Some work is still being done at Askham Bar Park and Ride, but the Scheme may be a victim of Government spending cuts to be announced in the Budget Review in October.

The new Street Environment Officer is Rachel Stewart, who replaces Michelle Watling.

A number of comments were made at the Carnival concerning dog fouling and illegal parking.

Cllr Stericker and the Clerk have inspected the allotments, and letters have been sent to 2 allotment holders. Cllr Stericker, Mrs Stericker and Cllr Bowen have cut back the overgrowth on the railway bridge.

Flowers have been planted in the small bed next to the Fish and Chip shop.

#### **c) Finance**

Nothing to report.

### **12. EVENTS and YOUTH LIAISON GROUP**

The Events Group has not yet met.

The Youth Liaison Group has met, and has discussed a proposal from Copmanthorpe Football Club and Panda Playgroup to use the field belonging to Askham Bryan College, previously ear marked for the Eco-Park. The College will be approached. It is believed that funding should not be too big a problem.

It is noted that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is to be celebrated over an extended, and later than usual, Bank Holiday weekend to include Monday and Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The Events Group to discuss.

### **13. CHARITIES' COLLECTION BAGS**

The Parish Council has no control over these, but will include a piece in the Newsletter suggesting that residents use the stickers which request that items are pushed right through letter boxes.

### **14. NUMBER 21 BUS**

This will no longer run - see Item 9.

**15. GARDEN COMPETITION**

Judging took place on 21 and 22 June and the decisions of the judge have now been received. Prizes will be presented at the Horticultural Show on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**16. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Four positive replies have been received to the Clerk's consultation letter to residents about additional lights on Horseman Lane. A firm quotation will now be sought.

**17. WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

Work on this proposal will resume once discussions with Askham Bryan College start in September.

**18. RECREATION CENTRE AND PLAYBUILDER PROJECT**

Work on the Playbuilder project has now started.

No Committee meeting has been held in June.

The Clerk has informed Martin Pickard of comments made to her re the number of cars parked on the grass in St Giles Way on Carnival Day.

**19. ACCOUNTS**

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	6,877.31
Business Money Manager Account		26,777.62
	£	33,654.93

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Dorothy Ellis	£	75.00
Re: Ruth Brewster		30.00
	£	105.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Deans Landscapes Limited	£	1,668.50
Sports Turf Services – re Recreation Centre		279.65
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services		260.00
Npower – burial ground		156.75
Mike Round – burial ground tap		35.00
Copmanthorpe Carnival – stall		20.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		389.95

P D Greenwell – salary	441.14
	£ 3,250.99

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

**20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None noted.

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 10 August 2010 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will take Place on Wednesday, 28 June at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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