

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

**PRESENT:**

<b>COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR B BELL</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR D CARR</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR D BOWEN</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR D F PARKER</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND</b>	
<b>Mrs P D Greenwell</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Cllr Paul Healey</b>	<b>City of York Council</b>
<b>Ms Julie Hood</b>	<b>CYC Neighbourhood</b>
	<b>Management Officer</b>
<b>Mandy Askew and Fiona</b>	<b>Copmanthorpe Library</b>
<b>Mrs Frances Thompson</b>	
<b>One member of the public</b>	

Before the business of the Meeting began, Mandy Askew outlined proposed changes to the opening hours at the village library. The library is currently open late 3 evenings per week, but is very quiet at these times. It has been noted that Monday mornings are generally busy in the village centre, but the library is currently not open at this time. It is therefore proposed to open on Mondays and Fridays 9.00 am until 5.00 pm, and between 9 am and 2 pm, and in the evening, on Tuesdays . The total number of hours will be unchanged. Only 5 of the 54 residents questioned were not in favour of these proposed changes which, if agreed, would be effective from the beginning of January.

**1. APOLOGIES**

None.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday, 12 October 2010, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Auton. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

#### 4. COPMANTHORPE LIBRARY

Cllr Simpson PROPOSED that the Parish Council send a letter in support of the proposed changes in opening times to the local library. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk

#### 5. CLERK'S REPORT

Our bank mandate needs to be reviewed. Cllrs Stericker and Mrs Stones should no longer be signatories, and it was AGREED that Cllrs Whitfield and Bell be added to Cllrs Bowen, Parker and Mrs Taylor.

Flyers have been distributed by a company offering to check on council tax bandings. The Clerk had spoken to Ms Julie Hood about this, and it is suggested that such offers should be treated with caution and their legitimacy checked with Trading Standards.

CYC inform us that the rent on the allotments is to increase next by 8.2% under the terms of the three yearly rent review and based on the Retail Prices Index. The rent will rise from £822 to £890 per annum. It was AGREED that this increase should be passed on to allotment holders with no additional increase for other services, such as the provision of a skip, at the allotments for this year. If the provision of a skip proves popular, allotment holders will be asked to fund this themselves in future years. The Clerk to write to them accordingly.  
Clerk

A proposal for a pedestrian bridge to replace the railway crossing near to Herdsman Drive has been received. Cllr Bell to request a site visit, with members of the Roads and Footpaths Committee and any interested residents. Cllr Bell

#### 6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

The village has not been so quiet this month as last. There have been 7 instances of anti-social behaviour, 1 theft, 1 burglary, 1 suspect vehicle, 2 cold callers and 1 instance of criminal damage to a fence.

#### 7. ACTION REVIEW

Access to 21 Drome Road – no report.  
Dental surgery – information still awaited from CYC.  
Cllr Whitfield has contacted Marilyn Shersby at Askham Bryan College, but has been given the name of a different contact there, and also a contact at Ripon and York St John.

## 8. FUTURE PROJECTS and WARD COMMITTEE FUNDING

The ballot for Ward Committee funding has now closed, but the projects which will go ahead have yet to be decided.

## 9. DENTAL SURGERY

The matter of the sign was first raised with the Enforcement Officer on 22 September, but we still have no answer. We only need to know whether or not permission is needed and, if so, was it sought. Cllr Healey to pursue. Cllr Healey

## 10. BUS SERVICES

Cllr Mrs Townsend is awaiting a reply to her email to Andrew Bradley of 28 October re the new timetables. However copies of these are available in the library, and there is a link to them on the Parish Council website.

## 11. RURAL WEST YORK

There is a possibility of funding from the Ward, and also from Yorwaste, for a wildlife meadow. Also, the Grants and Partnership Officer at CYC, Simon Towne, could help to find available monies from Trusts and Charities. Julie Hood will also try to help.

Cllr Healey to try to get some help with the flooding area on Paddock Close. Cllr Healey

Cllr Healey suggested that, in view of inevitable cuts in CYC expenditure next year, and possibly into the future, it may be that Parish Councils will want to take on some of the services currently provided by CYC. To be discussed in more detail next month, once we have a list of services currently provided by CYC from Cllr. Healey.

Cllr Healey

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

On 4 November we were informed that the new street lighting column opposite the Royal Oak would be in place in the next couple of weeks and working shortly thereafter. On 8 November we were told that it will be done in the next few weeks.

We are informed that there will be 2 police officers on site for the Remembrance Day service on Memorial Green. However they have no authority to stop the traffic, even for the 2 minutes' silence.

The tree surgeon will be putting the lights in the trees on Horseman Lane next Monday.

The Clerk and Cllr Bowen had attended a CYC Briefing for Parish Councils on The Neighbourhood Management Pilot. This covers 6 Wards on the south-west side of the City, and is to do with partnership working and the ambitions of the Ward and its residents, as outlined by Julie Hood. Ward Profiles are being put together to facilitate the Pilot. The Rural West Partnership meeting will take place in Poppleton next Friday, Cllrs Bowen and Carr to attend. Cllrs Bowen & Carr

### **13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

#### **a) Planning**

Approvals have been received for 5 Low Green, 1 Potters Drive and East Wing, Orchard Garth (works to trees).

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

Cllr Bell is to be the new Committee Chairman. The 2 Councillors who should be co-opted next month are to be asked to sit on this Committee, and it is possible that there will be a new Chairman in the New Year.

The Committee has considered the revised proposals put forward by CYC to help with traffic congestion and parking in the village centre. The proposal is for double yellow lines from the school to the War Memorial, a lay-by area where parking will be allowed for up to 60 minutes between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm, and a loading bay for the Co-op delivery vehicles with no parking at any time. This is a little better than the original proposal; it gives a net gain of 8 metres of available parking in this area, and the changes would be less restrictive. With the proviso that the arrangements for parking in the loading bay on Sundays be checked, it was AGREED that the Parish Council should support this scheme.

Acceptance of the original proposals for double yellow lines on both sides of the Main Street/St Giles Way junction was PROPOSED by Cllr Bowen. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

At the Manor Heath/The Link junction, only a 10 metre stretch of double yellow lines is proposed. Cllrs do not believe that this will make any difference to the problem, and therefore do not support this proposal.

It is noted that there are some very uneven and broken flagstones in the burial ground. The Clerk to arrange for these to be repaired.

Clerk

Cllr Whitfield to put a link on the Parish Council website to the Snow Code website.

Cllr  
Whitfield

**c) Finance**

Cllr Parker to arrange a meeting of the Committee in December for a preliminary discussion of the applications for grant aid.

Cllr  
Parker

**14. RECREATION CENTRE**

Cllr Mrs Auton had attended the most recent meeting.  
Two quotes have been received for work to adjust the working of the CCTV cameras to keep recordings for 2 weeks, and extend the coverage and quality of recorded images.  
New cycle racks have been installed.  
A volunteer is needed to check the play equipment each day.

**15. WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

Possible sources of funding discussed under item 11, above.

**16. ACCOUNTS**

**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	17,254.56
Business Money Manager Account		21,786.96
	£	39,041.52

**Credits to the Account this Month**

Re: Sheila Mary Myler	£	375.00
Bank Interest on Business Money Manager a/c		4.67
	£	379.67

**Accounts to be Paid this Month**

Dean Landscapes Limited	£	1,668.50
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		22.38
SLCC North Yorkshire branch – Clerk’s training day		20.00
York Poppy Appeal –wreath		16.50

P D Greenwell – expenses	11.98
P D Greenwell – salary	441.14
Petty Cash	30.00
	£ 2,210.50

No transfer is necessary this month.

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

**17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Co-option of new councillors
- Wildflower meadow
- Transport
- Ward Partnership meeting
- Devolution of services from CYC

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 14 December 2010 in the Howell Hall 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 24 November at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

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

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