

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY 11  
JANUARY 2011 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**                    **COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD**                    **Chairman**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR B BELL**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR D CARR**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR the REV G MUMFORD**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR D F PARKER**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS F THOMPSON**  
                                 **COUNCILLORS MRS C TOWNSEND**

Before the Meeting began a minute's silence was observed in memory of Paul Band, proprietor of the Village Newsagents, who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at Christmas.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr G Simpson  
Cllr Mrs M Taylor

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 14 DECEMBER 2010**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Bowen. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT**

Three quotes have been received for a replacement for the notice board on Flaxman Croft, and the supply and erection of up to 3 additional notice boards. The Roads and Footpaths Committee to decide on locations for extra boards before any decision is taken on supplier.

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

Cllr Simpson had circulated a report from the police. There has been one burglary of an empty house which is being renovated (tools and equipment taken), one attempted theft of some lead, and one abandoned vehicle has been removed. Letters to encourage people to become involved with Neighbourhood Watch are being sent out over the next few weeks.

**6. ACTION REVIEW**

A site meeting with Network Rail re footbridge is yet to be arranged.  
The advertising sign for the dental surgery is still in situ.

**7. BAD WEATHER PROVISION**

Cllr Bell has information on small tractors/snow ploughs with a view to exploring the possibility of sharing snow clearing equipment with the Recreation Centre. To be discussed by the Roads and Footpaths Committee. R&F Cttee

**8. EARFIT CROSSING – PROPOSED CLOSURE**

To be discussed by the Roads and Footpaths Committee R&F Cttee

**9. CORONATION CUP**

The first meeting of the Committee will take place in February. The Committee will comprise of Cllrs Mrs Townsend (Chairman), Mrs Taylor, the Clerk and last year's winner, Ms Alisa Ord. Cllr Mrs Taylor will once again take photographs for display at the prize giving.

**10. BUS SERVICES**

The Park and Ride service will terminate at York Station until 24 January, due to works to the sewers on Tower Street.  
Information on Dial and Ride is now available in the library.

**11. RURAL WEST WARD**

Cllr Healey estimates that the annual cost of amenity maintenance (gully cleaning and verge maintenance) in Copmanthorpe is approx £10k. The Parish Council could purchase these services from CYC if it so chose. Cllr Healey will investigate further. Healey

There is approx £2,000 left in the Ward budget which Copmanthorpe can use either for street lighting or the improvements to the kitchen in the Methodist Church. The Clerk to inform Cllr Healey of our choice in the next week. Clerk

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

The next Ward meeting will take place at Poppleton Community Centre on Wednesday, 9 February, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

Mr David Taylor, CYC Heritage Champion who is involved with the bid for World Heritage Status for York, now has a link to our website, and has provided a number of car stickers for our use.

The YLCA Information Bulletin is received. The next Branch meeting will be in Wigginton on 3 February.

Information is received from CoBRA on recycling of low energy light bulbs. The Clerk has placed this on the notice board.

## 13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

The Planning Report from Cllr Mrs Taylor has been circulated. Approvals have been granted for 5 Main Street, 20 Main Street and Bramley House, Orchard Garth.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

The Committee will meet on Tuesday, 18 January 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. Members are asked to let Cllr Bell have any items for the agenda by next Friday, and to bring lists of potholes in their areas to the meeting. Cttee members

### c) Finance

Minutes of the Meeting held last week had been previously circulated. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that a Precept of £26,160 be set for the Financial Year 2011-2012. This is an increase of £1,940 on last year, but includes a sum of £3,000 for the Jubilee Fund. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## 14. EVENTS AND YOUTH LIAISON GROUPS

Minutes of a meeting of the Events Group had been previously circulated. The erection of an interpretation board with a map and historical notes, and a Heritage Trail, which may be linked in with the 'Just 30' health walks, was discussed. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that the Group should

write to any organisations in the village and external interested parties who may be interested in becoming involved with this.

The Annual Village Meeting will as usual be advertised on the website and in the Newsletter. In addition it is suggested that Councillors hand out flyers in the area of the shopping centre on the two previous Saturdays to encourage attendance. The Clerk to get a price for printing A5 flyers. Clerk  
The date of the Meeting was agreed as Tuesday 15 March, 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. Representatives from the police and Askham Bryan College will be invited to attend as well as Ms Julie Hood and Rachel Stewart from CYC, and representatives from those village organisations who have been awarded grant aid from the Parish Council.

The possibility of a flower arranging competition and a scarecrow festival/ treasure hunt was also discussed.

The provision of flower baskets in the village, similar to those seen in Bishopthorpe last summer, has been suggested. Cllr Mrs Auton to contact their Parish Clerk for possible help and information. Cllr Mrs Auton

The establishment of a ‘Task Force’ to tackle problems such as litter and overgrowing vegetation was suggested. We need to take advice from YLCA on the matter of insurance for volunteers carrying out such work, and any other considerations.

## 15. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting had been held in December. The next meeting will be at the end of January.

## 16. WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Nothing to report at the present time.

## 17. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	12,694.13
Business Money Manager Account		21,786.96
	£	34,481.09

Credits to the Account this Month

Nil

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Electrotest – re Horseman Lane Christmas Lights	£	1,133.56
Caroline Anderson – re December PC News		60.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		53.30
P D Greenwell - salary		441.14
	£	1,688.00

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

**18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Garden Competition
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Flower Baskets
- Shopping Centre
- Task Force

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.  
 The Roads and Footpaths Committee will meet on Tuesday 18 January at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall  
 An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Wednesday 26 January at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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