

A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 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 D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR MRS F THOMPSON
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Three members of the public

Before the business of the Meeting began Mrs Janet Wright expressed her concerns about the meeting jointly hosted last Friday evening by the Parish Council and the Windfarm Action Group. She had been present at that Meeting and spoken out in favour of the windfarm, and felt that insufficient opportunity was given for people of like mind to express their views. She felt they were perhaps intimidated by the very large number of people present who oppose the windfarm, and that the meeting was therefore not a true representation of the views of the population of the village as a whole. Mr Peter Readman spoke in support of her views, whilst stating that he personally had no firm views for or against the windfarm. He did, however, feel that the Parish Council should be taking a lead. The Chairman explained that, whilst the Planning Committee has made a formal objection, on planning rounds, to the application for the mast, the windfarm itself has not yet been discussed by the full Parish Council. The subject is on the agenda for discussion this evening.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor the Rev G Mumford
Councillor G Simpson
Councillor P Healey – City of York Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday, 8th March 2011, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Townsend. **SECONDED** by Cllr Carr. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

Approval of a grant of £400 towards the provision of flower baskets has been received from the Two Ridings Community Foundation.
The process of registration for PAYE has begun, but is not yet complete.
An objection has been lodged to the proposed hours of licensing for sales of alcohol at the former newsagents, but not to the licence itself.

The Clerk had attended the SLCC AGM and training session held in Easingwold.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

A detailed report has been received from the police and circulated. There appears to be a recurrence of anti-social behaviour in and around Low Green and at the Recreation Centre. The police are putting additional resources into the village on Friday and Saturday evenings.

6. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

It is acknowledged that large groups of youngsters, sometimes up to 30 individuals, are intimidating, although not actually dangerous. The problem is mostly at the weekends, and it is possible that they are coming from Tadcaster, where the police have recently been having a clampdown on anti-social behaviour and under-age drinking. There is little the Parish Council can do other than to keep reporting each incident so that the police are aware that there is a problem. The Co-op is trying to help by refusing to sell alcohol on Friday and Saturday evenings to anyone under the age of thirty.

7. ACTION REVIEW

Nothing to report on the wildflower meadow.

No problems with bus services.

The OS maps have been marked up with local historical features as part of the work towards a Heritage Trail. There has been no further progress in respect of the Walks.

8. WINDFARM

After lengthy discussion, and taking into account the views of members of the public who spoke earlier and who claim to represent a significant, if largely silent, number of village residents, it was acknowledged that the Parish Council should be wary of appearing to align itself too closely at this stage with the Windfarm Action Group.

We also need to bear in mind that, whatever the outcome in respect of the Windfarm, Askham Bryan College will continue to be our neighbour.

In order to get a more valid representation of public opinion Cllr Bell PROPOSED that the Parish Council seek the views of residents by means of a tear off slip in the next PC News insert in the June edition of the Newsletter, asking everyone to express their views on the proposed Hagg Wood Windfarm. Cllr
SECONDED by Whitfield
Cllr Mrs Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Whitfield will draft some suitable words.

9. MAY DAY

It was decided that in light of the proposed ballot on the windfarm it would not be appropriate to invite either Askham Bryan College or the Windfarm Action Group to come on the stall with us. If they wish to have representation at the Fair they should make their own arrangements.

A rota for manning the stall was passed round and, once complete, will be emailed Clerk round by the Clerk. Cllr Bell will be available, with his trailer, to transport gazebos Cllr Bell etc. and take back to the Howell Hall at the end of the day.

10. CORONATION CUP

A meeting had been held on 24 March. The judge is to be Cllr John Galvin, a Cacti expert, and he will be donating his fee of £50 per evening to the Brunswick Organic Nursery charity. Posters will be going up shortly, and entry forms will be in the post office, newsagent and on the Parish Council website. Cllr Mrs Townsend will be on the Street Fair stall all day, but would appreciate help from any other Councillors. Entry forms will be available, the Cup will be on display, as well as the album of photographs from previous competitions, and anything else to dress the stall would be welcome. The next meeting will be on 20th April.

11. TASK FORCE

Cllr Bowen has prepared a piece to go in the Newsletter asking for volunteers. Cllr The scheme will be discussed at the next Roads and Footpaths Committee meeting. Bowen

12. FLOWER BASKETS

A grant of £400 has been approved by the Two Ridings Community Foundation, however they require matched funding from the Parish Council and a list of people who are going to maintain the baskets before the funding can be released. It was AGREED that Parish Councillors would each undertake to maintain one basket, if no other volunteers could be found. The baskets to be in the central part of the village – Main Street, Low Green, School Lane, Horseman Lane. Cllr Mrs Auton will order 20 baskets at £20 each from Askham Bryan College.

13. RURAL WEST YORK

No Councillor present. The Clerk has requested an update from Cllr Healey on the dental surgery's sign.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Julie Hood, CYC, advises that there are too many problems associated with attaching notices to windscreens of vehicles parking in The Link, and that we should take legal advice before taking any action. However, it appears that the problem has now abated, so it was AGREED that no action be taken at the present time.

Cllr Whitfield has written to **Janet Hopton** following the failure of the City Council's bid for World Heritage Site status. The Group leading the bid will consider what to do next once it has received the full report.

CYC write with confirmation of proposals to amend existing, and introduce new, waiting restrictions in Church Street, Main Street and St Giles Way, and enclosing drawings as previously discussed and agreed with the Parish Council.

Details of the AGM of York LINK on 20 April 2011 are received.

A letter is received from **Banks Renewables** responding to comments received by them following the exhibition on 2 March.

Appleton Roebuck and Copmanthorpe Drainage Board seeks a representative from the Parish Council. No volunteers.

There is to be a Ward Planning Meeting in Poppleton at 1030 am on Thursday. Cllrs Taylor/
Cllr Whitfield and Cllr Mrs Taylor will attend. Whitfield

15. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals have been received for 22 Drome Road, 16 Paddock Close, 6 Orchard Garth, 59 Temple Lane and 26 Main Street.
An objection to the proposed Wind Monitoring Mast has been lodged.

b) Roads and Footpaths

No meeting has been held. The next meeting will be on 17 May at 7.00 pm in the Howell Hall. Councillors are asked to submit items for the agenda to Cllr All Cllrs Bell.

c) Finance

No meeting has been held.

16. EVENTS GROUP

The next meeting, to discuss the forthcoming Jubilee, will take place after the AGM on 10 May. Cllr Mrs Auton suggested that the Events Group and the Youth Group should merge. A vote on this will be taken at the AGM.

17. BROADBAND

Nothing to report. Cllr Whitfield will bring survey forms to the Street Fair.

18. RECREATION CENTRE

The Recreation Centre currently has £75,776 of which £56,309 is already committed. This total compares to £46,306 in 2009 and £60,871 in 2010

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It is a requirement for insurance purposes that the playbuilder equipment be inspected every day. The climbing wall towers have been boxed in to prevent their use as urinals.

Volunteers are needed for Carnival day. £2,000 in sponsorship has been received from Benenden Healthcare. A safety consultant is looking at the event risk assessments and event manual.

19. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cllr Whitfield is happy to stand for election as Chairman for a further year.
Cllr Bowen does not wish to stand for re-election as Vice-Chairman.
Councillors are asked to consider who they would like to propose for Vice-Chairman, and also upon which committees they wish to serve.

20. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	11,114.89
Business Money Manager Account	£	21,794.78
	£	32,909.67

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Stephen and Pearl Stericker	£	250.00
Interest on Business Money Manager A/c	£	3.80
	£	253.80

Accounts to be Paid this Month

YLCA – subscription	£	716.00
CYC – ½ year allotments rent	£	445.00
CYC – burial ground rates	£	125.57
The Information Commissioner – re Data Protection Act	£	35.00
Clerk's expenses	£	26.99
P D Greenwell – salary	£	489.09
	£	1,837.65

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

21. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Street Fair
CYC Charter

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. To be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
Interim meeting of the Planning Committee – 7.15 pm on Wednesday, 27 April 2011 in the Methodist Church.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed Date