

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

**PRESENT:**                    **COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD**                    **Chairman**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR D CARR**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR THE REV G MUMFORD**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR D F PARKER**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS F THOMPSON**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND**

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

Before the business of the Meeting began Mr Tim Duffy, Chairman of the newly formed Copmanthorpe Windfarm Action Group, which is opposed to the proposal for a Windfarm on land to the west of Manor Heath, addressed the Council. The Group, which includes a number of people with expertise in relevant fields, will hold its first Committee meeting tomorrow evening in order to formulate its objections to the 80 metre monitoring mast. It is also their intention to formally object to the application for the Windfarm, on a number of grounds. The Group wants to look at the possibility of holding a Public Meeting to hear the views of those who were not able to attend the exhibition staged by Banks Renewables last week, and it is likely that this will be very well attended. The Planning Committee of the Parish Council would like to see a Public Meeting towards the end of March/beginning of April.

An exit poll of the approx 718 people who did attend showed that 83% were opposed to the Windfarm, 8% in favour and the rest unsure. Should this view be confirmed by the Public Meeting, it is proposed that a draft dossier be prepared in anticipation of the full planning application. It is known that Rufforth Parish Council will support us in whatever we decide to do as they, along with Askham Bryan Parish Council, are opposed to this possible development. It may prove necessary to engage outside experts to help with this dossier.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Glyn Simpson  
Councillor Brian Bell

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT**

The application to the York and North Yorkshire Community Trust for grant aid towards the proposed flower baskets has been acknowledged.

Confirmation has been received that any volunteers for the proposed Task Force would be covered by our insurance.

Letters have been sent to three local farmers on the subject of the Wildflower Meadow, but no response has yet been received. Cllr Mrs Townsend will Cllr Mrs follow this up. Townsend

The Clerk had attended the presentation on York City Beautiful at the Theatre Royal.

Two quotes have been received for grass cutting in the village: £3,924.00 from the current contractor, Dean Landscapes and £3,635 from Green Vale Gardens. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that we accept the quote from Dean Landscapes.

SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Clerk to write accordingly.

Clerk

The Clerk has been informed that all Parish Councils must, from 1<sup>st</sup> April, register with HMRC for PAYE. We have also received an offer from an agency Clerk/ to take care of payroll on our behalf. This to be considered by the Finance Finance Committee. Meanwhile the Clerk will proceed with registration Cttee

It has been necessary to purchase a new printer as the old one no longer works.

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

There have been 7 incidences of anti-social behaviour, 1 vehicle related but mostly youths gathering. Also 1 case of criminal damage to a fence, 1 domestic violence (ongoing), 2 thefts (one of lead and some items from a skip). The police are going to ask Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators to remind residents to report the youth related problems.

**6. ACTION REVIEW**

Cllr Healey has asked about 1 Drome Road, and the dentist's sign, and will Cllr pursue these matters again. Healey

Nomination forms for the election are to be returned to the Clerk as soon Clerk/ as possible, and she will then take them into Electoral Services for checking. Cllrs

## 7. WINDFARM

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that: In association with the Village Residents Committee an Open Meeting be held, later this month or early April, to enable residents to express their views and opinions on the Banks Renewables proposal.

2. On the basis of the straw poll taken at the exhibition, indicating a majority objecting to the scheme, and following the Open Meeting, a draft dossier be prepared which shall be finalised upon the formal consideration of the Planning Application by the Parish Council. 3. The elements of the proposal, which under planning legislation are specific planning issues and can be lawfully questioned, be identified and resident volunteers, with relevant knowledge or experience, be asked to assist in the preparation of the Objection Dossier.

4. Other issues, not considered relevant in planning terms, for example reduction in house prices, Government policy, economic viability, effect on quality of life etc. etc, be addressed and included as background persuasive indication of the strength of feeling and reason for the objection. 5. There may also be budgetary implications. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## 8. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held next Tuesday evening, 15 March 2011 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm. Posters have been erected and leaflets given out last Saturday, and will be again next Saturday. Councillors are asked to arrive at 7.00 pm in order to set out chairs. Cllrs

## 9. CORONATION CUP

The first meeting of the Committee had taken place on 24 February. A Judge for this year's competition is still being sought. Cllr Healey Cllr Mrs suggested that Cllr John Galvin be approached. Townsend

## 10. BUS SERVICE

No problems or complaints at the present time. Cllr Healey to ask if there is any possibility of amending the timetable so that the number 13 and the Coastliner service do not arrive within one minute of one another. Cllr Healey

## 11. TASK FORCE

Cllr Bowen PROPOSES to get together a group of volunteers to meet possibly once a month to tackle jobs which do not get done by CYC eg. litter picking,

varnishing seats, watering flower baskets etc. A Risk Assessment will be necessary, but our insurers have informed us that volunteers acting in this way would be covered by our Policy. Cllr Bowen will ask for volunteers at the Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr  
Bowen

## 12. FLOWER BASKETS

Receipt of the grant application has been acknowledged, and quotes received for the supply, but not the maintenance and watering, of the baskets. Sites for baskets and/or planters to be identified.

Events  
Group

## 13. RURAL WEST WARD

£100,000 is being taken from the Ward Committee's back office function, so it is possible that there will only be two or three Ward Newsletters each year instead of four as at present. A better way of delivering the Newsletters is also being sought.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

**Askham Bryan College** informs us of their Lambing Day on 13 March. Entrance is £5 per adult, free for under 16s.

Cllrs Whitfield, Bowen and Mrs Taylor had met yesterday with representatives of Askham Bryan Parish Council and the College to discuss littering on Manor Heath, student behaviour in general in Copmanthorpe, better liaison between the Parish Council and the College, future development and events. A representative of the College is to be asked to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

Information is received from CYC on the **Street Sport** initiative. To be passed to the Recreation Centre.

Cllr  
Whitfield

**Jo Armer** has sent an update on the work of the Youth Council.

**Julian Sturdy MP** is holding a surgery in Strensall Village Hall on 26 March commencing at 10.00 am. Cllr Carr may attend.

Cllr  
Carr

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Townsend had attended a seminar in Ripon organised by several local MPs and NYNET on superfast broadband. Middlethorpe Business Park currently has superfast broadband and NYNET will speak to them about the possibility of some of their unused bandwidth being made available to Copmanthorpe residents, possibly through a wireless network.

**15. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN****a) Planning**

Approvals have been granted at 23 Station Road and Viking Cottage, Moor Lane. The application at 61 Barons Crescent has been refused. There has been an application for a Liquor Licence at the former newsagents. The manager of the Co-op has expressed her concerns that the Licence will allow for the sale of alcohol up to 11.00 pm and this could cause problems in the village late at night. The Clerk to express these concerns and those of the Parish Council to CYC. Clerk

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

No meeting had been held and no Report submitted.

**c) Finance**

No meeting had been held.

**16. EVENTS GROUP**

Minutes of a meeting held on 16 February had been circulated. The OS maps have now arrived and will be marked up tomorrow by Cllrs Events Whitfield, Mrs Auton and Mrs Townsend as part of the work towards Group establishing a Heritage Trail. A meeting to discuss ideas for the Diamond Jubilee will be held in September. The Scarecrow competition and Treasure Hunt to be deferred until 2012.

**17. RECREATION CENTRE**

No report. Neither Cllr Whitfield nor Cllr Mrs Taylor were able to attend. It is noted that the pruning of the trees on the boundary with Malbys Grove is somewhat harsh, and a more professional job will be done next time.

**18. WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

No response has been received from the Clerk's letter to any of the farmers. Cllr Mrs Townsend will follow these up with a phone call. If they are Cllr Mrs not interested we could approach Askham Bryan College. Townsend

**19. ACCOUNTS**

## Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	11,988.13
Business Money Manager Account		21,790.98
	£	33,779.11

## Credits to the Account this Month

HMRC – VAT Refund	£	798.74
Re: Peter and Christine Whitfield		50.00
Re: Mary Evelyn Martindale		125.00
Re: Alan James Musgrave		75.00
	£	1,048.74

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

CYC – taps at allotments	£	433.29
Yorkshire Water – allotments		67.84
Caroline Anderson – Marc PC News		60.00
St Giles Church – re Street Fair		40.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		20.50
SLCC – Clerk’s training day		20.00
P D Greenwell – salary		441.14
Clerk’s expenses		50.47
	£	1,133.24

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

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 12 April 2011 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, 23 March 2011 in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.15 pm  
Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 15 March 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

**21. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Windfarm
- Flower baskets
- Task force
- Broadband
- Coronation Cup
- Bus service
- Annual General Meeting

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

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