

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY 13
DECEMBER 2011 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 REV G MUMFORD
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Councillor P Healey **City of York Council**
 Mr Adam Smith
 Mrs Sheila Carr

Before the business of the Meeting began Mrs Sheila Carr introduced herself as a resident new to the village who is very interested in becoming involved with the Youth Club. She has already spoken with Graham Auton on this subject and has lots of ideas to help reinvigorate the Club.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8 NOVEMBER 2011, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED BY** Cllr Simpson. **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mrs Taylor. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The skip at the allotments was a great success, and we need to decide whether to have another one in the Spring and, if so, how it should be funded (the cost this time being £120).

Quote for works to trees in the burial ground and on the Low Green/Top Lane footpath is awaited.

Two more residents have come forward as volunteer snow wardens and their details have been passed to CYC.

The original candidate for the Parish Council vacancy has been contacted again, but nothing further has been received from him.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

Only one reported incidence of anti-social behaviour this month, and there seem to be less young people hanging around in the centre of the village. The PCSOs have been going into Tadcaster School and speaking to pupils there.

6. TASK FORCE

The Task Force continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Last month they had tidied up Main Street and the area around the shops, and will continue working there tomorrow. There will be no meeting on 28th December.

7. HOWELL HALL AND YOUTH CLUB

From papers passed to the Clerk by Ernest Howell we have learnt that the property is owned by the National Association of Clubs for Young People, and is registered at the Land Registry. There is a Trust dated 21 September 1962 between the National Association and 13 Trustees of the Club (who are then the Committee). The Committee has full control of the operation and management of the Club and, should they wish to wind it up, the Association will obey instructions given by the Committee. The proceeds of sale must go to the Parish Council. It is believed that there are currently six Trustees. The only other option would seem to be to re-form the Committee and run the Club effectively henceforth. Any new Committee could include a representative from the Parish Council.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to Mr Stuart Arnott outlining these options and asking that he call a meeting of the currently known Trustees as soon as ever possible in order that they take a decision as to how to proceed. Also, the Clerk to write to the Solicitors who drew up the Deed to see if they have any further or more up-to-date information.

Clerk

8. ALLOTMENTS

Safety An allotment holder has reported that she tripped over stray brambles overgrowing a path at the allotments, badly cutting her hand. It was agreed that there was nowhere on site to keep any kind of First Aid kit, but that allotment holders should be reminded of the requirement to keep paths clear. To be considered by the Roads and R&F Footpaths Committee.

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Chickens A letter of complaint about an allotment holder keeping chickens on his plot, with prior permission from the Parish Council, has been received from a resident of Drome Road. Councillors upheld Council's earlier decision to allow this as there is a limit of 6 chickens and it was felt that the noise and smell from this small number is minimal. Furthermore, the CYC rules on allotments allow the keeping of chickens.

9. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Minutes of the fourth meeting of the group on 1st December had been circulated. Five projects will now go ahead:

Clock on the Old School Medical Centre. Quotes have been received for both solar powered and non-solar powered clocks, and the non-solar powered is the preferred option. There will also be a plaque at eye level on the wall, subject to agreement from the Practice.

Commemorative Coins will be given to all children at the School and the village playgroups, at a cost of approx. £600.

'Welcome' signs to be erected on Manor Heath and Tadcaster Road. Grants have been sought from Yorwaste, Yorventure and Rural Action Yorkshire.

Planters to go in front of the above signs. Costings are being sought.

Copmanthorpe Girl Guides are planning a trip to London in September to see the Crown Jewels, and the State Rooms and Diamond Jubilee Exhibition in Buckingham Palace.

In addition to the above it is hoped to have the Interpretation Board ready for next year, as this fits the criteria for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

10. ENERGY CONSERVATION GROUP

It has been agreed that the CYC scheme is far too bureaucratic and would not work in Copmanthorpe. The group is now to be known as 'Village Green' and to include Askham Bryan and Askham Richard. It has been awarded a grant of £500 from the Ward Committee, and seeks £500 from the Parish Council, for set up costs and staging of the exhibition in the Methodist Church on 25 February, for which plans are well advanced. Information about this will be on Cllr the Parish Council website, on our Facebook page, and in the Village Newsletter. Whitfield

11. RURAL WEST YORK

CYC has no funds for the Jubilee. However, the Ward has agreed grants of up to £30,000 for village projects. Also, government funding for the Park and Ride schemes at Askham Bar and the A59 has been brought forward.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Panda Playgroup has written a letter of thanks for last year's grant and extended an invitation to their Nativity Play, which Cllr Mrs Auton had attended.

A resident of Drome Road has complained about chickens on the allotments – see

Item 8 above.

The Ward update is received, and the next meeting will be in Copmanthorpe in February.

The **White Rose** update is received from YLCA.

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The Planning Report has been circulated. Applications at 15 Horseman Lane, Bluebell Cottage in Orchard Garth, and Maynews for the Cafe have been approved.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The salt bins are now in place.

It was AGREED that the notice board at the school should go near to the vehicular access on Low Green. Cllr

The next meeting will be in January, some time after the Parish Council meeting. Bell

c) Finance

The minutes of a meeting to discuss grant applications, and applications for Financial aid for Jubilee projects, had been circulated. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that all Recommendations in these Minutes be APPROVED. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Parish Council's Financial Regulations had also been reviewed at that Meeting. The Clerk to seek clarification from YLCA on item 9.8/9. Clerk

The next Meeting, to set the Precept for 2012-13, will be on Wednesday, 4 January 2012 at .00 pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Cllr
Parker

14. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The request for a crossing on Horseman Lane between the Medical Centre and the shops appears to have become lost by CYC. It is thought that this could cost up to £30,000 as it would need to be light controlled, and therefore it is not likely to proceed.

15. COPMANTHORPE HEROES

This suggestion from the Carnival Committee will not now be taken up. The Clerk to advise the new committee when it forms in January. Clerk

16. ACTION REVIEW

No further news on memorial bench for Paul Band. If it is to go in front of Londis permission will have to be given by the landlord, Malcolm Spence.

No further news on bus timetables. Cllr Mrs Townsend to contact CYC for an update. Cllr Mrs Townsend

No progress has been made with attempts to stop fumes from the Village Tea Rooms going out into the church yard. Proper extraction was mandatory, not discretionary. Cllr Bowen will investigate what else can be done, possibly by invoking the Charter. Cllr Bowen

17. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	27,827.65
Business Money Manager Account		21,802.38
	£	49,630.03

Credits to the Account this Month

HMRC – VAT Refund	£	255.88
	£	255.88

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Electrotest – Low Green tree lights	£	991.00
Sports Turf Services (York) Ltd		471.14
Martins of York Ltd – skip at allotments		144.00
Atherweb Ltd – website hosting		120.00
SLCC – Clerk’s membership subscription		97.00
Yorkshire Water – allotments		30.54
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		22.50
P D Greenwell – salary		440.34
HMRC – Clerk’s PAYE		2.20
	£	2,318.72

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

18. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Councillors AGREED unanimously to co-opt Mr Adam Smith on to the Parish Council.

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Transport
Community Resilience Scheme

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on 2 January.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Date