

A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2012 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON
 COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
 COUNCILLOR THE REV G MUMFORD
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON
 COUNCILLOR A SMITH
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Councillor P Healey **City of York Council**
 Mr Tony Clarke **City of York Council**
 Mrs Ada Appleyard
 Mrs Jackie May

Before the business of the Meeting began Mrs Ada Appleyard expressed her concern and increasing annoyance at the amount of rubbish which is being piled up against the fence of a property which abuts her own. Despite complaints to the Housing Manager nothing has been done. Cllr Healey promised to investigate.

Mrs May expressed her concerns about the danger caused by people washing their cars when freezing weather is forecast. Water flowing from driveways onto footpaths freezes, resulting in the formation of dangerous sheet ice. For next winter the Clerk will ask residents, through the Newsletter, to desist from this practice. Whilst there has been a lot of gritting of roads by CYC and some footpaths (the work of the village snow wardens) coverage has been inconsistent.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor B Bell
Councillor D Carr
Councillor Mrs M Taylor

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Whitfield Declared an Interest in item 9 and, possibly, item 11.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held TUESDAY 10th JANUARY, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Simpson. **SECONDED** by Cllr Smith. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

St Giles Church seeks permission to hold the May Day Street Fair on Low Green. The Clerk to respond, granting permission. We also have a booking form for a stall, and it was **AGREED** that we should, as in previous years, have two stalls, one for the Parish Council and one to promote and publicise the Coronation Cup.

Clerk

No reply from Stuart Arnott re the Youth Club.

A letter has been sent to CYC Planning Department asking that the Parish Council be informed of any approach by Banks Renewables.

A response has been received from CYC to our letter about fumes from the Cafe on Main Street coming out over the Church path.

Clarification has been sought from YLCA on two clauses in our Financial Regulations.

5. ASKHAM BAR PARK AND RIDE

Mr Tony Clarke, who had attended the recent Ward Meeting in Copmanthorpe, outlined the plans as they currently exist for the new Park and Ride site to the rear of Tesco at Askham Bar. Funding from central government was granted last November, after a delay of eighteen months. The total cost is estimated at £9 million. Planning consent has been given for a 1,250 space car park and CYC are currently consulting on highway works. The consultation period runs until 24 February, and the scheme will go forward to a decision-making meeting in April. Once agreed, it is anticipated that work will start next January and the new site will be open at Easter 2014.

Councillors are concerned at the effect of the increased number of vehicle movements once the site is operational on traffic to and from Copmanthorpe, and remain convinced that the lack of a pedestrian bridge to facilitate crossing the road from the College to Tesco is a major cause of the daily traffic congestion in the area.

6. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Cllr Healey reported that CYC is preparing a paper on Localism.

A boundary review of the Wards in the city is underway.

In order to save money, small libraries may be turned into community libraries. Also, double taxation payments for items such as grass cutting, for which Copmanthorpe receives over £400 per annum, will not be made next year, and for one year at least there will be no discretionary rate relief on community owned buildings.

7. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

There has been no serious crime in Copmanthorpe in the past month.

Parking around the School is a problem, especially on the grass verges.

Miss Rigg writes to parents about this at least once a term, and it should be borne in mind that 60 children from outside the village now attend Copmanthorpe School. Some parents persist in parking on the pavements with no consideration for pedestrians or householders. Cllr Simpson will ask the PCSOs to visit the area at appropriate times.

Cllr
Simpson

8. ALLOTMENTS

Further to some correspondence between the Clerk and Mr Stan Cockerham, it was AGREED that the Roads and Footpaths Committee should appoint a

member to undertake twice yearly inspections of the allotments, the first of these to take place as soon as possible.

9. **TASK FORCE**

The task force has recently worked on Moor Lane, Station Road, Low Green and the area around the shops, and collected 18 sacks of rubbish from Manor Heath.

The Community Payback team have recently cleared the Low Green/Top Lane footpath, and are now working on the Low Green/Merchant Way snicket.

Cllr Simpson **PROPOSED** that the task force members should be supplied with new high visibility tabards bearing the words 'Copmanthorpe Parish Council'. Twelve would be needed, and these can be purchased for around £12 each. **SECONDED** by Cllr Bowen. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Cllr
Simpson

10. **HOWELL HALL and YOUTH CLUB**

Work by Community PayBack to redecorate the Hall is now complete, the paint having been funded by the Parish Council to the tune of £400. Some work to the front porch is still outstanding.

Following the withdrawal, due to ill health, of one possible future senior volunteer to relaunch the Club, we are now aware of only one volunteer, so it would seem that a relaunch at Easter is extremely unlikely.

In the absence of a second signature from the Trustees it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should send the letter to Henry Hyams, Solicitors, solely under her own name. Clerk

11. **QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The next meeting will be on 28 February in the Methodist Church Hall at 8.00 pm. Work on the four projects (the clock, commemorative coins, welcome signs and Planters) is progressing. The workshop to develop the artwork for the signs will be on 17 March.

A quote for the clock has been received, but the electrician needs to talk to the Doctors about its installation. The Practice Manager is drawing up an Easement to cover such items as ongoing maintenance.

David Whiteman has prepared a detailed breakdown of costings for the planters.

Rachel Stewart, CYC, is to meet with Cllr Mrs Auton at the proposed sites for the Welcome signs, to check for utilities etc underground.

The Events Group will meet on 22 February in the Methodist Church Hall at 8.00 pm.

12. VILLAGE GREEN

There are to be 17 exhibitors at the Exhibition planned for 25 February. Insurance cover is to be provided by the Parish Council's insurance. The next meeting of the group will be on 15 February in the Methodist Church at 7.30 pm.

Clerk

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Whitfield had attend the CYC Neighbourhood Challenge prize giving, which had been well attended by groups from all over North Yorkshire.

The Copmanthorpe WI thanks the Parish Council for the grant of £700 towards the cost of removal of asbestos from the Hall on Station Road.

Information on 'Fruity Corners', a scheme to encourage the growing of fruit and vegetables on spare bits of land, is passed to the Roads and Footpaths Committee.

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14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals have been received for a telecommunications cabinet on Main Street close to the shops, domestic extensions at 34 Top Lane and 4 Farmers Way, and for a variation to a condition of an already approved application at Birchwood House Farm on Moor Lane.

A draft letter prepared by Cllr Bowen in response to CYC's letter regarding fumes from the Cafe, was agreed and will be sent by the Clerk, with a copy to Pauline Stutchfield, CYC. There is little further that the Parish Council can do, but the letter expresses our deep concerns about the handling of this matter at the planning Stage.

Clerk

An letter about the introduction of electronic planning consultation is received from YLCA, and the possible bulk purchase by CYC of equipment to facilitate this, is received. The Clerk to write to CYC Planning Department confirming that we will continue to require paper versions of all planning applications.

Clerk

b) Roads and Footpaths

No report. However the minutes of the last meeting have been circulated.

c) Finance

Nothing to report. No meeting has been held.

15. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Cllr Carr not present. No report.

16. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

A timetable of bus services on Sundays, on the 112 and 113 routes, has been received today.

17. COMMUNITY RESILIANCE SCHEME

Cllrs Simpson, Mrs Taylor and the Rev Mumford had met and agreed that the Scheme is far too time consuming and impractical for Copmanthorpe, and that it only serves to duplicate, and therefore possibly complicate, plans already in place with the emergency services and CYC. Cllr Simpson therefore PROPOSED that nothing further be done. SECONDED by Cllr the Rev Mumford. ALL IN FAVOUR.

18. CORONATION CUP

The first meeting of the Committee to organise this year's competition will take place on 16 February. Cllr Mrs Townsend

19. RECREATION CENTRE

A report has been circulated by Cllr Whitfield.

20. ACTION REVIEW

Nothing not already covered elsewhere.

21. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	25,140.61
Business Money Manager Account		21,806.18
	£	46,946.79

Credits to the Account this Month

Interest on Business Money Manager account	£	3.80
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

Stewart Arnott – re Youth Club decoration	£	400.00
Branches Out – tress in burial ground and Top Lane/ Low Green footpath		300.00
Caroline Anderson – PC News x 3		180.00
Electrotest – re Christmas lights		86.00
Yorkshire Water – re allotments		34.35
St Giles Church – 2 x stalls at Street Fair		32.00
CPRE – subscription		29.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		18.70
P D Greenwell – salary		440.54
Village Green		500.00
Stuart Auton		35.00
	£	2,055.59

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

22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Howell Hall
- Allotment Inspections
- Street Fair
- Annual Parish Meeting
- First Call 50
- Transport
- Coronation Cup.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7 March in The Howell Hall.
An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on 29 February at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

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

Signed Date