A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2012 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 G SIMPSON COUNCILLOR A SMITH

COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

Councillor P Healey City of York Council

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr D F Parker (received after the meeting)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bowen declared an Interest in Item 9 (Allotments)

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 10 July 2012, 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 Clerk has had email correspondence about the state of the verges on Manor Heath following resurfacing works to the footpath. However Cllr Mrs Taylor maintained that nothing had been done. The Clerk to pursue this matter.

In a letter dated 23 July Enterprise Inns have stated that they are investigating the possibility of removing the play equipment from the Fox and Hounds site. This has not yet happened. The Clerk will write again if nothing has been done by the end of next week, and will also ask if they intend to demolish the building.

Four large sections of Heras type fencing have appeared on the Top Lane/'Low Green footpath. The Clerk to ask the owners of the adjoining property if they have put this there and, if so, what is its purpose – pointing out that this is a footpath used by the public.

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The unauthorised sign at 30 Top Lane has been reported to the Enforcement Officer at CYC Planning Department.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

The village is still generally very quiet. The property no.1 Drome Road is still a problem.

The police have been advised of concerns about children playing on the railway crossing near Ploughman's Close, however they were already aware of this and trying to deal with it.

The grey wheelie bin at the Howell Hall has been set on fire. The Clerk Clerk/will report this to Mrs Christine Arnott. Cllr Simpson to report the incident to the police.

Cllr Simpson

6. TASK FORCE

Equipment for use by the Task Force has been purchased. The Task Force is keen to receive suggestions as to where they might usefully work. Tadcaster Road, from the Fox and Hounds towards the balancing pond and traffic lights has been suggested, but this would involve standing on the highway and, in any case, is the responsibility of CYC. The Clerk to ask CYC to cut back the overhanging vegetation in the interests of road safety as cyclists are having to pull out into the road in order to avoid branches.

Clerk

Overhanging vegetation on the left hand side on the approach to the bridge towards Bishopthorpe is obscuring road signage. The Clerk to ask CYC to attend to this.

Clerk

7. HOWELL HALL AND YOUTH CLUB

A date for a meeting has yet to be fixed. Mrs Arnott is waiting for the return from holiday of one of the four members of the old committee. In order to expedite matters it was AGREED that the Clerk should offer 28 August, 10 September or 17 September as possible dates.

Clerk

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

The adoption of the new Code of Conduct was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Bowen. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllrs are asked to complete the necessary Registration of Interests forms and return to the

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Clerk at their earliest convenience.

Cllrs

The minutes of the first meeting of the Allotments Committee had been circulated. Cllr Simpson PROPOSED that the suggested remit of the Committee be accepted. SECONDED by Cllr Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Letters had been sent to those allotment holders whose plots were identified as being not maintained in a proper fashion and in accordance with their agreement with the Parish Council. Response letters will be considered by the Committee in due course.

Cllr Whitfield to ask Mr John Mawson of Askham Bryan College if someone from the College might be willing to assist with inspections, in order to get a more expert and unbiased view. Cllr Mrs Auton to approach members of Bustardthorpe Allotments with a similar request.

Cllrs Whitfield/ Mrs Auton

9. RURAL WEST YORK

There are to be changes to the number 13 bus service which serves Copmanthorpe. It is proposed that the service be reduced to once an hour only. The 13A variant will be completely withdrawn. The Parish Council has been contacted on this matter by both the WI and the Yorkshire Countrywomen, who intend getting up a petition to oppose these plans. It is believed that Coastliner is increasing its share of passenger patronage.

Following receipt of details of the Delivery and Innovation Fund from James Alexander, CYC, the Clerk is asked to request details of the annual spend in Copmanthorpe on services such as grass cutting, emptying of litter bins, wheelie bins and green bins, recycling, dog bins etc.

Clerk

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning group had been held on 6 August. Cllrs Carr and Mrs Taylor have met with CYC Planning Department. Funding of £50m nationally is available for Plans through principal local authorities.

There have been 3 responses to the questionnaire, which was handed out at the Carnival and is available on the Council website, and at the post office, library and Co-op. One of these draws attention to the confusion caused by having two roads in the village named Moor Lane. It was AGREED that this should be raised now with CYC Highways, and is not really a matter for the Plan. The Clerk to write to the Highways Department.

Clerk

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Members are working on the wording of the Mission Statement or Vision and this will be finalised at the meeting next Tuesday.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council records its sadness on learning of the death of Mr Roy Piercy, for many years editor of the Village Newsletter. Cllrs Bowen, Simpson and the Rev Mumford will represent the Parish Council at a Service of Thanksgiving to be held at the Methodist Church next Monday at 1.00 pm.

YLCA informs us of training on Procedures and Standing Orders. Cllr Mrs Taylor wishes to attend this. The Clerk to make the necessary booking.

Clerk

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The Planning Report had already been circulated. Cllrs Whitfield, Mrs Taylor and the Clerk had attended a briefing session at the Guildhall on e-planning consultation, from which a Report for CYC will be prepared by the Scrutiny Committee.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Cllr Carr is meeting with Rachel Stewart, CYC, at 1.00 pm on 17 September for a walk round the village. Any issues Cllrs would like her to look at should be notified to Cllr Carr.

Cllrs

c) Finance

No report.

13. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

No meeting to be held in August.

14. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting to be held in August. Carnival attendance was down on last year by only about 500 people, and a profit of just under £10,000 is anticipated, which is the second highest figure ever.

15. ACTION REVIEW

The position regarding the ditches at the allotments is still to be resolved. In the meantime Cllr Simpson will seek advice from the Drainage Board on the cost of clearing the ditches.

Cllr Simpson

16. ACCOUNTS

Balances	at the	bank
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Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	21,660.30 21,813.80
	£	43,474.10
Credits to the Account this Month		
David Whiteman – refund of Jubilee expenses Interest on Business Money Manager A/c	£	20.19 3.81
	£	24.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Friends of Copmanthorpe Primary School Deans Landscapes Limited Copmanthorpe Girl Guides – grant Sports Turf Services – re Recreation Centre Cllr Mrs J Auton – equipment for Task Force CPI Corporate Solutions Limited Yorkshire Water – burial ground Yorkshire Water – allotments P D Greenwell – expenses P D Greenwell – salary	£ 17.70	1,000.00 1,518.00 650.00 630.00 330.29 60.00 10.64 540.75 375.93
	£	5,133.31

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

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17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Transport Allotments Neighbourhood Plan Howell Hall.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11 September 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 will be held on Wednesday, 29 August 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.					

Signed Date