

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 8
JANUARY 2013 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:

**COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD
COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON
COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
COUNCILLOR D CARR
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON
COUNCILLOR A SMITH
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND**

Chairman

**Mrs P D Greenwell
Councillor P Healey**

**Clerk
City of York Council**

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr R Macdonald
Cllr the Rev G Mumford

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2012**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Parker. **SECONDED** by Cllr Simpson. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The work on the railway at Colton Crossing and Colton North Crossing appears to have been carried out without problem or inconvenience to residents.

A letter has been sent asking that the cycle track from the Fox and Hounds to London Bridge garage be gritted when bad weather is forecast, however no reply has been received.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The police report had already been circulated. There has been a small amount of vandalism but no major crime.

6. TASK FORCE

The Task Force has taken a break over Christmas, but will start work again tomorrow.

7. HOWELL HALL AND YOUTH CLUB

Cllr Smith thanked the Parish Council for the early payment of its grant of £3,000. There is also funding available from the police. The change in banking arrangements is now almost complete. A Rates demand of £1,300 had been received, however this will not be payable once the Youth Club is registered with the Charity Commission.

It is hoped to stage a couple of events at the Hall, to raise awareness of both the Club and the Hall within the village. The aim is still to open the Club during the first quarter of this year, but this is dependent upon finding a suitable Youth Worker. An advert has been placed in the Newsletter, on Gumtree and with CYC Youth Services.

There is still work to do in respect of health and safety in the Hall, and in the future, it is possible that solar panels and additional loft insulation will be installed.

8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Fares on the Park and Ride have increased with effect from 6 January. Cllr Mrs Townsend has collected leaflets detailing Sunday bus services. Cllr Healey reported that the Company developing the new Park and Ride site has requested a further £750,000 for the contingency fund. This will have to come from CYC.

The proposed changes to the no 13 bus will be discussed at the Decision Session – Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability on 15 January at 3.00 pm. As we have passed on the concerns of the WI and the Yorkshire Countrywomen about the proposed changes, Cllr Mrs Townsend will attend this meeting in the Guildhall and speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs
Townsend

9. ALLOTMENTS

A handwritten Endorsement of the Lease is needed regarding the responsibility for maintenance of the ditches, which rests with the Ainsty Drainage Board 2008. This will also need to be sent to CYC.

Letters will also be sent to the occupants of those houses on Drome Road which back on to the allotments regarding the work to be done to clear the ditch, and also requesting that they desist from depositing rubbish in the ditch.

Clerk

10. COMMUNITY AUDIT

It is confirmed that Cllrs Carr and Mrs Taylor are to be our representatives on the Focus Group. Cllr Carr will take the lead.

11. RURAL WEST YORK

Cllr Healey to be copied in to the list of potholes and other issues requiring attention by CYC, once the list has been finalised at next week's Roads and Footpaths meeting. A list of the criteria for repairs to potholes would be useful.

Clerk

Cllr Healey is also asked to find out the current status of the planning application at the Fox and Hounds.

Cllr
Healey**12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP**

Cllr Carr PROPOSED that we write to Mora Scaife, CYC, with an progress report on the work being done on the Copmanthorpe Plan. AGREED.

Cllr
Carr**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr Harvey Walker, a resident of Low Green, thanks the Parish Council for the Christmas lights on the Green

YLCA give notice of their forthcoming training programme.

YLCA inform us of supportive comments about Parishes made by Eric Pickles, MP.

A response to be drafted and, when agreed, sent, informing Mr Pickles that the reforms he mentions have not happened here.

Cllr
Whitfield

Mr Ian Thompson has written twice to CYC about trees on the Play Area on Millers Croft near to his house, but has had no reply. The Clerk will reply to Mr Thompson.

Clerk

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

A report has been circulated. Applications at 13 Rutland Close, 18 Horseman Lane and 26 Moor Lane have been approved.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The next meeting will take place on 16 January 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. It is reported that there are a lot of leaves on the pavement at the back of the Co-op, opposite the butchers, which are dangerous when wet. Cllr Bowen to write to their Head Office about the number of items on the footpath in this vicinity.

Cllr
Bowen**c) Finance**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7 January 2013 had been circulated. Based on the figures contained therein Cllr Parker PROPOSED a Precept of £27,883 for the Year 2013-14. This will equate to £17.30 per Band D property. SECONDED by Cllr. Simpson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

An article to be prepared for the Village Newsletter explaining the factors behind

the Council's decision to increase the Precept, and drawing attention to the much larger sum of money requested in the way of grant this year by village groups.

Cllr
Whifield

Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that the Parish Council pay the Howell Hall £500 rent For one year's use of the Hall for meetings, in advance. SECONDED by Cllr Simpson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

15. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

No meeting had been held.

16. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting had been held.

17. ACTION REVIEW

A plan of the proposals for traffic calming on Low Green will be available for the February meeting.

The Clerk to write to Mr Frank Paterson, Chairman of Askham Bryan Parish Council, to congratulate him on his award of MBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Clerk

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	25,525.22
Business Money Manager Account		21,817.90

	£	45,343.12
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Credits to the Account this Month

HMRC – VAT Refund	£	1,068.44
Re: Maxine Louise Slade		30.00
Re: Roy Piercy		30.00

	£	1,128.44
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

Sports Turf Services (York) Limited – Rec Centre	£	501.14
Dean Landscapes Limited		261.60
P D Greenwell – salary		352.91
HMRC – PAYE Oct-Dec 2012		264.66
	£	1,380.31

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

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

School access from Low Green.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12 February 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.
To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm
Roads and Footpaths, Wednesday 16 January at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.
An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday,
23 January 2013 in the Methodist Church at 7.15 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed Date