

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY 12
FEBRUARY 2013 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 G SIMPSON
 COUNCILLOR A SMITH
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Cllr P Healey **City of York Council**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor R MacDonald
Councillor Mrs M Taylor

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday 8 January 2013, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Simpson. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

A second tree in the burial ground has fallen. The Clerk will therefore arrange for a survey of all the trees there to judge their safety and ascertain whether or not any should be removed as a precautionary measure.

A complaint has been received from a resident of Temple Lane regarding traffic speeding along that road. She will report the matter to the police, and the Clerk has assured her that we are aware of the problem, and work closely with the police on all matters with which they are involved in Copmanthorpe.

The Company responsible for works on the A64 is not able to change the signage on that road without instructions from the Highways Agency, and they suggest that we ask them to re-visit our request for signage to Copmanthorpe on the Westbound carriageway. The Company also outlines its reasons for the chosen route for the diversion of traffic during the forthcoming night time works to renew signage on the A64 Askham Bryan Westbound Exit Slip Road.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Anti-social behaviour continues to be a problem, with a number of incidents relating to the throwing of snowballs during recent bad weather. More worrying are the incidences of tyre-slashing, theft of a vehicle's number plates and damage to walls and fences in recent months. After some lengthy discussion it was AGREED that Cllr Simpson should ask the police for advice on how we can best help them to improve the situation and apprehend those responsible.

Cllr
Simpson**6. DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN**

The recently elected Police and Crime Commissioner has prepared the first draft of the Plan, which will set out in detail how the police will work in this area. This first draft is subject to consultation, and the Parish Council gave its responses to the 4 point strategy and 10 point questionnaire as part of this exercise.

Cllr
Simpson**7. RURAL WEST YORK**

Cllr Healey reported that CYC's Highway Asset Manager is asking the Council to approve a programme of works which includes the resurfacing of Horseman Lane and Merchant Way in 2013-14. A decision will be taken on 21 March.

Hallcroft Lane and Top Lane are currently being considered for inclusion in the list for 2014-15. No mention is made of Flaxman Croft, the other area of significant damage to road surface which had been put forward by Cllr Carr in his report to CYC as requiring attention.

The Clerk to ask Cllr Dave Merrett for an assurance that the budget for these essential works will not be raided for repair works to roads along the route to be taken by the Tour de France next year.

Clerk

The Chairman thanked members of the Roads and Footpaths Committee, and particularly Cllr Carr, for their work in compiling the report to CYC.

8. HOWELL HALL

Two people are to be interviewed for the post of Youth Leader, with a view to the appointee being able to start work in March.

Bookings for the Hall for parties and suchlike are coming in now, and it is possible that the Hall will be used for day time Adult Education sessions later in the year.

Thanks to work by members of Village Green, the front garden is now much tidier, and a fence has been erected.

9. TRANSPORT

No changes to the bus service. The Clerk to ascertain the starting date for work on the new Park and Ride site.

Clerk

10. ALLOTMENTS

Cllrs Mrs Taylor, Mrs Auton and Mrs Townsend have drafted a new Tenancy Agreement, to be emailed to Councillors for comments.

Allots
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The ditch at the back of the properties on Drome Road has not yet been cleared. A number of responses to the letter to these residents have been received, and they are all adamant that they are not dumping rubbish in the ditch.

11. SCHOOL ACCESS FROM LOW GREEN

A computer generated image of what is proposed has been received. However Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that this is not adequate to solve the problem, and that what is required is a widening of the footpath outside 6 Church Street (opposite the Co-op). The Clerk will request a proper plan showing this proposal, in order that we can consult with residents and the Co-op. The Clerk will also point out that the road markings and necessary signage in the loading bay at the side of the Co-op are not yet in place.

Clerk

12. COMMUNITY AUDIT

Cllrs Carr and Mrs Taylor are to meet with Ian Cartwright on 26 February. A firm of Consultants has been appointed to assist with the Audit.

Cllrs Carr/
Mrs Taylor

CYC Planning Department have been informed of our work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Two Information Notes are received from YLCA and have been circulated. Letters of thanks for grant monies are received from the Occasion Choir, St Giles Church and Copmanthorpe Art Group. Frank Paterson, MBE, thanks the Parish Council for the letter of congratulation on his Honour. Confirmation is received from Banks Renewables that they are not going to pursue an application for a Wind Farm on land opposite Manor Heath. We are informed that the next Ward Meeting will be on 8 May. CYC have moved into new premises at West Offices, Station Rise in York. NALC has revised its Legal Topic Note which gives advice on Employment.

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- a) Approvals have been received for 14 St Giles Way, and OS Field 2556 (Moor Lane)

b) Roads and Footpaths

Due to lack of Councillors at the last meeting, a short report only was circulated. Cllr Mrs Townsend to arrange a date for another meeting.

c) Finance

Nothing to report.

Cllr Mrs Auton requested approval to purchase a further 6 High Visibility jackets for the Task Force. Cllr Simpson will obtain three quotes, as the price from the previous order has increased substantially.
The jackets to carry the words "Parish Council Task Force Volunteer"

Cllr
Simpson

15. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

No report.

16. RECREATION CENTRE

A report by Cllr Mrs Taylor has been circulated.

The birdsmouth fence is now in place, and volleyball equipment is being researched.

The Carnival Committee for this year held its first meeting and welcomed two new members.

The negotiations for land for the additional football pitches are continuing and the Committee is hopeful that this will be achieved. There was a discussion of future upkeep/costs/maintenance of this land but it was agreed to pursue the possibility of acquisition.

The Treasurer was not present so no financial report was given.

17. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk to write again on the matter of the naming of the two Moor Lanes.
Cllr Whitfield to provide "dog" stencils.

Clerk
Chairman

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

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| Community Account | £ | 22,144.91 |
| Business Money Manager Account | | 21,821.71 |
| | £ | 43,966.62 |

Credits to the Account this Month

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| Interest on Business Money Manager Account | £ | 3.81 |
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

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| Copmanthorpe Methodist Church – grant re Community Audit | £ | 1,000.00 |
| Copmanthorpe Youth Club – annual rent for Howell Hall | | 500.00 |
| Electrotest – Christmas lights | | 129.00 |
| St Giles Church – 2 x gazebo pitches at May Day Street Fair | | 48.00 |
| CPRE – subscription | | 29.00 |
| Yorkshire Water – allotments | | 23.86 |
| Yorkshire Water – burial ground | | 19.71 |
| P D Greenwell – salary | | 352.91 |
| P D Greenwell – expenses | | 12.98 |
| | £ | 2,115.46 |

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

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Allotments
Coronation Cup

20. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held on Tuesday, 19 March 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

Flyers giving details of the meeting will be handed at the shops on Saturday, Cllrs Smith/
9th March by Cllr Mrs Townsend, and on Saturday 16th March by Cllr Smith. Mrs Townsend
Cllr Bowen will also take some flyers to hand out.

Cllr Carr will speak about the Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Smith will speak about
the Howell Hall and Mr Graham Auton will speak about Village Green.

The Clerk will invite Kay Bailey and Rachel Stewart from CYC Neighbourhood Clerk
Management, and also a representative from the Police, to the meeting.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 12 March at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, and will be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. There will be an interim meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday, 27 March 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Roads and Footpaths – date to be advised.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed Date