

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY 10
DECEMBER 2013 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:

**COUNCILLOR D CARR
COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON
COUNCILLOR B BELL
COUNCILLOR MS A LITTLE
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD**

Chairman

**Mrs P D Greenwell
Councillor C Steward
P C Laura Smith
P C Nigel Colley
Mr Stuart Halliday**

**Clerk
City of York Council
North Yorkshire Police
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1. APOLOGIES

Councillor G Simpson
Councillor A Smith

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday 12 November, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Taylor. **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Townsend. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

As a result of a request from the Parish Council PC Laura Smith gave an update on what the police are doing to deal with the current rate of burglaries in Copmanthorpe. There have been 6 in the past month, plus one on Horseman Lane in which the resident was also assaulted Two people have been arrested and are still on police bail. In all cases entry has been gained through smashing or removing windows, and only jewellery and/or cash taken. There has been a good response from the public to the recent leaflet drops, and there is a lot of unmarked police presence in the village at the present time.

The police left behind a supply of UV marker pens and timer switches for residents and can provide more if necessary. The library to be asked if they will take these .

5. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION

The City Council's Cabinet is currently considering its budget for 2015-16, and has held various meetings around the city to enable residents to give their views. It currently spends £240m annually and needs to make savings amounting to £13m.

Mr Stuart Halliday gave a breakdown of the City Council's income and expenditure. £70m of the income received comes from the Council Tax paid by residents, with the remainder coming from central government, business rates and various fees, charges and rents. £67m of expenditure is spent on adult social care, eg for the disabled and elderly, £45m on services for children and young people, £30 on staff salaries, £67m on public health and the remainder on such things as housing, culture and leisure, property maintenance etc.

Refuse is a major cost, with 9,360 tons of waste going to landfill each year, at a cost in tax of £12.5m. Whilst recycling rates in the villages are good, the Council needs to improve rates of recycling in the City centre. Subsidising unviable bus services costs the Council £770k per year, equivalent to £1.20 per journey.

After the detailed presentation Councillors gave their views on what they feel is needed for Copmanthorpe. Whilst the recent works to Horseman Lane and Merchant Way have been welcomed, the condition of the roads, notably Top Lane and Hallcroft Lane, is a big issue and a source of many complaints from residents. Mr Halliday promised to send a copy of the schedule of works for the next six months. Councillors are also opposed to the blanket introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on roads where it is totally unnecessary. The shortage of salt bins is also a concern.

In general the City Council appears to have little regard for the villages, and fails to recognise or care about what the villages need. This is underlined by the fact that Parish Councils can no longer apply for Ward funding for projects they may wish to carry out.

The Chairman will ask Mr Darren Richardson, CYC, to come to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Carr

6. CLERK'S REPORT

The skip at the allotments has been well used, but has not yet been collected. The timer on the Christmas lights in the trees on Memorial Green needs to be adjusted.

Advice has been sought from TLCA on the equipment needed to deal with electronic planning consultation. They have agreed to ask other Parishes what they are using.

Mr Mathew Liston has offered his services as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk to circulate his letter for consideration by members. Clerk

7. RURAL WEST YORK

Following the review by the Boundary Commission, Copmanthorpe is to become a stand-alone Ward with one Councillor, and no longer a part of Rural West York .

Group training for Snow Wardens can now be arranged if there are sufficient volunteers from one area.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No response has been received to Councillor Carr's letter requesting a meeting with Mr Dave Merrett.

We are advised by Cllr Ian Gillies that we can continue to progress our Plan and consult with residents, which the Group has already done, and this is encouraging. Disappointingly the promised grant of £4,500 from DCLG is being stalled.

Cllr Bell PROPOSED that the Parish Council approve the commission of a Technical Report up to a maximum cost of £5,000, and that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee be authorised to select a suitable company to produce this after acquiring three quotes. ALL IN FAVOUR.

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9. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Steward reporting that there have been only two meetings about the Draft Local Plan since the end of the consultation period on 31 July, and it is clear that the submission draft is not going to be ready by the end of March.

10. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION

Nothing to report. No information received from YLCA, but Cllr Mrs Taylor will obtain prices for the equipment we need, which is likely to be co-funded by the Youth Club.

Cllr Mrs
Taylor

11. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Good progress is being made at the Park and Ride site, and it is anticipated that the roadworks at the junction will be completed before Christmas.

The Coastliner 840 and 843 services run about every 15 minutes down Top Lane/ Hallcroft Lane from 8.07 until 23.03, but they do not go to Station Road.

12. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bell tabled a PROPOSAL that The Parish Council delegate all the allotment functions of the Council to the Allotments Sub Committee; subject to the Allotment Committee not exceeding budget limits and decisions being within Council agreed policies. This delegation will be for a fixed period of nine months; with a review in September 2014. AGREED.

13. BEQUEST

No further suggestions have been received from residents as a result of the item in the Newsletter. It was therefore AGREED that the money should be spent on the Heritage Trail, the photographic archive and the purchase of trees for the Community Orchard. The Clerk to investigate the purchase of a trophy for the winner of the photographic competition.

Clerk

14. YOUTH CLUB

Two Youth Leaders have been appointed, but one has already resigned, and it will be necessary to re-advertise.

The Wednesday evening sessions continue to be well attended by 11-12 year olds.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

A request is received to place in the burial ground a memorial plaque for 5 members of the Druggitt family. The Parish Council is agreeable to this in principle, but the Clerk is to request more details of what is being proposed.

Clerk

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

The Planning Report has already been circulated.

Approvals have been granted at 10 College Road, 14 Barnfield Way and 25 Temple Lane.

b) Roads and Footpaths

No meeting has been held.

c) Finance

A meeting has been held to discuss the 12 applications for grant aid received. Grants were RECOMMENDED as follows:

Sprouts £550
 Village Green £700
 Copmanthorpe Art Group £350
 Youth Club £3,550
 Yorkshire Countrywomen £350
 Occasion Choir £600
 Copmanthorpe Cricket Club £470
 Good Companions £500
 Horticultural Show £350
 Copmanthorpe WI £875
 Panda Playgroup £1,500
 Copmanthorpe Brownies £720

The total amount is £10,515, as against £13,433 last year. The minutes will be circulated in due course.

Clerk

17. ACTION REVIEW

Nothing outstanding.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	34,245.58
Business Money Manager Account		21,833.14
	£	56,078.72

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Peter H N Turner	£	250.00
HMRC – VAT Refund		183.72
Interest on Business Money Manager Account		3.81
	£	437.53

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	£	230.00
Electrotest – Christmas lights		198.00
Martins of York – skip at allotments		180.00
Royal Mail – response plus service re Neighbourhood Plan		157.68
SLCC – membership subscription		101.00
Yorkshire Water – re burial ground		25.58
P D Greenwell – expenses		24.50
P D Greenwell – salary		362.45
	£	1,279.21

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

19. ACTION REVIEW

It was AGREED that this should in future appear towards the top of the agenda to assist with assuring that all items are followed up.

Clerk

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Bequest.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

The Finance Committee will meet at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7 January 2014 in the Howell Hall.

The interim meeting of the Planning Committee – date to be confirmed, as necessary.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Signed Date