

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2015 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR Chairman
 COUNCILLOR D CARR
 COUNCILLOR M LISTON
 COUNCILLOR MS A LITTLE
 COUNCILLOR R WEST
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD**

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs M Miller
Councillor Ms J Saxton
Councillor G Simpson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Carr, Liston, Mrs Taylor and Whitfield all Declared an Interest as members of the Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Planning Group.

3. PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF APPROX. £16,000 for the advice of professional consultants in respect of the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A fee quote of £8,100, plus VAT and expenses, has been received from landscape architects Stephenson Halliday to carry out a Landscape Character Assessment in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan. They have since offered a 10% reduction, bringing the cost down to £7,290. It was noted that, over and above this current requirement, it could be a useful document in the future if any builder were to question the validity of the Plan.

CYC's Draft Local Plan is currently stalled, probably until next Spring, so our Plan may well influence the Local Plan.

It is presently unclear what further expenses we may have to incur in order to provide the Strategic Environmental Assessment requested by Historic England. Kate Bellwood, who it is hoped will produce the SEA, has not given us a firm quote for her work, or indeed for the work of any other experts she may feel are necessary to complete the job.

After a lengthy discussion Cllr West PROPOSED that Cllr Mrs Taylor instruct Stephenson Halliday to carry out the Landscape Character Assessment for the revised fee of £7,290 plus VAT and expenses. SECONDED by Cllr Ms Little. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that the Clerk seek clarification from Kate Bellwood as to the scope of her appointment, which is currently unclear, and the costs thereof. SECONDED by Cllr Liston. ALL IN FAVOUR.

In addition, Cllr Carr will ask Martin Grainger at CYC if we may have sight of any SEA carried out by CYC in respect of the Draft Local Plan.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed Date

