

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 9th
FEBRUARY 2016 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE at
7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR BRIAN BELL
 COUNCILLOR REBECCA BLUES
 COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR
 COUNCILLOR MARGARET MILLER
 COUNCILLOR JULIE SAXTON
 COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST
 COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Mrs P Diane Greenwell **Clerk**
 Mr Joe Ashton **City of York Council**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Matthew Liston

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 12th January 2016** having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Robert West as a true record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr David Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report has been circulated. No further action is to be taken regarding the burglary at the Royal Oak. There have been very few incidents this month.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

A complaint about dog fouling on Barons Crescent has been received. Once the weather improves the Clerk will arrange for the dog stencilling to be applied there, and anywhere else where there is a persistent problem.

Trees close to overhead electric cables on Low Green, Memorial Green and the burial ground will be pruned in the next month by contractors Amey, working for Northern Power Grid.

A letter of explanation for the increase in this year's subscription is received from YLCA.

6. ACTION REVIEW

The BOAT for Yorkfield Lane will still take many years to be progressed. No further news on the Wayleave on Low Green.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Megan Taylor has agreed the final version of the Heritage Statement with Kate Bellwood, and it has now been sent to Historic England.

Barratt Homes have requested a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan, but this is not felt to be desirable. The Plan is available on the internet, and we have nothing further to say to them at the present time. The Clerk to respond.

Clerk

8. FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE RAILWAY LINE

A letter drafted by Cllr Robert West, and amended by others, has been sent by the Clerk to Network Rail, as agreed last month. Cllr West will write a press release to go out next week, if no reply is received by then from Network Rail. Cllr Carr will speak with his contacts at The Press to see if they will run an article on this matter.

Cllrs
West/
Carr

9. RECREATION CENTRE and REC CENTRE 2

The monthly report has been circulated.

10. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

It is now clear that the housing numbers are going to be around 750 new houses per annum. Cllr Carr is to meet with Mike Slater, Martin Grainger and Rachel Masefield on 25 February to discuss the latest thinking on the Local Plan as it pertains to Copmanthorpe. He will maintain his own, and the Parish Council's, view in support of our own Neighbourhood Plan, and oppose any other proposals for the development of the village.

11. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The missing bollard on the pedestrian refuge at the end of Hallcroft Lane has been replaced.

The light at the corner of School Lane and Main Sstreet is now working.

The resurfacing work done on Hallcroft Lane last year is already breaking up. Photographs of the surface, taken by a resident, have been sent to CYC.

Council Tax will increase next year by 3%.

Yellow line markings are to be put in place at the junction of Station Road and Moor Lane.

12. WARD FUNDING

Mr Joe Ashton, our Ward Officer, explained that the aim of the Ward funding is to try to give some money back to local residents. Savings have to be made, but £16,000 is available to the Ward. This money is separate from our own Precept.

Ward Committee meetings, open to the public, will be held 3 or 4 times a year and will be chaired by Cllr Carr. The police, Parish Councillors and Council officers as appropriate will be present, and Cllr Carr wants to work alongside the Parish Council to identify and agree priorities for the village and its residents.

13. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL

The Club will be open this Wednesday, but closed next week for half term. Jean Auton continues to assist Rachel, the current leader, who has just returned from maternity leave.

14. PUBLIC TRANSPORT and PARK AND RIDE

Students are being asked whether they have a vehicle when using the Park and Ride, but there is still no proper monitoring.

15. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY and FIELD PATHS

No report.

16 ALLOTMENTS

It has been proving difficult to remove the skip from the site, due to the grass being extremely wet. However it is hoped that it will be collected this week.

16. ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPHS and EXHIBITION

There has been a short article in The Press about the missing albums, and a longer article in the CYC Newsletter. Posters asking for their return are in the library and around the village, and there is also an appeal on the Parish Council website and in the Newsletter.

Councillors are asked to consider whether or not to hold another exhibition and, if so, when. Also, to consider when would be best to hold the competition, where we need to stress that what we are looking for is images of everyday life in the village. Cllrs

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The application form for a stall at the Street Fair is received. It was AGREED that we once again take two stalls.

An application for grant aid is received from the Friends of Copmanthorpe School. They request £1,000 towards the cost of various outdoor provision for the children, and replacement carpets. Cllr Becci Blues PROPOSED that a grant of £1,000 be awarded. SECONDED by Cllr Robert West. Cllr Whitfield ABSTAINED – everyone else IN FAVOUR.

18. HEDGE AT THE BURIAL GROUND

The work to lay the hedge which forms the rear boundary of the burial ground was carried out last week by the Conservation Trust Volunteers, assisted by David Whiteman, Les Wood and Bill Marsh. Thanks to everyone.

19. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The Planning Report has been circulated. An application at 6 Faber Close has been approved.

The application for a two storey part single storey dwelling at 33C Drome Road

has been refused by CYC and has now gone to appeal. An application for a large extension at 11 Top Lane has been refused.

b) Finance

No meeting has been held.

The sum of £14,968 has been received from Section 106 Agreements relating to 21 School Lane and Smithson Court. Cllr Brian Bell PROPOSED that this sum be allocated for Rec Centre 2. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

c) Roads and Footpaths

A date for a meeting is needed.

20. AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS

A new body, the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited, has been set up to provide audit services for Local Authorities with an income above £25,000. Parish Councils are able to opt out of this and make their own arrangements for 2017-18 onwards. Cllr Becci Blues PROPOSED that we opt in to these new arrangements. SECONDED by Cllr Brian Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

21. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

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| Community Account | £ | 11,208.37 |
| Business Money Manager Account | | 21,867.43 |
| | £ | 33,075.80 |
| Credits to the Account this Month | | |
| Re: Francis Irwin Scarr | £ | 375.00 |
| Re: Terence Graves | | 375.00 |
| Interest on Business Money Manager a/c | | 3.82 |
| | £ | 753.82 |

Accounts to be Paid this Month

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| Kate Bellwood | £ | 1,000.00 |
| St Giles Church – 2 x gazebo stalls at Street Fair | | 52.00 |
| CPRE – subscription | | 36.00 |
| P D Greenwell – salary | | 362.45 |
| | £ | 1,450.45 |

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield.
SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

22. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was AGREED that we should once again ask Little Acorns to provide cake to go with tea and coffee for the public, to be available between the Ward Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Taylor

The meetings will start at 7.15 pm, and members are asked to make themselves available between 6.30 and 6.45 for setting up. Cllrs

23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Street Fair
- Carnival
- Vacancies
- Coronation Cup

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8th March 2016 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. There will be an interim Meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday, 23rd February, and the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16th March in the Methodist Church.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed Date