

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 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 MATHEW LISTON**  
                         **COUNCILLOR MARGARET MILLER**  
                         **COUNCILLOR JULIE SAXTON**  
                         **COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST**

**Mrs P Diane Greenwell**

**Clerk**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Peter Whitfield

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015** having been previously circulated, were **PROPOSED** by Cllr Maggie Miller as a true record of that Meeting. **SECONDED** by Cllr Julie Saxton. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The monthly report has been circulated. An update on the burglary at the Royal Oak has been requested, but not yet supplied.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT**

Letters have been sent to the properties in Sawyers Crescent where vehicles have been parking on the grass verge.

It is noted that there is a bollard missing from the new pedestrian refuge at the end of Hallcroft Lane, where there is also poor illumination and the grass verge has been damaged by vehicles.

## **6. ACTION REVIEW**

BOAT re Yorkfield Lane, and Wayleave on Low Green – no progress.  
The Clerk is waiting to hear back from the WI re the visiting theatre company.

## **7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Landscape Assessment and Heritage Assessment are now both complete. The Heritage Assessment, prepared by Kate Bellwood, looks at each of the sites put forward by CYC for housing, as well as by our own Neighbourhood Plan, and rates them on their heritage value. Cllr David Carr has met with her, and she has submitted a revised document taking into account the points raised by members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. It is hoped that Historic England will accept that there is no need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment, and that CYC will then proceed to the next stage with our Plan.

## **8. FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE RAILWAY LINE**

No further report has been received from Network Rail. Julian Sturdy, MP, is still making representations on our behalf. Cllr Robert West had attended the site meeting with Network Rail, and believes that an underpass is the best option, as any footbridge will be a huge and overbearing structure which will still not provide disabled access. He will draft a letter to them accordingly. Cllr West

## **9. RECREATION CENTRE and REC CENTRE 2**

No meeting had been held in December, therefore no report.

## **10. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

The number of houses to be built annually is likely to be between 700 and 800. No decisions have yet been made about sites, but the Conservative Group will insist on brownfield sites being used first, and only a small amount of building on Green Belt land.

## **11. WARD FUNDING**

Following the first ward meeting in November 2015, residents' feedback is being analysed and will be presented by Cllr Carr to the PC meeting in February. At that meeting, Cllr Carr will also confirm the total amount of ward funding available and

the arrangements for the Ward meeting to be held in March.

To date only one application has been received, from Derek Bowen on behalf of Communicare. Members are asked to consider how they would like to see this money being spent.

The Ward meeting will be advertised in the March Newsletter, on the Parish Council website, and on posters around the village.

Cllrs  
Taylor/  
Whitfield

## **12. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL**

The Club reopened on 13<sup>th</sup> January, and they are advertising for an Assistant Leader.

## **13. PUBLIC TRANSPORT and PARK AND RIDE**

A new token system is to be introduced at the Park and Ride, in order to prevent students at the College from parking there.

There are no plans yet for the old Park and Ride site, but it will probably be used for council housing.

## **14. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY and FIELD PATHS**

No progress.

## **15. ALLOTMENTS**

Nothing to report.

## **16. ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPHS AND EXHIBITION**

The rules governing the competition need to be re-written to encourage people to submit pictures of everyday life. The timing of the competition may be changed to fit in with the Carnival.

An appeal for the return of the lost photo albums is to go on the front cover of the Newsletter.

## **17. CORRESPONDENCE**

An electronic copy of the Landscape Character Assessment is received and was passed to the Chairman.

Information is received about a Surgery being held by Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner at West Offices on 25 January, starting at 12.30 pm.

A request for images of the village has been received. However it appears that these are for a Company producing a guide to York for use by estate agents, and it was felt that they should take their own photographs.

## **18. HEDGE AT THE BURIAL GROUND**

Work to lay the hedge at the rear boundary of the burial ground will be carried out on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February. The Conservation Volunteers will be assisted by David Whiteman, Les Rhodes and Bill Marsh.

## **19. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

### **a) Finance**

Minutes of a meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January had been circulated. After some discussion an increase of 9% in the Precept had been AGREED for recommendation to the full Parish Council.

It was also AGREED that the Committee should try to put together a Three Year Plan to discuss and prioritise possible future projects. This would need to take into account monies available from the Ward.

### **b) Planning**

The Planning Report has been circulated. Approvals have been received for 21 Main Street, 6 Faber Close, 11 Tadcaster Road, 8 College Road and 15 Deacons Court.

Some residents of Station Cottages remain concerned about the possibility of increased flooding if plans for an additional property there are approved.

**20. PRECEPT for 2016-17**

Cllr Brian Bell PROPOSED that a Precept of £30,687 be requested for the forthcoming year. This would represent an increase of £2,335, or 9%, from this year. SECONDED by Cllr Megan Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**21. ACCOUNTS****Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	12,783.62
Business Money Manager Account		21,863.62
	£	34,647.24

## Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Peter Ronald Marsh	£	75.00
	£	75.00

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

Electrotest – Xmas tree lights connection and disconnection	£	518.00
Stephenson Halliday – re Neighbourhood Plan		396.00
SLCC – subscription		118.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		24.00
Royal British Legion – Remembrance Day wreath		17.00
P D Greenwell – salary		362.45
HMRC – PAYE		271.80
	£	1,707.25

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Robert West. SECONDED by Cllr Brian Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Photographic competition  
Bridge over the railway line

**23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016, in the Methodist Church (subject to availability), and will follow on from the Ward Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed ..... Date .....