

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
11th OCTOBER 2016 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD Chairman
COUNCILLOR BRIAN BELL
COUNCILLOR BECCI BLUES
COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR
COUNCILLOR GRAHAM GATMAN
COUNCILLOR ADAM MOSLEY
COUNCILLOR JULIE SAXTON
COUNCILLOR

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk
One member of the public

Before the business of the Meeting began Mr Tyreman raised, once again, the issue of vehicles parking on the verges in Sawyers Crescent. This has a detrimental effect on the grass which will only increase as the weather worsens. CYC have been informed of this problem, by another resident of Sawyers Crescent, and the Clerk has had sight of this email correspondence. The Clerk will write to the owners of the property, and the police will be asked to monitor the situation.

Mr Tyreman also drew to the attention of the Council some garages which are being built on land at Fletchers Croft/Sawyers Crescent. Cllr Carr will investigate.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Maggie Miller
Cllr Megan Taylor
Councillor Robert West

- 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 13th September 2016, having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Mosley as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

4. CASUAL VACANCY

The vacancy brought about the resignation of Cllr Liston has been advertised for the requisite length of time. The Council is now free to co-opt a new member.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The police have nothing to report this month. However there is still a drug problem at the Recreation Centre. CCTV has been improved, and the police need to be kept informed.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

A report has been received from a resident of a "near miss" on the corner of Main Street/St Giles Way where vehicles are regularly parked opposite the Dental Surgery, when a tractor came at speed around the corner. This tractor has allegedly been seen speeding by other residents. The police have been informed. Residents should use the 95 Alive form, which can be downloaded from the Parish Council website, to report these sorts of incidents.

A resident has reported walking into a metal barrier at the end of one of the footpaths in the village. These were originally installed to deter speeding motorcyclists. No Action.

There are two combined dog waste/litter bins available from CYC. The Clerk and Cllr Carr will discuss where best to site these, following advice from the Copmanthorpe Volunteers.

Clerk

7. ACTION REVIEW

Storage at Howell Hall – no progress.

Rota for Photographic Exhibition – Clerk to draw up.

Roads and Footpaths Committee meeting – Clerk to action.

Finance Committee Meeting – has been held.

SEA Scoping Report for Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Taylor to pursue.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN and DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Carr has confirmed he has formally stepped down as Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group although he has not been de facto Chair for some considerable time due to other commitments. Also, since the emergence of the draft Local Plan, differences have arisen between what is proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan and what Cllr Carr believes is the best way forward for the village.

The revised draft Local Plan allocates two sites for housing development which are the two same sites identified for housing in the Neighbourhood Plan. The difference is in the numbers. Cllr Carr's submission to the recent draft Local Plan consultation

requested CYC planners to align the housing densities on the two allocated sites with those of the existing housing development adjoining those two sites.

Cllr Carr believes he must put his weight behind the Local Plan. If he does not, he believes there is a great risk that house builders will claim that there are not going to be enough houses, and that any additional houses needed should go on land to the West of the village – opposite Manor Heath. Whilst the development of the two allocated sites is limited by the existence of hard boundaries formed by roads and the railway, building opposite Manor Heath could result in unchecked sprawl to Colton and beyond. In supporting the draft Local Plan Cllr Carr firmly believes he is acting in the best interests of the village.

The results of the recent Sites Consultation are now being analysed and will be reported to the Executive by Christmas. The Publication Draft will go out early next year, with a view to putting a submission to central government later in the year.

Cllr Whitfield thanked Cllr Carr for all his work and efforts at CYC to get the best result for Copmanthorpe.

Cllr Bell is concerned that the Parish Council is having to spend a great deal of money on consultancy fees to support the Neighbourhood Plan, at the behest of CYC, and it was AGREED that we should invite Martin Grainger and/or Alison Cooke to address the Parish Council to explain why CYC are not funding this, since the sites in question are now the same in both plans.

Cllr
Carr

9. RECREATION CENTRE and REC CENTRE 2

Monthly report has been circulated.

The first meeting to discuss next year's Carnival will take place on 15 November.

10. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The next Ward Meeting will take place either 30th November or 7th December. The resurfacing of Church Street, using Ward funding and some money from the highways budget, will commence on 20th October and should take three days. Overgrowing vegetation on the snicket between Low Green and Merchant Way has been cut back to allow traffic to pass through whilst this work is ongoing.

An additional street light, by the cut through from Back Lane to Wilstrop Farm Road, will be installed, and it is suggested that a light on the cut through from Low Green to Malbys Crescent would be useful.

11. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk has applied for the necessary Traffic Order. This year, the Uniformed Groups will parade from the Methodist Church to Memorial Green. The Clerk has offered the use of the Parish Council gazebos to give some shelter to these young people in the event of heavy rain. Cllrs Bell and Whitfield will be on hand to erect these if needed.

A new hook has been affixed to the War Memorial to accommodate the Parish Council wreath.

12. SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool at the school has been out of action since April, due to a serious boiler malfunction. A public meeting has been arranged, for 20th October, to discuss the future of the pool and its management. A quote of £170,000 for repairs, to include showers, changing rooms etc. has been received.

13. REPORTS

a) Planning

No report.

b) Finance

A meeting had been held to discuss the setting up of internet banking. Cllr Bell PROPOSED that we proceed with the registration process. SECONDED by Cllr Blues. ALL IN FAVOUR.

c) Roads and Footpaths

Cllr Saxton expressed concerns about trees and overgrowth at the top of Manor Heath.

The Clerk will write to the Royal Oak about the status of land to the front of the building.

Letters to the managements of the various public buildings in the village regarding inconsiderate parking outside their premises appear to have had little effect.

Clerk

d) Public Transport and Park & Ride

Nothing to report.

e) Allotments

The water tank has been removed and a new tap installed.

Ainsty Ales will now be delivering their waste hops to the allotment site, where they will be available for use as fertiliser.

14. PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE and EXHIBITION

No report.

The Clerk will circulate a suggested rota for the Exhibition on 29th October. Clerk

15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk will write to the residents of St Giles Way who overlook the grassed area, to seek their views on having lights in the trees for Christmas next year.

Clerk

16. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	17,554.27
Business Money Manager Account		21,875.08

	£	39,429.35
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Credits to the Account this Month

Second half of annual Precept is received.	£	15,343.50
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

CYC – additional tap at allotments	£	654.00
Kevin Ledgeway – repairs to memorials in burial ground		600.00
Brighter Gardens – grass cutting		550.00
CYC – ½ year allotments rent		497.50
CYC – removal of water tank at the allotments		289.43
P D Greenwell – salary		367.95
David Whiteman – re allotments and flower beds		68.36
HMRC – PAYE		280.00

	£	3,307.24
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The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Blues.
SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Christmas lights.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th November at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday, 25th October 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed Date

ACTION LIST

- Parking in Sawyers Crescent – Clerk
- Garages at Sawyers Crescent/Fletchers Croft – Cllr Carr
- Dog/litter bins – Clerk/Cllr Carr
- Storage at Howell Hall – Cllr Whitfield
- Rota for Photographic Competition – Clerk
- Roads and Footpaths issues – Clerk
- SEA Scoping Report – Cllr Taylor
- Invitation to Alison Cooke/Martin Grainger re Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Carr
- Land at front of Royal Oak – Clerk
- Christmas lights on St Giles Way - Clerk