

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:**                    **COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR**                    **Chairman**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR BRIAN BELL**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR GRAHAM GATMAN**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR JEANNE GULLEN**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR JULIE SAXTON**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

**Mrs P D Greenwell**  
**One member of the public**

**1. APOLOGIES**

None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017** had been previously circulated. Two amendments were noted – Cllr Gatman had in fact been present, and the tendering process referred to was for the Park & Ride service and not the Coastliner - after which the Minutes were **AGREED** as a true and correct record of that Meeting and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

**4. VACANCY**

A further vacancy, due to the resignation of Cllr Moseley received since the last meeting,, has been advertised. The Chairman **PROPOSED** that, as the school holidays are approaching, an advert for new councillors be placed in the September newsletter. **SECONDED** by Cllr Whitfield. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The monthly report, previously circulated, suggests that the village is quiet and trouble free. However Cllr Mrs Gullen reported some disruptive and worrying behaviour from young people in the Temple Lane area, with some criminal damage and use of an air horn. There has also been some similar activity in the footpath down the side of the school. The police to be informed.

## 6. CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing which does not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

## 7. ACTION REVIEW

The long grass verge on Manor Heath has been cut and re-seeded.

## 8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

The application at 17 College Road has been refused.

### b) Finance

The Financial Regulations are to be reviewed and updated by the Chairman, the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Clerk. Cllrs Taylor, Bell & the Clerk

### c) Roads and Footpaths

It was AGREED that the previously used system of members being responsible for noting any problems in their given areas should be reinstated. These areas will need to be re-established and re-allocated once we have a full complement of members, but in the meantime areas are allocated as far as is possible.

Virgin Media are still working in the village, so it is difficult to get a full picture of the state of roads and footpaths at the present time. Cllr West noted that reinstatement seems to be improving, although some of the cabinets are not flush with the surrounding footpath and could be considered to be a trip hazard.

## 9. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND PARK & RIDE

**FIRST** will continue to provide the Park & Ride service.

## 10. ALLOTMENTS

No meeting has been held recently. An inspection is due fairly soon as there are some overgrown plots. However the Clerk stated that she is in the process of re-allocating some of these.

Clerk

## 11. VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS

Some policy documents used by CYC will be circulated by the Chairman for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs  
Taylor

## 12. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council in August 2012 had been circulated by the Clerk. The Chairman PROPOSED that this be reviewed in 2020. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## 13. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY and WEBCASTING

The policy document used by CYC will be circulated by the Chairman for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs  
Taylor

## 14. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Forthcoming training for Chairmen unfortunately clashes with the date of our next meeting, and there is no YLCA Councillor training locally currently available. The Chairman therefore PROPOSED that Councillors could find their own training online, with details of content and cost to be discussed by the Parish Council. If then agreed the Parish Council would reimburse any reasonable cost. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Gullen. ALL IN FAVOUR.

It was agreed that an Induction Pack for new councillors would be useful. The Chairman PROPOSED that Cllrs Mrs Gullen and Blues be asked to discuss how best to put this together. AGREED.

Cllr Mrs  
Gullen

Cllr Mrs Gullen suggested that a mentoring system for new Councillors could be useful, and the Chairman Proposed that this be set up. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## 15. STANDING ORDERS

These need to be updated. The Chairman PROPOSED that she, Cllr West and the Clerk meet to draft a revised version. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllrs West.  
Mrs Taylor  
& the Clerk

## **16. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

All responses have been received from the second pre-submission consultation. Members of the group are currently considering responses from developers, residents and other statutory consultees such as the Environment Agency and Historic England, and these will be discussed at the next group meeting on 24 July. The Strategic Environmental Appraisal is currently with the consultant, Ms Kate Bellwood.

Most residents' responses are very positive.

The document will next go to CYC for their consideration, and then go through their own consultation process.

## **17. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

The cross-party group had met last night to discuss the latest draft of the Plan. Some aspects were agreed and some not. The draft will go the Executive next Thursday evening and will then go out to the second Preferred Sites Consultation in September. The new housing figures need to be taken into account, as do some of the responses from previous consultations, as well as the Ministry of Defence land at the two barracks sites.

The Plan will be amended if necessary then the final draft will be issued, probably in the New Year, and then go to the government inspector early in the spring. The examination will take six to nine months, so the final Plan, if agreed, should be in place by the end of 2019.

## **18. VIRGIN MEDIA**

Nothing further to report.

## **19. RECREATION CENTRE**

The monthly report has been circulated.

At the Carnival £4,000 had been taken on the main gate, and £1685 on the back gate. The Pimms tent had taken £1,000. Approx. 5,000 people had attended. There had been no earlier selling of programmes at a reduced price this year.

## **20. FRACKING**

Cllr Gatman has organised a public meeting at the Recreation Centre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, at 3.00 pm, to give residents information about fracking as it may affect

Copmanthorpe. As the Parish Council has already had a presentation from FrackFreeYork it was AGREED that the Clerk should invite iGas to our August meeting, in order that the Parish Council can come to a view having heard from both sides.

Clerk

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

Jean and Graham Auton have again expressed their wish to hand over the running of the Youth Club and Howell Hall. It was suggested that the Recreation Centre may wish to consider taking this on. Cllr Whitfield to make enquiries.

Cllr  
Whitfield

## **22. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

Cllr Carr has a new Assistant, who has already contacted the Sink or Swim Club who are hoping to re-open the swimming pool at the School.

It is hoped that there will be a new street light at the end of Horseman Lane.

The Royal Oak has been registered as an Asset of Community Value.

It is anticipated that the next Ward Meeting will be held early in the autumn.

Two of the trees on Horseman Lane need to be pruned back.

## **23. WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION**

No report.

## **24. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGNS**

CYC are to remove the two signs on Temple Lane, and these will not be replaced. Temple Lane no longer meets the criteria for a VAS as the figures show that driver speed is not sufficiently excessive. The sign on Manor Heath will remain

## **25. HERITAGE TRAIL**

The South Ainsty Archaeological Society are helping with this, and some residents gave feedback and input at the Carnival. The list of sites, and the map, are now on the website, and it is hoped that these can also go in the library. We will then need quotes for an Interpretation Board, using grant money from

the Ward and the bequest from the late Mrs Chapman-Andrews.

The Chairman PROPOSED a vote of thanks to Cllr Whitfield for all the work he has done on this to date. AGREED.

## 26. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Information on the electricity supply for these is still awaited.

## 27. CORONATION CUP

The judging has taken place and prizes will be presented at the Horticultural Show on 22 July. This year there were three new entrants.

## 28. CORRESPONDENCE

Ongoing comments from residents about Virgin Media's work.

## 29. ACCOUNTS

### Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	28,718.14
Business Money Manager Account		21,883.69
	£	50,601.83
Credits to the Account this Month		
Re: Ann Wilkinson	£	125.00
Re: Harriet Ann Bradford		50.00
	£	175.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
York Graphic Arts	£	655.00
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services		310.00
P D Greenwell – expenses (computer and miscellaneous)		596.39
P D Greenwell – expenses re gardening competition		350.00
P D Greenwell – salary		367.95
HMRC – PAYE		276.00
	£	2,555.34

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

**30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

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

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