

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 8th
DECEMBER 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	COUNCILLOR D BOWEN	Chairman
	COUNCILLOR B BELL	
	COUNCILLOR S STERICKER	
	COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES	
	COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR	
	COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND	
	COUNCILLOR A TRAVENA	
	COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD	
	Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
	Mr Leslie Church	Resident

Before the business of the Meeting began Mr Leslie Church, a resident of Nalton Close, expressed his concerns about the number of parked vehicles in the vicinity of Station Road/Main Street/St Giles Way. Cllr Stericker explained that the police are very unwilling to put double yellow lines in these areas, but they will act if the registration numbers of vehicles causing an obstruction are passed to them. The Parish Council will raise this with the police at the next Ward Meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr D F Parker

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by Mr David Carr and Mr Glyn Simpson.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday 10 November 2009, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Mrs Townsend. **SECONDED** by Cllr P Whitfield. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

5. CLERK'S REPORT

Our application to Awards for All for funding to purchase equipment for electronic planning consultation has been refused. Similar applications by Strensall and Rufforth Parish Councils have likewise been refused. Cllr Mrs Taylor **PROPOSED** that YLCA be asked to put this on the agenda for its February meeting, with a view to taking up the matter with CYC. **SECONDED** by Cllr Travena. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

The greetings cards depicting the Rural Arts mural are now to hand. It was agreed that the Finance Committee be delegated to decide the price at which these will be sold to local groups.

Information on crime prevention at the allotments has been received from the York Crime Prevention and Community Watch Office and will be passed to allotment holders.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

A burglary at 11 Flaxman Croft is under investigation. Otherwise generally quiet. Cllr Simpson agreed to take over the Police Liaison role from former Cllr Greg Waite.

7. RURAL WEST YORK

No Ward Councillor present, therefore no report.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Report is received and passed to Cllr Travena.

A formal letter of resignation is received from former Cllr Greg Waite.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals are received for 48 Top Lane, 7 Thatchers Croft and 34 Barons Crescent.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Ricky Watson is still seeking a quote to install an additional light outside the Royal Oak.

The litter pick arranged for November was cancelled, and will be rearranged for early next year.

CYC have not carried out satisfactory repairs to the bridge by the Copmanthorpe/Acaster Malbis sign following the road accident there. Cllr Stericker to pursue. Clerk/Cllr

The Clerk to get insurance details of the perpetrator of the accident from the Clerk Stericker to Acaster Malbis Parish Council in order to claim against his insurers for the damage to the Copmanthorpe sign.

Tree stake at Whistler Close not yet provided. It was agreed that we should arrange for this to be done ourselves. Clerk

Cllr Travena reported that there is a large and deep hole on an unadopted part of the Highway on Westfield Lane. Cllrs Bowen and Stericker to try to ascertain who is responsible for this as a matter of urgency. Cllrs Bowen/Stericker

c) Finance

The minutes of the meeting to discuss grant applications have been circulated. The next meeting, to set the Precept for 2010/2011 will be held on 10 December 2009 in the Methodist Church, commencing at 7.30 pm.

10. WEBSITE

Cllr Whitfield distributed statistics giving information on website visits. Eighty per cent of visitors are from the UK, with a further 19% from the USA. Much traffic is coming via Google.

Cllr Bell recorded his unhappiness that the Parish Council had last month decided not to pursue the Members Only area on the site. It was agreed that he should try to point out instances in the future where such an area would be useful.

11. CYCLING CITY YORK

The Parish Council is supportive of this initiative by the City of York Council.

12. RISK ASSESSMENT

This document is now complete and has been emailed to all Councillors. Hard copies were available for the two new members. The Risk Management Group will henceforth meet to make any alterations are needed, the next meeting to be on 19 February at 7.00 pm. Cllr Travena PROPOSED that the document be accepted. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR. It was also agreed that the document be added to the website.

13. PLAYBUILDER

The Recreation Centre has now been informed that Planning Consent is necessary for this project, and an application has been submitted. No problems are anticipated, as CYC need to spend the money by the end of March, so this should go through early in the New Year.

14. RURAL ARTS MURAL

The Scouts will take some of the cards. An article, with photograph, on the York Pride Community Awards, will appear in the January newsletter. Our runner-up certificate will go in the library, and possibly transfer to the Annexe cafe following their redecorations.

15. WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Cllr Mrs Townsend is pursuing her enquiries, and it seems that the owners of Bond Hill Ash Farm may be interested. Advice is available from the university, and grants may be available from Rural Arts and elsewhere.

16. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Work on installing the lights had begun yesterday, and will be completed by tomorrow evening. All the electrical work is complete and most of the lights are in the trees. Once the work is complete, the lights will be lit from 4.00 pm until midnight each evening. Thanks to Cllr Whitfield for all his hard work on this.

17. RECREATION CENTRE

The current bank balance is in the region of £50,000, but much of this is earmarked for future projects. A second hand self-propelled triple mower has been purchased to replace the old gang mower.

It was noted that the "No Ball Games" sign is difficult to enforce, and that the Playground is currently not being locked at night time.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	11,730.15
Business Money Manager Account		26,768.28
	£	38,498.43

Credits to the Account this Month

City of York Council – grass cutting	£	459.38
	£	459.38

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Copmanthorpe Recreation Centre – Sec 106 monies re fencing	£	2,000.00
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Xmas tree lights		1,983.75
Copmanthorpe Recreation Centre – re grass cutting		374.41
SLCC – Clerk's subscription		95.00
Fulprint – Dec PC News		95.00
Caroline Anderson – Dec PC News		60.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		14.67
P D Greenwell – salary		435.53
Petty Cash		30.00

£ 5,088.36

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED y Cllr Mrs Townsend. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Askham Bryan College

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12 January 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
Interim Planning meeting, **if necessary**, on 23 December 2009 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed Date