

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY
12 JULY 2011 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD	Chairman
COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON	
COUNCILLOR B BELL	
COUNCILLOR D BOWEN	
COUNCILLOR D CARR	
COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON	
COUNCILLOR REV G MUMFORD	
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR	
COUNCILLOR MRS F THOMPSON	
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND	
Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
Mr T Duffy	CWFAG
Mr G Auton	CWFAG

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor P Healey
Councillor C Steward

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday, 14 June 2011 were PROPOSED

by
Cllr Mrs Taylor as a true and correct record of that Meeting, with the addition of
the
Words 'PROPOSED by Cllr Bowen' under Item 4. **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs
Townsend. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

CYC Enforcement Officer, Andy Blane, informs us that a letter from the City's Solicitor is to be sent to the dentist advising him that legal action will be taken regarding his advertising sign. If no heed is taken of this, it will be followed by a summons to court.

YLCA advises that following revisions by certain Parish Councils to the Charter, and a meeting with CYC in March, no further comments have been received. Cllr Peter Powell (Upper Poppleton) will be reporting to YLCA on this next week. Cllr Bowen expressed his concern that those Parishes which commented have not been provided with a copy of the latest revisions.

ACTION

The application form for Ward funding is now available. The Clerk will request funding for three additional Vehicle Activated Speed signs for the three entrance roads to the village.

At the Carnival, requests were received for a replacement litter bin on Low Green and a mirror at the junction of Station Road/Moor Lane to assist drivers exiting Station Road.

Cllr Bell has constructed two notice boards, one to replace the fallen one on Flaxman Croft, the other to go on the fence by the pedestrian access Cllr to the School on Low Green, subject to agreement of the Head Teacher. Simpson

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The problems on Low Green appear to have subsided, and in general the village is fairly quiet.

6. ACTION REVIEW

Cllr Bowen spoke against the Monitoring Mast at the meeting of the CYC Planning Committee.

Quotes from Branches Out and the electrician for installing lights in the trees on Low Green are awaited.

Following the Auditor's report it was AGREED that the Chairman, Vice- Cllrs Chairman and Clerk should review our Standing Orders, and that the and Finance Committee should review our Financial Regulations. Clerk

7. WINDFARM – Update

The final results of the Ballot at the closing date, 20th June, were 242 against the proposed Windfarm and 25 in favour.

The application was refused on the grounds that it would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt for which very special circumstances have not been demonstrated. It would harm the openness of the Green Belt and have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the area and the setting and historic character of the City of York. Contrary to Policy GB1, SP2 and SP3 of the Development Control Local Plan and paragraph 13 of Planning Policy Statement 22 'Renewable Energy' and guidance in Planning Policy Guidance 2 'Green Belts'. However, the applicant has 6 months in which to appeal.

ACTION

8. GREEN ENERGY POLICY

After some discussion, and picking up a suggestion from the Copmanthorpe Windfarm Action Group, Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that the Parish Council investigate the legislation in the Climate Change and Sustainability Act 1996, whereby a Council can promote a microgeneration and energy conservation policy. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. It was further AGREED that a Steering Group be formed, to consist of Cllrs Bowen, Carr, Mrs Taylor and the Rev Mumford. Cllr Mrs Taylor to contact Mr Graham Auton, CWFAG, to set up a first meeting to discuss the name of this new Cllr Mrs group and its remit. Taylor

9. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A request has been made for a recognised crossing from the doctors' surgery on Horseman Lane to the shops. Julie Hood, CYC, will deal with this.

10. CORONATION CUP

All certificates have been signed by the judge, Cllr John Galvin, and by the Lord Mayor, Cllr David Horton who lives in Copmanthorpe. Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that the Clerk write to Cllr Galvin to formally thank him for judging the competition. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk

11. TASK FORCE

Cllr Bowen will prepare a simple risk assessment and instructions for each volunteer on each occasion that the Task Force is working in the village. The Cllr first areas of vegetation to be tackled are Low Green/Loriners Drive, Low Bowen Green/Merchant Way, and the railway bridge.

12. KEEP BRITAIN TIDY

In conjunction with Defra, CYC is organising a litter pick on 24 September as part of the 'Love Where You Live' campaign. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that the Parish Council take part in this initiative. SECONDED by Cllr Simpson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

ACTION

13. RURAL WEST YORK

No further news on 1 Drome Road.

Dentist's sign – see item 4.

Cllr Healey is keen to help with any 'green' initiatives and the promotion of energy efficiency in Copmanthorpe, and has given us information in this respect.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllrs the Rev Mumford and Mrs Taylor had attended a training meeting led by Jim Breene of the **CYC Emergency Planning Unit**. Cllr Simpson Cllrs PROPOSED that he, together with Cllrs Bell and Mrs Taylor, set up a Simpson, group to progress this idea. SECONDED by Cllr Bowen . ALL IN Bell FAVOUR. & Mrs Taylor

CYC Electoral Services are reviewing polling arrangements throughout the City area. Cllrs are content that the arrangements in Copmanthorpe be unchanged.

Halcrow have been commissioned to carry out a survey on peoples' satisfaction or otherwise with taxi and hackney cab provision in York. Cllrs expressed no strong feelings on this issue.

15. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals are received for 18 Barons Crescent and 15 Horseman Lane. The application for the wind monitoring mast on land to the east of the village has been refused.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Cllr Bell has prepared proposals for the purchase and use of snow clearing equipment, hopefully in conjunction with the Recreation Centre with whom a meeting is needed to discuss, along with any other interested parties. It is proposed that any major equipment purchased could and should be used by the Recreation Centre in the summer months. Cllr Bell PROPOSED that we should proceed along the lines suggested in this document. SECONDED by Cllr Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR.

ACTION

c) Finance

A fresh Bank Mandate is needed, as the Bank is currently working off an out of date document. The Clerk has obtained a form, and it was AGREED that Cllrs Whitfield and Bell be added to the mandate. Cllrs Bowen, Parker and Mrs Taylor to remain as signatories.

16. EVENTS AND YOUTH GROUP

The Group is to meet tomorrow, 13th July in the Methodist Church at 7.15 pm. A representative of the Youth Club has been invited, with a view to having a discussion on making better use of the Club's building, the Howell Hall. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should offer to pay rent for the use of the Hall for its meetings, in order to assist with the Club's financial situation.

17. COPMANTHORPE HEROES

The proposal for an Award for volunteering in Copmanthorpe will be discussed by the Events Group tomorrow evening. We need to get more information on this from Julie Gunnell CYC Cllr for South Bank before proceeding further.

18. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting had been held.

19. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	18,782.29
Business Money Manager A/c		21,794.78
	£	40,577.07
Credits to the Account this Month		NIL

ACTION

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Cllr Brian Bell – materials for 2 x noticeboards	£	172.82
P D Greenwell – expenses		365.66
P D Greenwell – salary		440.54
	£	979.02

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

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Youth Club
Village Council
Copmanthorpe Heroes
Energy Conservation

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 9 August 2011 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 take place on 27 July 2011 at 7.15 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed Date