

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2011 in the HOWELL HALL, COPMANTHORPE at 7.30 pm

PRESENT:
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD
COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON
COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
COUNCILLOR D CARR
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell
Councillor Chris Steward
Councillor Peter
Mr Graham Auton
Mrs Sara Smith

Clerk
City of York Council
Nether Poppleton PC

Councillor Whitfield welcomed newly elected City of York Councillor Chris Steward to the Meeting. He will represent Rural West York, along with re-elected Councillor Paul Healey, who will continue to look after Copmanthorpe, and Councillor Ian Gillies.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Derek Bowen NOMINATED Councillor Peter Whitfield as Chairman for the forthcoming year. SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Caroline Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Whitfield thanked Cllr Bowen for all his hard work and support during his time as Vice-Chairman.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Mrs Caroline Townsend NOMINATED Councillor Mrs Megan Taylor. SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Jean Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

As Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor are de facto members of all Committees. Cllr Mrs Taylor will continue to serve on the same Committees as last year. Cllr Bowen will serve on the Roads and Footpaths and Finance Committees, and will also provide liaison with the Windfarm Action Group.

Cllr David Carr will join the Planning Committee. All other Committee membership to remain unchanged. Councillor Glyn Simpson to remain as Police Liaison.

4. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Members were very happy to co-opt the Reverend Geoff Mumford back onto the Parish Council

5. APOLOGIES

Councillor Brian Bell
Councillor Glyn Simpson
Councillor Mrs Frances Thompson
Councillor Paul Healey

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6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday, 12 April 2011, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. It is noted that Cllr Simpson has offered to represent us on the Ainsty Drainage Board. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

Following the uncontested election, Councillors were asked to each sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, duly counter-signed by the Clerk, and complete the Register of Interests form.

The Report of the Internal Auditor has been received and he has signed off his section of the Annual Return. All is in order, but we need to review our Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, and also the Risk Assessment.

A letter is today received from Banks Renewables, stating that it is now likely that that Company's application for a Windfarm at Hagg Wood will not be submitted until some time towards the end of 2012. In the meantime they will undertake a thorough environmental assessment and design process, including ecological assessments. They seek to establish a community engagement panel as a way of involving local representatives during this process. The new contact at Banks Renewables is Marion Schooler, who replaces Jan Gill as Development Relations Co-ordinator.

8. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

There have been reports of anti-social behaviour around Low Green and the Recreation Centre. Also, damage to fences on Reygate Grove and Low Green,

theft of a bottle of Champagne from the Co-op (1 arrest made), of a bag taken from an insecure vehicle on Low Green, and a violent domestic incident on College Road. Overall, crime in Rural West is down 6.5% from last year.

9. ACTION REVIEW

Ballot boxes have been ordered and received for the poll on the Hagg Wood Windfarm, and the voting slip will appear in the PC News in the June Newsletter.

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor have attended the Ward Planning meeting.

The agent for the dental surgery has applied for retrospective planning consent for the sign.

10. WINDFARM at HAGG WOOD

Cllr Whitfield is to attend a meeting on Friday at Askham Bryan College, along with Julian Sturdy, MP, Brian Ledger (Chairman of the Residents' Association) and Cllr the Rev Geoff Mumford. We need to find out the membership of the Planning Committee, now that new city councillors are elected. There will be a site meeting on 15 June, followed by the Planning Committee meeting on 16 June.

11. MAY DAY STREET FAIR

We have been informed that a resident, Mr Tattersall, had stumbled into a hole on Low Green which appears to have been left following the removal of a tree which had blown down during the winter. The Clerk will contact the Contractor to arrange for the filling in of the hole as a matter of urgency, and will also inform Mr John Bridge, organiser of the Fair. Clerk

There were a number of complaints about anti-social behaviour on Low Green. The complainants were advised to report these matters to the police.

One younger person showed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

12. CORONATION CUP

Six entry forms were given to previous entrants at the May Day Fair, and one has been received back. Three others have said they will be using the form in the Newsletter. The entry form is also on the Parish Council website.

One resident suggested that the village should have a Gardening Club. Cllr Whitfield will talk to Mr David Whiteman of the Horticultural Show about this. Cllr Whitfield

The next meeting will be in early June, after the 31 May closing date for entries.

13. TASK FORCE

A request for volunteers is in the May newsletter, and two people have already contacted Cllr Bowen.

14. FLOWER BASKETS

Cllr Mrs Auton has ordered 20 hanging baskets from Askham Bryan College at a cost of £20 each. Ricky Watson, CYC, has approved the use of the lamp posts in the centre of the village for the baskets. We will need clips to secure them, someone to hang them and arrangements for watering and maintenance. A watering machine is available for purchase at £525, which will carry enough Cllr to water 10 baskets at a time. Cllr Mrs Auton to speak to Russell Stone, CYC, Mrs who provided the maintenance for the baskets in Bishopthorpe last year. Auton

15. RURAL WEST YORK

Cllr Chris Steward introduced himself as the newly elected Conservative City Councillor. Cllr Paul Healey will continue to be our main point of liaison with CYC.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Whitfield has had correspondence with Nynet on the subject of superfast broadband for Copmanthorpe.

Rachel Stewart, CYC, is aware of vehicles parked on the road outside Copmanthorpe Motors, and has written to us giving legal clarification. We need to tell her if cars for sale are parked elsewhere.

The future of the Ward's 'Chat 2 Us' meetings is to be considered in terms of value for money. The Ward budget has been reduced to £29,660. However only £28,000 is needed for agreed Schemes, and there is also £4,000 to be carried over from last year. The next meeting will be in Rufforth, possibly at the Gliding Club, on 21 July.

Following some email correspondence from a resident about the Parish Council's communication with residents, it was AGREED that we should insert a half or three quarter page piece in the Newsletter each Cllrs Bowen/month. Cllrs Whitfield and Bowen will write the first one, and Cllrs Whitfield Carr and Mrs Taylor will do one for August.

17. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Applications at 6 Low Green and 38 Wilstrop Farm Road have been withdrawn.

An application at 70 Barons Crescent, and one for the retention of the portable building for the Child Care Centre at the Recreation Centre, have been approved.

Objections will be made to an application for a house in the back garden of 10 Main Street.

The venting at the back of the new cafe, next to the Royal Oak, is unchanged and still going directly onto the church path.

b) Roads and Footpaths

No Meeting has been held. The next Meeting will be on 17 May.

c) Finance

No Meeting has been held.

18. EVENTS GROUP

No Meeting has been held.

CYC are still working on the maps for the Just 30 walks.

Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that the responsibilities of the Youth Group should be combined with those of the Events Group. ALL IN FAVOUR. The Group will comprise of Cllrs Mrs Auton, Glyn Simpson, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Townsend along with the Parish Council Chairman and Cllr Bowen (subject to his responsibility for liaison with the CWFAG not being too time consuming).

19. CYC CHARTER

The YLCA has now been negotiating with CYC for several years to try to formulate a Local Charter to establish a framework for the relationship between CYC and the 31 Parish Councils in the CYC area. Copmanthorpe

Parish Council gave its thoughts and amendments to a Draft Charter some time ago and, since we no longer have representation on the Liaison Group, the Clerk for Clifton Without has been keeping us in touch with developments. A draft was finally agreed and went to CYC for signature, but we do not know how they dealt with our views and amendments. The Charter will be reviewed in due course. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that we write to YLCA and ask what is happening. SECONDED by Cllr Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk

20. RECREATION CENTRE

No Meeting has been held, but Cllr Mrs Taylor will attend the next Meeting which will take place in June.

21. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	24,173.80
Business Money Manager Account		21,794.78
	£	45,968.58

Credits to the Account this Month

Allotment Receipts 35-8 and 40-46	£	265.50
Allotment Receipts 47-58		269.50
Re: John William Winterbone		75.00
Re: John Shuttleworth		30.00
Re: John William Winterbone		125.00
Allotment Receipts 59-71		257.25
Re: Peter Rick Kneeshaw		75.00
Re: Terence Ian Marshall		75.00
HMRC – VAT Refund		654.31
CYC – ½ year Precept		13,080.00
	£	14,906.56

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Panda Playgroup – grant	£	1,340.00
Copmanthorpe WI – grant		695.00
The Occasion Choir – grant		500.00
Copmanthopre Good Companions – grant		500.00
Copmanthorpe Cricket Club – grant		375.00
Yorkshire Countrywomen’s Association – grant		250.00

Copmanthorpe Horticultural Show – grant	£	150.00
Broker Network Limited – insurance premium		548.99
Copmanthorpe Village Magazine		440.63
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services		275.00
York Graphic Arts – printing		35.00
Ainsty Internal Drainage Board		2.85
P D Greenwell – expenses		32.39
P D Greenwell – salary		430.14
	£	5,575.00

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

22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Copmanthorpe Carnival 2011

23. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14 June 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 be held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday, 25 May at 7.15 pm. A Meeting of the Roads and Footpaths Committee will take place on Tuesday, 17 May 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed Date