

A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2012 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON
 COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
 COUNCILLOR D CARR
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON
 COUNCILLOR A SMITH
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor B Bell
Councillor the Rev G Mumford

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday 13 March 2012, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Simpson. **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mrs Auton. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

No report

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

A report has been received of seventy youths congregating in a field in the village without the consent of the farmer. Following this, a great number of police had been seen in Copmanthorpe last Friday evening, showing that they are taking these problems seriously.

Cars parking in The Link are still causing problems. Cllr Simpson will write a piece for the next Newsletter, so that residents are aware that we are trying, with the help of the police, to resolve these difficulties,

6. TASK FORCE

The Task Force is still meeting every Wednesday. Yorkfield Lane, between Low Green and Merchant Way, has been strimmed and tomorrow, the group will be working on tidying up some of the very old and overgrown graves in the burial ground.

Cllr Simpson has received quotes of £1.95, £2.70 and over £4.00 for yellow tabards for the members of the Task Force. Cllr Whitfield DECLARED AN INTEREST in this item, as one of the quotes was from his Company. Cllr Mrs Auton PROPOSED that we purchase 6 tabards at £1.95, to assess quality, before acquiring any larger number. AGREED.

Cllr
Simpson

7. HOWELL HALL AND YOUTH CLUB

The solicitors in Leeds have no information additional to what we already know. Julie Hood, CYC, has discovered that the Club was withdrawn from the Register held by the Charity Commission on 27 August 2009. She will ask Mary Bailey, Head of Play at CYC, if she can offer any help or support to move matters forward. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that a sub-committee of the Parish Council be formed to try to progress matters. Cllrs Smith, Simpson, Bowen and Mrs Auton to sit on this sub-committee. Bowen

8. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The final design for the commemorative coins has been agreed, and these can now be ordered. The Clock will be ordered tomorrow. Delivery is 2-3 weeks, so a provisional date for installation, 16th May, has been agreed with Richard Williams. Cameo Engraving will supply a plaque in brushed gold Stylex, mounted on hard wood and the wording has been agreed with the Doctors.

Clerk
& Cllr
Mrs Auton

There had been a good turn out at the workshop on 17 March for the Welcome signs. Work on other projects is progressing.

9. VILLAGE GREEN

The next meeting will take place next Monday, 23rd April.

10. STREET FAIR

The Clerk to circulate a rota for manning the stall. Cllr Mrs Townsend will be on the Coronation Cup stall, but would appreciate any help from other Councillors.

Clerk

11. RURAL WEST WARD

No Councillor present, no report.

Cllr Simpson PROPOSED that the Parish Council should put someone forward to sit on the Standards Board, and he stated that he would be happy to do this. The Clerk to respond accordingly.

Clerk

Cllr Mrs Taylor had attended the most recent Ward Meeting. The Ward Committee did have a total budget of £36,000, from which grants totalling £8,375 had been agreed for Copmanthorpe. CYC has now removed £30,000 of this from the Ward and given it to the new Fairness Commission. This will impact on, among other things, the street lighting in Copmanthorpe.

12. LOCALISM

Deferred to next month.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

We are informed by CYC that they intend to press ahead imminently with the move to electronic consideration of planning applications. In light of this we need to get up to date quotes for the necessary equipment – laptop, screen, projector and memory stick. It is noted that CYC’s Planning Portal does not work, and has never worked properly, and neither has the email notification system.

The Chairman was among 50 people who attended a meeting hosted by Julian Sturdy, MP in Stockton-on-Forest. Matters discussed included the National Planning Policy Framework which fits with the Localism agenda. There have been lots of objections to the Core Strategy and the Inspector is known to have considerable concerns. It is possible that we may be able to appeal against decisions against which we have previously objected.

Proposals for changes to Ward boundaries are being reconsidered.

A request for funding to bind old copies of the Village Newsletter, covering 2005-11, for placing in the library has been received. The cost would be £154. It was AGREED that a grant of half the cost would be made. In return the Clerk is to request copies of all the old photographs which they have, to go on the Parish Council website. Clerk

A letter of resignation is received from Cllr Brian Bell. The Clerk to write to thank him for his years of service on the Parish Council. Clerk

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

No notifications received.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated, were APPROVED as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

Approval was given to send out a letter drafted by Cllr Bowen to all allotment holders.

c) Finance

Two tenders have been received for grass cutting for the forthcoming year.
Dean Landscapes - £4,028 plus VAT. Mr S W Scott - £6,775.
Cllr Parker PROPOSED that the quote from Dean Landscapes be accepted.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

15. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

It was agreed that the Parish Council cannot do anything about the neighbour problem being experience by Mrs Ada Appleyard, and CYC have done all they can. Concerns have again been expressed about the continuing deterioration and dilapidation at 1 Drome Road. The Clerk to write to CYC.

Clerk

16. TRANSPORT

Nothing to report.

17. CORONATION CUP

A report had already been circulated. Plans for the competition are progressing.

18. RECREATION CENTRE

Additional and better CCTV has been installed.
An application has been submitted to the Ward Committee for £2,000 for children's play equipment.
The fir trees by the fence are to be removed.
There are still some youths playing football on the cricket outfield.
The next meeting will be on 26 April, and the AGM will be held on 24 May.

19. ACTION REVIEW

Information on First Call 50 is to be included on the Parish Council website.
A letter to be sent to the owners of the property on Orchard Garth whose fence is falling into the Low Green/Top Lane footpath.
Need to investigate road stencils with either Dunnington PC or Helmsley.
Cycle racks for Howell Hall.

Chairman

Clerk

