

The Highways Agency has now acknowledged that the signing to Copmanthorpe from the A64 is inadequate. However, due to budgetary constraints, nothing can be done about this at the present time.

The Clerk has sought an assurance from Cllr Merrett, CYC, that the funding from central government for road repairs will not be used for the Tour de France route, but no reply has been received.

A drawing for the build out to the footpath on Church Lane, opposite, the Co-op is received. The road markings and sign for the Co-op loading bay will be put in place in due course.

A request for help from the Alzheimers' Friends was discussed and it was agreed that we would offer to publicise this on our website, display any posters they may wish to send and help to promote any local events.

The Clerk is sorry to report the death, at the age of ninety, of the Lady of the Manor, Mrs Margaret (Peggy) Chapman-Andrews, MBE. The title will now pass to her grandson, Thomas. Mrs Chapman-Andrews came every year to support the Carnival, selling raffle tickets, and took a keen interest in life and developments in Copmanthorpe.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

There have been reports of tyre slashing and fights, mostly in the centre of the village. The Londis shop appears to be a magnet for this kind of behaviour. The level of policing in the village appears to have dropped. It was AGREED that Cllr Carr would attend a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner to be held in Acomb library on 28 March at 3.00 pm, and would ask her if there has been a change in the policy for policing Copmanthorpe.

The Clerk will ask the Commissioner if the pot of money which she has for community use could be used to provide us with speeding signs.

Clerk

6. HOWELL HALL AND YOUTH CLUB

The application to become a Registered Charity has been submitted. If this is approved before the end of March there will be no liability for Council Tax. CYC are aware of the situation.

Two applicants have been interviewed for the post of Youth Leader, and the job has been offered, subject to references. The unsuccessful candidate is quite keen to help out on a voluntary basis. Help with the interview process was given by Stephen Rowse, CYC, who has helped to find out what activities the youth of Copmanthorpe want from the Club. It is hoped to re-launch the Club in April, probably on Tuesday evenings.

7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Nothing to report.

8. ALLOTMENTS

The proposed new Tenancy Agreement was discussed and it was AGREED that there should be no reference to any kind of deposit. Cllr Simpson PROPOSED that the new Agreement should be accepted and issued to all allotment holders with the invoices at the end of March. SECONDED by Cllr Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

The Clerk reported that there is now one vacant allotment and no-one on the waiting list. This will be advertised on the website and on the allotment notice boards. If no-one comes forward it will be offered to existing tenants who may want extra space.

9. CORONATION CUP

The first meeting for this year's competition will take place on 14 March.

10. SCHOOL ACCESS FROM LOW GREEN

Cllr Simpson DECLARED AN INTEREST as a School Governor, and also as a Member of the School's Health and Safety, and Travel to School Committees.

After some discussion it was AGREED to proceed with the build-out of the Footpath opposite the Co-op, and to reinforce the zigzag lines outside the school entrance. The Clerk to respond to CYC.

Clerk

11. COMMUNITY AUDIT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs Carr and Mrs Taylor had attended a meeting with Ian Cartwright and the Consultants, Action Planning, who are trying to decide what questions should be asked and how this information should be gathered. Their initial findings will be presented at the next meeting, which will be on 26 March. The views of residents will be sought in places such as the library, the Annexe cafe and on the street. External bodies such as the police and the local PCT will also be consulted.

Cllr Smith is not happy with the use of Consultants, and very concerned that this approach will not give us the information we need to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan, despite the fact that we have funded this exercise to the tune of £1,000.

12. RURAL WEST YORK

Council Tax is to increase by 1.9% in the coming year.

The roads to be re-surfaced will be agreed at the Decision Making Session on 21 March.

The next Team meeting will be in Copmanthorpe on 22 April, and the Ward Committee Meeting will be on 8 May.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Warhammer Club thanks the Parish Council for the grant of £350.

Information is received about celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. This will be discussed by the Events Committee.

Various information notes and details of training sessions have been received from YLCA and circulated.

Dates of compost giveaways have been posted on the notice board.

Mr Julian Sturdy, MP, gives details of dates of surgeries, which are on the notice board and also the date of a meeting for Parish Councillors, to be held in Bishopthorpe Village Hall on 11 April between 6.00 and 8.00 pm. Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor will attend, and possibly Cllr Smith. The Clerk to respond.

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14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**a) Planning**

No decisions received this month.

It has been confirmed that e-planning consultation will go ahead in due course, for which CYC will provide training.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Minutes of the meeting held last week have been circulated, and there is nothing further to report. It was AGREED that we should reiterate our request for early repairs to the road surface on Horseman Lane and Merchant Way.

Cllr
Carr

c) Finance

No report.

15. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The draft agenda circulated by the Clerk was agreed, with the addition of an update from the Wind Farm Action Group. Cllrs are asked to come to the Hall for 7.15 pm in order to set out chairs etc.

All
Cllrs

16. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Concerns had been raised about the condition of the grass verge on Horseman Lane.

17. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting had been held.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	23,498.85
Business Money Manager Account		21,821.71
	£	45,320.56

Credits to the Account this Month

CYC – Sec 106 monies re 10 Main Street	£	3,006.00
CYC – grass cutting		463.40
	£	3,469.40

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Caroline Anderson – March PC News	£	60.00
Information Commissioner – Data Protection registration		35.00
Stuart Auton – tap at the allotments		35.00
P D Greenwell - salary March		352.91
P D Greenwell – expenses		6.49
Petty Cash		60.00
	£	549.40

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

19. ACTION REVIEW

Hi-visibility vests for the Task Force are yet to be ordered.
The ditches at the allotments have not yet been cleared.

Cllr
Simpson

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 19 March at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.
The next PC meeting – Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. To be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
There will be an interim meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday 27 March at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

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

Signed Date