

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 11
FEBRUARY 2014 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLOR D CARR	Chairman
COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON	
COUNCILLOR B BELL	
COUNCILLOR MS A LITTLE	
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER	
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR	
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND	
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD	
Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
Councillor C Steward	City of York Council
Mr Matthew Liston	

The Chairman welcomed Matthew Liston, who signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman then informed the meeting that Councillor Smith had tendered his resignation due to pressure of work. He will however remain on the Management Committee of the Howell Hall and Youth Club.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor G Simpson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 14 January 2014, had been circulated.

Cllr Whitfield requested three amendments.

An amendment to Item 7, to read that “a majority of respondents are prepared to accept an increase of up to 120 houses in the village over the lifetime of the Plan”.

An amendment to Item 9, stating that the donation from the Youth Club is subject to further discussion.

An amendment to Item 10, stating that Cllr Bell, not Cllr Whitfield, will undertake to re-visit the Risk Assessment with Mr Alan Travena.

These were AGREED and the Minutes signed by the Chairman accordingly.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

No report received. However the Clerk is informed that, whilst the number of burglaries had reduced in January, there has been a small number in early February. An update from the police to be requested.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

Correspondence about the proposed memorial plaque to the Druggitt family is ongoing.

The audio-visual equipment is to be installed at the beginning of March.

The Precept request has been submitted.

A new notice board for the Burial Ground will cost in the region of £600. The Clerk to order.

Clerk

The notice board in the Churchyard needs revarnishing once the weather improves, and the lettering will also be reinstated at this time.

Clerk

Cllr Whitfield has purchased a replacement gazebo.

6. ACTION REVIEW

The proposed meeting with Cllr Merrett to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan has yet to be arranged.

Cllr
Carr

Agreed works to the trees in the burial ground, and the purchase of a replacement memorial tree on behalf of the family of Stuart Elliott, are scheduled to take place next week.

Correspondence relating to the naming of Moor Lane, and the cable across Low Green, is now to hand, and the Clerk will try to progress these matters.

Clerk

Some remedial work has been done to the road surface at the junction of Top Lane/Horseman Lane, but this is not the proper resurfacing which was promised. Cllr Steward will pursue this with CYC.

Cllr
Steward**7. SECTION 106 MONIES**

The most recent payment relates to 10 Main Street, £3,006 received in February 2013.

£2,124 in relation to land adjacent to 4 Ostlers Close is outstanding, and CYC are chasing this up with the developer.

Clerk

8. RURAL WEST YORK

CYC's Budget for the forthcoming year has now been set and the Council Tax will increase by 1.9%.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Group now needs to appoint a consultant to advise on what policies should be included in the Plan, and to help members ensure that they are proceeding correctly.

Cllr Mrs Taylor and others from the group had attended the York Environment Forum. We are informed that our application for grant aid has been successful.

10. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

The second round of formal consultation is still awaited, and is not now likely to take place before early summer. The working group has met only twice since the Draft was published, and only to discuss minor issues. A lot more sites have been put forward and there have been a great number of challenges to the proposals.

11. ELECTRONIC PLANNING EQUIPMENT

This will be installed in the Howell Hall on 3 March, but a good quality laptop is still required.

Cllr Mrs
Taylor

12. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL

Two Assistant Leaders have been appointed, although one is only temporary until the summer, along with 3 possible volunteers to help run sessions. There is now a cooker in the kitchen, and a thermostat has been fitted in the Hall to try to reduce heating costs.

In addition to Youth Club sessions the Hall is used regularly on Monday and Thursday evenings, with occasional weekend bookings for parties.

Cllr Bell PROPOSED that the Parish Council should meet the full cost of the audio-visual equipment. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. The Clerk to clarify the question of insurance for the equipment with the Howell Hall Treasurer.

Clerk

13. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The new Park and Ride site should be completed by the end of May. We are not aware of any problems currently with the number 13 bus service.

14. ALLOTMENTS

Following a complaint from a resident of Drome Road, an investigation has been carried out into the erection of a very tall structure on the allotment site. This is intended for chickens, and the plot holders have now reduced the height by approximately one half. An application form for permission to erect a structure on the allotments has now been drawn up.

A revised Tenancy Agreement will be drawn up, to go out to tenants with the invoices at the beginning of April.

One of the older taps is leaking, and the wooden post upon which it stands is rotting away. It was therefore AGREED that this, and the other older tap on the site, should be replaced.

Clerk

A request for a replacement gate at the entrance to the site has been received. Cllr Mrs Auton to investigate the cost of a metal gate from Acaster Forge.

Cllr Mrs
Auton

15. BEQUEST

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor have been in discussions with Mr David Whiteman, with a view to holding the proposed exhibition of new photographs of the village at the Horticultural Show. Cllr Bell PROPOSED that the Clerk procure a suitable trophy, at a cost of up to £1,000, to be presented to the winner of the photographic competition. Other smaller prizes may be funded from Parish Council monies. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

It was AGREED that we should endeavour to retrieve from CYC the old photos of the village which were removed to from the village library to their archives. Cllr Mrs Taylor

It was suggested that an exhibition of First World War memorabilia, to include family stories and recollections, a be held as part of the centenary commemorations. A notice to appear in the Newsletter. Clerk

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of thanks for the promise of grant assistance are received from the Good Companions and the Copmanthorpe Art Group.
The Boundary Commission inform us of further consultation on the proposed changes, but these do not affect Copmanthorpe or Rural West Ward.
It was AGREED that the Parish Council should once again sponsor two boards at the Annual Art Exhibition, at a cost of £10 each.

Clerk

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

The Planning Report has been circulated.
The retrospective application for a fence at 1 Barnfield Way is now in the hands of the Enforcement Officer.
A resident of Manor Farm Close has expressed his disappointment at the Parish Council's lack of objection to the application for 4 houses in the grounds of 21 School Lane.
The application for retirement homes on the site of the Fox and Hounds has been approved.
Approvals are also received for 22 Drome Road and 28 St Nicholas Road.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Cllr Mrs Townsend will arrange a date for a meeting in March.

Cllr Mrs
Townsend**c) Finance**

No meeting had been held.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	27,651.34
Business Money Manager Account		21,836.95
	£	49,488.29

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Elaine Raines	£	80.00
Interest on Business Money Master Account		3.81
	£	83.81

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Saville Audio-visual – re electronic planning	£	4,552.80
Copmanthorpe Youth Club – annual rent and broadband		590.00
Copmanthorpe Youth Club – part installation broadband		172.00
Electrotest – re Christmas lights		132.00
Replacement gazebo		69.99
Street Fair – 2 pitches		48.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		23.97
P D Greenwell – salary		362.45
	£	5,951.21

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

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- First World War exhibition
- Street Fair
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Dog fouling

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed Date

