

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
14TH FEBRUARY 2017 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT:	COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR	Chairman
	COUNCILLOR BECCI BLUES	
	COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR	
	COUNCILLOR JEANNE GULLEN	
	COUNCILLOR MAGGIE MILLER	
	COUNCILLOR JULIE SAXTON	
	COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD	
	Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
	Three representatives from Virgin Media	
	Ms Catherine Higgins	City of York Council
	Mrs Ada Appleyard	
	Mr and Mrs Graham Auton and	Copmanthorpe Youth
	Mr John Madin	Club and Howell Hall

Before the business of the Meeting began Mrs Ada Appleyard requested that the former herb garden in Horseman Close, now grassed over, be properly maintained. This will be added to the grass cutting tender.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Brian Bell
Cllr Graham Gatman
Cllr Adam Mosley
Cllr Robert West

2. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mrs Jeanne Gullen was welcomed as a new member of the Parish Council.

3. VIRGIN MEDIA

Mr Richard Turner and Ms Michelle McQuigg, Community Liaison Officer North from Virgin Media and Mr Chris Stiknas from the contractors (John Walsh) were welcomed to the meeting. The Chairman set out the concerns of the Parish Council, that it had not been informed of the work which Virgin Media are carrying out in the village. The Council is also very disappointed about the condition of the grass verge along Tadcaster Road, where the first phase of this work has been carried out, and requests that it be made good, and also dismayed that roads and footpaths have been left in a very muddy condition. Furthermore, the Parish Council has had complaints from residents that vehicles belonging to the contractor have been parked in such a way that residents have had difficulty leaving their properties.

In response, Ms McQuigg stated that the work along Tadcaster Road would be finished tomorrow and that wild flower seeds would be planted under the bridge and the grass verges re-seeded once the weather becomes warmer. She also promised that they would speak to the contractor about blocking driveways, and said that there should always be pedestrian access on at least one side of the road. Mud on the roads will be cleaned up as they move along.

Cllr Carr asked what arrangements were being made to reinstate the tarmac where footpaths have been dug up. Virgin are discussing with CYC how best to deal with this.

In order to keep residents informed, Virgin will leaflet affected homes a week before work begins, and provide the Parish Council with a schedule of works. The work should be finished by the end of June.

The cabinets measure 1.2m x 300 cm wide and each one serves approx 50 homes.

The Highways Inspector will inspect every 10 days to resolve any snagging issues.

4. TADCASTER ROAD SPEED LIMIT

Ms Catherine Higgins, CYC, explained that the proposed experimental scheme to change the location of the beginning of the 30 mph speed limit on Tadcaster Road is one of three traffic management schemes in villages around the city where the views of Parish Councils are being sought. Where recorded speeds are too high CYC have to make changes.

Research shows that people drive at speeds they believe are appropriate to the environment. On Tadcaster Road the footpath is only on one side and there are no houses where the limit reduces from 40 to 30 mph. Drivers are not respecting the speed limit by slowing down at this point, but despite this there have been no incidents associated with excessive speed at this location.

The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order proposed can stay in place for a maximum of 18 months, and objections can be received after the first 6 months. Our views on what might be done to reduce speeding on Manor Heath would also be welcomed. One option is to relocate the VAS from Tadcaster Road, following its refurbishment, and the Parish Council has already indicated that it is prepared to contribute to the cost of this.

5. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL

By way of background, Mr Graham Auton explained that he and his wife, with the support of the Parish Council, had sought in 2011/12 to reopen the Youth

Club after it had been closed for four or five years. There were financial issues to resolve, and the building itself was in a poor state of repair.

The financial situation is now very much healthier. The steady rental income from Panda Playgroup is supplemented by bookings for parties at the weekends and evening activities such as judo. The Hall has been refurbished and is now a much improved facility for the village.

Since 2012 it has been very difficult to keep Youth Leaders, and to attract volunteers. The income from Panda now makes it possible to have more Leaders, but there are currently only about 8 members, which means the Club is not really viable.

A young person has been taken on as a cleaner/bookings clerk.

The members of the current Youth Club Committee now want to step down from the Howell Hall Management Committee, but a Treasurer and someone to pay/manage the cleaner is needed. The Youth Club therefore currently has no Committee. If the Youth Club closes the ownership of the Hall will vest with "Ambition" (formerly the National Association of Boys Clubs). The Deeds to the property are with the Land Registry.

Mr John Madin, the current Treasurer, stated that 90% of the income comes from hiring out the Hall. The accounts have shown a surplus each year since 2015 and will be even better this year in spite of the considerable expenditure needed to bring the Hall up to Ofsted standard for Panda. (Panda have contributed towards this). Set against this is the fact that CYC has withdrawn funding for youth workers.

It was AGREED that Mr and Mrs Auton would ask the cleaner if she would be willing to take on the full management of the Hall, and the Parish Council members would try to find a way to help after checking out the legal position regarding ownership of the Hall with Mr Derek Bowen. One possible option could be to register the Hall as an Asset of Community Value.

Clerk

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 10th January 2017

having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Miller as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Carr.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

8. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Three cycles and a moped have stolen this month.

9. ACTION REVIEW

The A-board at the Royal Oak is still sometimes too close to the road. Clerk

The press release re the lack of progress of the Neighbourhood Plan had been sent to The Press but, following requests for an interview, it had been decided to make no further comment at this time.

Cllr Bell has written to the Fire Service re the possibility of using its mobile Vehicle Activated Speed sign. A reply is awaited.

The “thank you breakfast” for the Copmanthorpe Volunteers has been arranged.

10. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Carr updated the PC on the closure of Imphal and Queen Elizabeth (Strensall) barracks.

11. RECREATION CENTRE and REC CENTRE 2

The report has been circulated.

12. WARD COMMITTEE

The next Ward Meeting will take place on 28th March.

Cllr Carr and Cllr Megan Taylor had attended a meeting with the tenants of the shopping centre aimed at increasing footfall there. There is concern that the poor state of repair of the car park, the difficulty in actually finding a space, and the difficulty for those of limited mobility in accessing the shops is causing residents to go elsewhere. A further meeting will be held in the library next month.

A grant of £1,500 towards the Photographic Archive and Heritage Trail has been approved.

The new street light on Back Lane is in situ but not yet lit.

13. WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION

Cllr Bell has AGREED to chair a Sub-Committee to organise a Beacon to mark the end of the First World War in 1918. Cllrs Whitfield and Becci Blues will also serve on the Sub-Committee.

Cllr
Bell

14. REPORTS

a) Planning

The report has been circulated.

b) Finance

No report.

c) Roads and Footpaths

It was AGREED that support should be given to the suggestion to re-site the refurbished VAS from Temple Lane onto Manor Heath.

Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that the PC should state that it is strongly against any temporary experimental moving of the 30mph sign on Tadcaster Road. 1 ABSTENTION, 1 AGAINST, 5 IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

d) Public Transport and Park & Ride

There is £100k in the CYC budget for gritting, which should help with the problem of ice on Askham Bar car park.

e) Allotments

There will be an inspection on 4th March at 11.00 am.

15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A price for additional lights has been obtained, but the costs for the necessary electrical work are not yet known.

16. PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Work is progressing.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The Royal Mail inform us that Copmanthorpe Post Office is to become a “main style” post office. This will mean opening on Saturday afternoons. The post office will close for refurbishment on 21st February, and re-open on 9th March.

18. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	26,358.49
Business Money Manager Account		21,881.51
	£	48,240.00

Credits to the Account this Month

Interest on business money manager a/c	£	3.82
Interest on business money manager a/c		2.61
	£	6.43

Accounts to be Paid this Month

P D Greenwell – expenses	£	198.00
Panda Playgroup – replacement cheque		75.00
Petty Cash		60.00
P D Greenwell – salary		367.95
	£	700.95

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

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Annual Parish Meeting
Vehicle Activated Speed sign
First World War commemoration

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Signed Date