

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
13TH JUNE 2017 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR** **Chairman**
COUNCILLOR BRIAN BELL
COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR
COUNCILLOR JEANNE GULLEN
COUNCILLOR ADAM MOSLEY
COUNCILLOR JULIE SAXTON
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell
Six representatives from Virgin Media
Two members of the public
Mr Andrew Glyn-Mills

Before the business of the Meeting began, Mrs Ann Winter stated that she had been without a telephone landline for several days, following work outside her property by Virgin Media. She also has serious concerns about the overall standard of workmanship of Virgin's contractors.

Mrs Winter had also previously requested that consideration be given to some form of pedestrian crossing in the centre of the village – on Horseman Lane outside the Old School Medical Practice, and also on Main Street by the War Memorial and bus stops. The Clerk has asked CYC to investigate the options at these locations.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Robert West
Cllr Becci Blues

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Following the vote taken at the last Parish Council meeting, Mr Andrew Glyn-Mills signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was counter-signed by the Clerk.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 9th May 2017,
having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

5. VIRGIN MEDIA

The Company's representatives introduced themselves: Mr John Walsh, Delivery Engineer; Mr Corey Brigg, Project Manager (MAPP); Mr Richard Hall, Community Liaison Officer; Mr Steve Linacre, Build Manager for Network Expansion for Yorkshire; Mr Tom Watson, Build Engineer; Mr Paul Murgatroyd, Build Delivery Manager.

The Chairman outlined the problems which residents have reported to the Parish Council. These include poor quality workmanship on the footpaths, inconsiderate parking of contractors' vehicles, use of private property by the contractors for stacking barriers, cables etc., general rudeness of contractors, loss of other services due to ineptitude of contractors, health and safety issues (lack of proper footwear, hi-viz vests etc), inappropriate siting of cabinets.

Cllr Carr has a large file of complaints, which centre around inconsiderate parking of vans, storage of cable etc. on private land, damage to private property such as boundary hedges, poor traffic management, and the siting of cabinets without prior consultation with property owners or the Parish Council. A particular example is the huge cabinet on Hallcroft Lane, near to the bus shelter and the junction with Horseman Lane, which is causing a potential hazard for drivers exiting Horseman Lane, particularly when turning right.

Cllr Carr acknowledged that reinstatement of footpaths has improved as works have progressed. However there is widespread flouting of traffic regulations, eg trailers without registration plates, as well as a lack of common courtesy to other road users. Furthermore, a pram carrying a young child has been hit by a trailer.

In response, Mr Steve Linacre stated that a Build Improvement Plan is currently in draft form. Complaints are being investigated as quickly as possible, and a supervisor will visit twice each day, first thing in the morning, and late in the afternoon, which should bring about improvements in reinstatement.

Cllr Gatman reported that he had witnessed a contractor's vehicle going the wrong way along a one way street, two vans parked directly opposite each other making it difficult for other vehicles to pass, barriers stacked on private property, non-reflective barriers, open potholes and exposed pipes sticking out of the footpath.

Mr Linacre urged Councillors and residents to report problems, to the police if appropriate. Contractors must adhere to the Code of Practice for Streetworks. However Cllr Gatman stated that neither vans nor barriers have any information to help residents report incidents

Cllr Mrs Gullen stated that she had spoken several times to Georgina Fernandez at CYC, who had said that her requests to contractors are being ignored.

Mr Linacre promised that henceforth, supervisors and engineers will visit twice a day.

Mr Brigg noted that several contractors have been dismissed from the job. Mr Walsh stated that the work should be completed as planned by the end of June, and that remedial works would take a further two to three weeks. Cllr Carr confirmed that funding has been made available by CYC for these remedial works.

Mr Walsh spoke about the cabinets. One cabinet serves approx. fifty properties. The large one on Hallcroft Lane needs to have access to a power supply, and 360 degree access to the cabinet itself. He confirmed that it is not large enough to require planning permission. Any cabinets in the Conservation Area will in due course be painted green, but painting them green or black can cause them to overheat, and also makes them more of a hazard for partially sighted people.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Only once incident this month – a car ‘keyed’ on Barons Crescent.

7. CLERK’S REPORT

Many complaints received this month on the matter of Virgin Media’s work in the village. The Clerk has responded to these, and they have been forwarded to Cllr Carr for his file.

8. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk is endeavouring to find the information to support the application to have the War Memorial listed.
Cllr Bell is working on the options for a beacon to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.
The Roads and Footpaths Committee will meet after Virgin Media have completed all their work.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The consultation period ended last Thursday. A number of responses have been received from representatives of developers having interests in the areas concerned, but no response has yet been received from Historic England. Response forms from residents have been collected.

10. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Nothing new to report.

11. RECREATION CENTRE

The monthly report has been circulated.

12. CARNIVAL

This year's Copmanthorpe Carnival will take place on 8th July. For the benefit of new Members Cllr Whitfield explained that the annual Carnival is the main fundraiser for the Recreation Centre. This year tickets will cost £5 per adult on the gate, with no reduction for tickets bought in advance. Entry for children is free. Quantum Estate Agency are sponsoring the event this year. The Parish Council will, as usual, have a presence and the Clerk will send round a proposed rota for manning the stall.

Clerk

13. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL

There are currently 27 members from School Year 6 who attend for the first hour before being joined by members from Years 7 and 8. Jean and Graham Auton are willing to carry on taking bookings working voluntarily to support the Club for now. The Treasurer, John Madin, will also remain for now. A cleaner is in place, but they are still seeking someone to work as caretaker.

14. COPMANTHORPE WARD

An application for Ward funding has been received from Panda Playgroup. It may be possible to erect additional street lights at the end of Horseman Close and at the bottom of Reygate Grove. There is £15,000 available to spend, and grant applications will be welcomed.

15. WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

Cllrs Bell, Whitfield and Mrs Taylor will continue to progress this, and Cllr Carr confirmed that CYC will be planning a big event to mark the centenary of the end of the conflict.

16. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGNS

Cllr Bell has contacted CYC and awaits their response. There may be Ward Funding to help with the cost of repairs and possible re-siting of these signs.

17. HERITAGE TRAIL

A plan of Copmanthorpe showing the heritage sites in the village will form a major part of our Carnival stall display.

18. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The corner of Manor Heath and School Lane has been investigated and no adverse camber was found.

The Clerk to ask Brighter Gardens to cut the long verge on Manor Heath leading to the junction with Hallcroft Lane/Colton Lane. Clerk

c) Public Transport and Park & Ride

CYC have received tenders from Companies bidding to provide the Coastliner service.

d) Allotments

Two plots have been surrendered and will be re-allocated.

The Clerk will contact the Scouts to see if they are still willing to do some work to put these plots in order. Clerk

e) Finance

A meeting of the Finance Committee had been held on 31st May.

19. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Some lights have been blown down during the recent high winds. We are still waiting to hear from CYC about the additional lights planned for St Giles Way.

20. CORONATION CUP

After extending the closing date, entries have been received for six gardens and three allotments. Judging will take place week commencing 26th June.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

A great deal of correspondence, via email and telephone, on the subject of Virgin Media has been received by the Clerk and Cllr Carr.

22. ACCOUNTS

The books are currently with the Internal Auditor, and the Clerk has been informed that he has signed off the Annual Return. This will now go to the External Auditor.

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	29,908.59
Business Money Manager Account		21,883.69
	£	51,792.28

Credits to the Account this Month

City of York Council – ½ year Precept	£	15,343.50
City of York Council – balance of ½ year Precept		306.50
Allotment Receipts Nos. 49-57		167.00
Re: Geoffrey H Jay		80.00
Re: Peter Preston		80.00
Interest on Business Money Manager a/c		2.18
	£	15,979.18

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens	£	590.00
Caroline Anderson – June PC News		60.00
Cllr Megan Taylor – computer expenses		59.99
YLCA – booklets		53.81
David Whiteman – re flower beds		39.96
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		18.74
Greenwell – salary		367.95
	£	1,190.45

The monthly Statement of Accounts given verbally by the Clerk was a draft, as all documentation was with the Auditor at the time of the meeting. The payment of invoices due was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Carr.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

The figures given above are correct.

23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Carnival
- Vehicle Activated Speed Signs
- Christmas lights
- Coronation Cup
- Virgin Media

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11th July 2017 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 take place on Tuesday, 27th June.

A Meeting of the Coronation Cup Committee will take place on Tuesday 20th June at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed Date