

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly Planning Report had been circulated.

b) Finance

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th January 2018, had been circulated.

A grant application from Copmanthorpe Brownies, RECOMMENDED for approval by the Committee, was AGREED.

An increase of 4.5% in the Precept (3% for inflation and 1.1/2% contingency for new Data Protection requirements, and the possible need to fight any large planning application, such as on land to the west of the village) was RECOMMENDED by the Committee.

An increase of 4.5%, equal to £1,408.50, and giving a total of £32,708, in the Precept was PROPOSED by Cllr Becci Blues. SECONDED by Cllr Glyn-Mills. ALL IN FAVOUR.

c) Roads and Footpaths

A meeting to be arranged within the next month.

7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT and PARK & RIDE

No report.

8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT on TEMPLE LANE

Due to recent illness, Cllr Gullen has been unable to get further details on what it is that the residents are seeking. Defer to next meeting.

9. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGNS

Nothing to report as yet.

10. ALLOTMENTS

There have been two water leaks over the Christmas period, but the problems are now resolved.

11. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Cllrs Glyn-Mills and Mrs Gullen had made a number of comments on the draft circulated by Cllr Whitfield. Cllrs Auton and Duffy AGREED to continue the work needed to reach a final version.

Cllrs
Auton/
Duffy

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN and DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Three members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group have met with Martin Grainger, formerly Planning Officer at CYC, now working in Selby. CYC is concerned that our SEA should be fit for purpose and not cause any problems when the Plan goes to the Examiner. The final version of this document should be ready very soon. The aim is still to try and get the final document submitted in advance of the Draft Local Plan, which has to be submitted by the end of May. The Group is meeting next Monday to go through the document again and settle the final version.

The Draft Local Plan will go the Local Plan Working Group and then to the Executive this month. The final round of consultation will take place in March, after which the document has to be submitted to central government by 31 May. Responses to the consultation will go straight to the Secretary of State. The document is very similar to the July 2016 version, but with the addition of the Ministry of Defence sites at Fulford and Strensall.

13. RECREATION CENTRE and REC CENTRE 2

No meeting has been held, and nothing to report.

14. FRACKING

An email from iGAS states that if they want to retain the licence they are required to drill one well by 30 June 2019, and acquire new 3D seismic data by 31 December 2022. In terms of their plans for land around Copmanthorpe, they have no operational timetable for the licence at this time so are not looking at any specific area. Once they have a better idea of where they might want to undertake the above they will communicate with the local communities from an early stage.

A draft statement for the Parish Council website was circulated. Eight members AGREED that this statement, in essence stating that the Parish Council would be against any development that would be detrimental to the village and its residents, be put on the website. One member abstained.

15. OLD SCHOOL MEDICAL CENTRE

Cllr West reported that there is a possibility that the lease on the Bishopthorpe Surgery may be broken in nine months time. This would mean that, in due course, residents of Bishopthorpe would have to come to the Copmanthorpe surgery, where there is no room for expansion. Any new surgery, whilst offering better and more modern facilities, would have to be outside the village and so more difficult for patients, particularly the elderly, to access.

16. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL

The Club will re-open later this week after the Christmas break. An application for grant aid to refurbish the kitchen has been made to the Parish Council.

17. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Over the Christmas period the timer for the lights on Memorial Green ceased to work and will have to be replaced.

Cllr Whitfield will resume discussions with CYC re the proposed lights on the grass on St Giles Way.

18. COPMANTHORPE WARD

There is still approx. £6,000 available for village projects, particularly those which will benefit older and younger people. Cllr Bell has submitted an application to fund the purchase of the First World War commemoration beacon.

CYC are consulting on the future work and staffing of the library service all over the City as well as in Copmanthorpe. Consultation forms are available in the village library.

The next Ward meeting will be arranged for the spring.

19. WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION

It will not be possible to put the beacon on the top of St Giles Church, but it could be mounted on a 17m high cherry picker on Memorial Green. Cllr Duffy will be working with Churches Together in Copmanthorpe to plan events for 11th November. It is suggested that the beacon be lit for the 11.00 am Remembrance Day service, and then again in the evening between 7.00 and 11.00 pm. Other village groups may wish to organise their own events around this.

20. HERITAGE TRAIL

Cllr Whitfield has met with Eric Thomson, York Graphic Arts, to discuss the interpretation board, leaflets and printing, and also, at his suggestion, with Melissa Magson, who could also do the required work. Permission has been given by the Lord of the Manor to use the Boynton-Wood family crest on all the literature.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

Following concerns raised by Mr Tyreman at the last meeting, Mr Peter Northfield confirms that the reported rubbish on the path behind the tennis courts is no longer there. The hedge has been cut back, which has had the effect of both widening the footpath and exposing a number of lamp-posts, which are now all working.

22. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	33,631.48
Business Money Manager Account		21,888.05
	£	55,519.53
Credits to the Account this Month	£	0.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Electrotest – re Christmas lights	£	255.00
CPRE – membership		36.00
P D Greenwell – expenses, skip at allotments		150.00
P D Greenwell – salary		367.95
HMRC – PAYE		276.00
	£	1,084.95

23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Date for Annual Parish Meeting

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed Date

Following the close of the Meeting, Mr Adrian Palmer raised a number of questions on the issue of fracking. The Chairman reiterated what she had said at last month's meeting, that the Parish Council does not have the information or expertise to respond adequately to these.