

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 8th
DECEMBER 2019 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON
 COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR
 COUNCILLOR TIM DUFFY
 COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
 COUNCILLOR MELISSA MAGSON
 COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Three members of the public

Before the business of the Meeting began, members of the public present raised some matters of concern to them.

The speed bumps outside the doctors need modifying as vehicles are being driven over them at too high a speed, causing nearby houses to vibrate.

Parking in the bay at the rear of the Co-op store where vehicles park diagonally which results in the rear sticking out onto Church Lane. This causes problems and hazards for passing vehicles and pedestrians alike. It was suggested that the pavement be widened to its full width, giving easier passage for pedestrians, buggies and mobility scooters etc.

The street lighting between Wheelwright Close and the tennis courts is very poor, which was highlighted on Saturday night as people walked to and from the Christmas Event.

Sawyers Crescent was yet again flooded with raw sewage during the recent heavy rains.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs P D Greenwell – Parish Clerk

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 12th NOVEMBER 2019 were agreed as a true and correct record of that Meeting and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

It was agreed that the Clerk would send the draft minutes to the Chair and Vice Chair within seven working days after the PC meeting, to be returned to the Clerk within three

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working days and then to be sent to all Councillors immediately. All councillors would thus have the final minutes within ten working days after the meeting has taken place.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

No report was received.

A long discussion took place around the removal and dumping of the new Welcome signs, speed signs and gateway signs, all of which have now been retrieved. The gateway signs had been replaced by Mr Les Wood but had been removed, and retrieved, again.

All signs are now in storage waiting tamper-proof fixings. It was agreed that the Copmanthorpe signs will not be replaced until the New Year. CYC has been informed as it is responsible for replacing the official speed limit signs. The Christmas tree at the top of Manor Heath had also been removed and dumped but will be retrieved from the embankment by Copmanthorpe Volunteers. Councillors were angered and appalled at the planned vandalism. This has been reported to the police.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

In the absence of the clerk there was no report.

6. ACTION REVIEW

The dropped kerb near station Cottages, allowing ease of disabled access to the pavement onto the railway bridge is inadequate: Councillor Carr will take this up with CYC.

Cllr
Carr

Councillor Kram had attended his first meeting with Sink or Swim and reported that the organisation has ambitious plans.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Cllr Taylor will contact CYC for missing documents for application on removal of hedges at Poplar House Farm.

Cllr
Taylor

b) Roads and Footpaths

All reports, bar two, have now been received by Cllr Auton. There will be a meeting on 7th January, following the Finance meeting, to discuss how to proceed.

c) Finance

The minutes were circulated but are not yet approved by the Finance Committee.

Cllr Duffy outlined each proposed grant for approval by the full Council. All were RATIFIED.

It was recommended that the Finance committee draft a Grant making policy and Community Service recompense to be brought to the full council for consideration. Finance Cttee

6. PLANNING APPEAL – LAND AT MOOR LANE, ADJACENT TO ASKHAM BOG

Nothing to report.

7. PURCHASE OF LAND AT FAMERS WAY

The transfer documents are with the Chair and are to be signed by the Clerk and the Chair as soon as possible. The increase in the legal fees was approved. Clerk/Cllr West

The Clerk is to be asked to check on insurance cover for this public space. Clerk

8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND PARK AND RIDE

Nothing to report.

9. ALLOTMENTS

All work has now been completed. Cllr Duffy was thanked for over-seeing this work. The Clerk is to supply an up-to-date list of plot holders with their plot numbers and a map of the plots, with numbers, to Cllr Kramm at the next meeting in January. Clerk

10. BURIAL GROUND

Cllr Kramm is still awaiting a date for a meeting with the enterprise Car Share rep in order to set a date for the Burial Ground Working party meeting.

The tree trimming has been undertaken as requested.

It was agreed that Cllr Duffy will investigate the purchase of further land for the Burial Ground. Cllrs Kramm/Duffy

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Whitfield is still awaiting a reply from CYC.

12. LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Cllr Carr reported that this starts on 11th December and that he is scheduled to speak on the village's behalf and will report back at the next meeting. Cllr Carr

13. RECREATION CENTRE REPORT

Report received. No issues.

14. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The lights for Reygate Grove and Horseman Close are in the system and awaiting CYC action.

Cllr Carr is still attempting to resolve the situation with the poor road surface on Hallcroft Lane.

Cllrs Carr and Kramm are to meet with CYC Cllr D'Agorne to discuss the situation. Cllrs Carr/Kramm

15. CHRISTMAS EVENT

All responses received had been positive and the event had been successful.

It was agreed to repeat it next year.

It was agreed that the PC would celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day on May 8th 2020, in partnership with the churches and village organisations.

16. DEFIBRILLATOR

The agreement for the adoption of the phone box on Horseman Lane has been signed. Insurance, electrician and signage for the box are now needed. Clerk

17. HERITAGE TRAIL

Amendments to the A1 sized poster have been completed and are awaiting design approval. Cllrs Magson/Whitfield

18. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Kramm is still awaiting the completed forms on footpath usage. Cllr Kramm

19. TREE PLANTING

Cllrs Kramm, Taylor and Whitfield Held a meeting and produced a list of likely tree planting sites around the village. Cllr Taylor to circulate the list to Cllrs Kramm and Whitfield. Cllr Taylor

Cllr Carr will ascertain the CYC contact for information on the village green spaces owned by the City. Cllr Carr

Branches Out will be asked to provide a quote for clearing the overgrown triangle of land near the school with a view to adding it to the list of prospective sites. Cllr Auton

20. CORRESPONDENCE

None

21. ACCOUNTS

These are to be amended and approved at the January meeting. Invoices presented were APPROVED for payment.

22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

V E Day celebration
Missing Village Signs

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th January 2020 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee.
A Meeting of the Roads and Footpaths Committee will take place on Tuesday, 7th January 2020 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10:05 pm.

Signed Date