

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
9th JUNE 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak, and in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this Meeting took place remotely.

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

**Mrs P D Greenwell
Mr Derek Bowen**

Clerk to the Parish Council

Before the Meeting began Mr Bowen spoke about a number of footpaths to the west of the village. It is his view that only two of these can be registered for prescriptive rights of way, and it was AGREED that Cllr Kramm is best placed to progress this. This matter is also relevant in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and CYC's Local Plan.

In addition to these paths there is a piece of land known as Lower Westfield Road which is now impassable. It is an accommodation road used by farmers, but has not been properly maintained for many years. Cllrs Whitfield, Kramm and Mr Bowen will discuss this matter further, and Cllr Auton will walk the path, with Mr Les Wood, to see what help the Copmanthorpe Volunteers might offer to clear this.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Melissa Magson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Auton declared an Interest under item 5b relating to a tree on the footpath.
Cllr Whitfield declared an Interest under item 11.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 9th MAY 2020, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Auton as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

Some matters which can be raised under item 12.

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

The monthly Report has been circulated. No Meeting had been held this evening.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The Top Lane/Low Green footpath is very overgrown and almost impassable in places. Cllr Auton will contact Mr Les Wood and ask the Volunteers to trim. Cllr Auton

Cllr Auton has inspected the overhanging tree in the above footpath and it is clear that some work is needed. Cllr Carr PROPOSED that Branches Out be instructed to cut back, and reduce the height of, the tree, work which will take a full day. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Auton

Cllr Whitfield reported that there appears to be little or no defined edge to the verges on Manor Heath and indeed other village streets. After some discussion it was AGREED that Brighter Gardens be asked to quote for tidying these edges on Manor Heath, and use this information as the basis of a calculation to do the whole village. Residents would then, via the Newsletter, be asked to help by looking after the edges of the verges in front of their own properties. Clerk

c) Finance

No Meeting has been held. Cllr Duffy will circulate an updated Budget. Cllr Duffy

It is noted that we are asking the Copmanthorpe Volunteers to do a lot of additional work, and that this work requires the purchase of suitable equipment. Cllr Duffy PROPOSED that we give the Volunteers a grant of £500, and recoup this by applying to the Ward for a grant for the same sum. AGREED. It was further AGREED that as the Sprouts group is now defunct, the small surplus in their bank account should be passed to the Volunteers. Clerk
Cllr Mrs Taylor

6. PARISH COUNCIL BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

It is acknowledged that a majority of suppliers can now take electronic payments. and that card payments are currently preferred due to the reduced risk of

infection. However as a Parish Council we need to have dual verification of payments (in place of two signatures on a cheque), so we need to find out from HSBC how we can set this up. Cllr Duffy PROPOSED that we seek further guidance from HSBC and that, if dual verification is not possible, we take our business to a different bank. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk/
Cllr Duffy

7. DEFIBRILATOR

Cllr Whitfield has learned that it will cost approx. £80 to remove BT's details from the phone kiosk where the defibrillator is now housed. Replacement of the windows with perspex panels would be considerably more expensive, but we need first to consider what is needed in the way of new signage.

8. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The condition of the road surface at the junction of Main Street and Station Road is very poor, and repairs are being pursued with CYC. There has been no further progress on the draft Local Plan, nor on the Definitive Map Modification Order relating to Yorkfield Lane.

Resurfacing of Horseman Close, as well as two additional street lights in Horseman Close and the Low Green/Reygate Grove footpath, are under active consideration for Ward funding, whilst being mindful that Ward monies must be used in a way which most benefits the whole community.

9. COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The CYC hub at Howell Hall has now been wound up. The Copmanthorpe and Bilbrough Top Covid-10 Support Group is still running, but at quite a reduced level as a lot of people are looking after their neighbours independently.

10. HI-VIZ JACKETS FOR COPMANTHORPE VOLUNTEERS

Cllr West PROPOSED that the Parish Council purchase some new jackets as the old ones have been well used, and some larger sizes are in any case needed. SECONDED by Cllr Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr
Whitfield

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of thanks for grant monies have been received from the Cricket Club

and the Copmanthorpe branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen. The Clerk has also advised residents on problems raised relating to inappropriately parked vehicles, bonfires and noise nuisance.

12. TREE PLANTING SCHEME

Cllr Kramm had circulated a report detailing suggested areas where trees could be planted within the village. These are: the triangle of land at the junction of Horseman Lane/Horseman Drive, where we will need to check on the position with regard to utilities; the entrances to the village where it is suggested that Christmas trees be planted; the green space (formerly designated play area) on Millers Croft, where it is proposed to increase the number of trees from three to ten; and the grassed area on St Giles Way. For these last two, consultation with affected residents will be required.

Cllr Kramm/
Clerk

13. LAND SURROUNDING THE BALANCING POND, TADCASTER ROAD

Following comments from residents, Cllr Mrs Taylor has circulated some photos of the area around the pond, which show that the area is now very overgrown with hawthorns and other vegetation, and the pond is almost invisible. It was AGREED that advice is needed on how best to improve the area, and the Clerk will contact the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for advice as to how to tidy, but also preserve as a habitat for wild flora and fauna, this special area.

Clerk

It was also noted that following work at the top of Manor Heath there are, along the A64 verge, deep ruts in the grass, large lumps of concrete and rusting frames of abandoned A signs. This has been raised with Highways England by Cllr Carr, but to no avail. Cllr Duffy will contact the contractors, A1, and ask that this debris be removed and the surface made good.

Cllr
Duffy

14. PARKING ON MAIN STREET

Vehicles for sale by Copmanthorpe Motors are continuing to cause a problem in that vicinity. After some discussion Cllr West PROPOSED that any action be deferred for six months, by which time it is hoped that business conditions may have returned to something like normality.

15. YORKFIELD LANE

There has been no further news on the BOAT application. The Clerk will contact Brighter Gardens re strimming of the grass on the portion of land which the Parish Council has purchased.

Clerk

16. GARDEN and PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

Kathy Brown, from Brown's Nurseries, has agreed to judge the competition on 20th and 21st July. Cllr Mrs Magson has designed some posters and will promote the competition on Facebook. Cllr Mrs Magson

The photographic competition will be judged at the end of the year. Cllr Mrs Taylor has received a lot of photos of the village during lockdown, and of residents VE Day anniversary celebrations, and these will be added to the village archive.

17. CHRISTMAS EVENT

This year's event will take place on 5th December. The working group has met, and agreed a budget for the event of £2,500 (as per last year).

18. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	44,984.66
Business Money Manager Account		21,978.41
	£	66,963.07

Credits to the Account this Month

Allotment rents	£	1,386.00
Re: Arthur Moseley		80.00
Interest on Business Money Manager Account		10.27
	£	1,476.27

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens	£	1,280.00
York Graphic Arts		25.00
Melissa Magson – Heritage Trail domain		15.58
P D Greenwell – expenses		63.61
P D Greenwell – salary		389.02
	£	1,773.21

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7.30 pm.
This will 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, 28th July 2020 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed Date