

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
11th AUGUST 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.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 14th JULY 2020, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

No monthly report, and Cllr Duffy has had no response to either of two emails he has sent to the police regarding recent incidents in the village.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

An application to fill one of the current vacancies on the Parish Council has been received and circulated. Cllr Kramm PROPOSED that the applicant be invited to the next meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Clerk will also follow up the pre-lockdown application from Mr Tim Jarrett. Clerk

Mr Keith Tyreman has raised verbally a number of matters in the village:

He requests a No Through Road sign at the junction of Sawyers Crescent with Farmers Way. Many vehicles come into the road mistakenly and then struggle to turn around. Children often play out in the road, and such a sign would make the area safer for them. Cllr Carr will take this up with CYC.

Cllr
Carr

Mr Tyreman also comments on the lack of PROW signs in the village; for example, there is no sign for the Ebor Way at Sawyers Crescent, only on Low Green.

Also, land owned by Network Rail, close to his property, is overgrown.

6. ACTION REVIEW

Cllr Carr has written to the School Governors regarding the Sink or Swim project, and will forward his letter to the Clerk in order that the Parish Council may also follow this up.

Clerk

7. RAILWAY BRIDGE

One of our younger residents has written to suggest that the appearance of the railway bridge could be improved by the addition of some sort of artwork. Whilst members can see merit in this suggestion, and applaud the initiative of the young lady concerned, the first step must be to seek permission from Network Rail for any such project. The Clerk will seek their views.

Clerk

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

The monthly report has been circulated.

Cllr Carr has looked at the tiles on the property in Reygate Grove, and believes that they are not different to those on surrounding properties, just relatively new and yet to weather.

b) Roads and Footpaths

There are a number of overgrowing hedges in the villages. Members are asked to supply details to the Clerk, who will then write to the property owners.

Clerk

A hole in the road opposite Little Acorns has been marked up for repair by CYC.

The non-slip tiles at the corner of Main Street/Station Road had been marked for repair but nothing has been done during the past two months and these tiles have now become a trip hazard. Cllr Carr had raised the matter of the road surface with CYC, but they judge it to be in an acceptable condition.

c) Finance

No meeting has been held. The Clerk and Cllr Duffy are yet to meet to progress the dual authority for BACS payments.

Cllr
Duffy**9. DEFIBRILATOR**

It has been AGREED that the Perspex panels should be replaced. Cllr Duffy PROPOSED that these be purchased at a maximum cost of £250. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr
Duffy

The Clerk has also obtained details of suitable signage.

10. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Cllr Carr has written to the School Governors to ask for an extension to the time limit given to the Sink or Swim group to secure funding. A similar letter from the Parish Council is required.

Clerk

The petition against the closure of local pharmacies has been publicised. A note of thanks for all the good work done by the Copmanthorpe and Bilbrough Covid-19 Volunteer Group in delivering prescriptions around the village over the last four months will appear in the Newsletter.

11. PARKING ON MAIN STREET

Cllr Carr has responded to the resident of Templars Court who has complained about the difficulties caused by vehicles for sale from Copmanthorpe Motors which are parked on the street. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to Copmanthorpe Motors explaining the problem, and the law relating to vehicles parked in this way, and asking them to make alternative arrangements for these vehicles.

Clerk

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Members are saddened to learn of the death of Harold Wood, stalwart of the Recreation Centre for many years.

A letter has been received asking about reinstatement of the bench on Low Green. This has been missing for many years, and it remains the view of the Parish Council that any bench in that location would merely serve as a magnet for loitering and illegal under-age drinking. The Clerk will respond.

Clerk

13. TREE PLANTING

Two sites on Moorland Gardens have been identified as possible sites for tree planting, as well as the verges on Flaxman Croft. However, neighbours should be consulted once the location of utilities has been confirmed, and species of a suitable size selected.

14. LAND SURROUNDING THE BALANCING POND

A most useful report has been provided by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, and Cllr Kramm PROPOSED that this information be used as the basis of a Management Plan for the area, which he will prepare.

Cllr
Kramm

15. LAND AT FARMERS WAY – ONGOING MAINTENANCE

The Clerk confirmed that she has instructed our Contractor to trim the area in the ownership of the Parish Council on a monthly basis.

16. RECYLCING

Cllr Auton is ready to re-launch this project after the Covid-19 period of lockdown and PROPOSED that the Parish Council provide hand-sanitiser to protect the volunteers from infection. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr
Auton

17. PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

Entries will be accepted until the end of the year.

18. CHRISTMAS EVENT 2020

No meeting has been held, but preparation work is ongoing.

19. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	38,335.91
Business Money Manager Account		21,978.41
	£	60,314.32

Credits to the Account this Month

Allotment rents	£	27.00
	£	27.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens	£	835.00
P D Greenwell – salary		388.82
	£	1,223.02

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

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Railway bridge – proposal to improve the visual amenity of the bridge.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 8th September 2020 at 7.30 pm, either remotely or in Howell Hall. 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, 22nd September 2020 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed Date