

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 TIM DUFFY    Chairman  
COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON  
COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR  
COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM  
COUNCILLOR MELISSA MAGSON  
COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR**

**Mrs P Diane Greenwell    Clerk  
Mr Tim Jarrett  
Mr David Smith**

Before the Meeting began the Chairman announced, with regret, the death last Saturday of Councillor Whitfield's wife, Christine. The thoughts and prayers of members and the Clerk are with Councillor Whitfield and his family at this very sad time.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Robert West  
Councillor Peter Whitfield

**2. CO-OPTION**

Mr Tim Jarrett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which will be countersigned by the Clerk in due course.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr David Carr as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

Investigations into the arson incident at the allotments and a further air rifle incident, this time at a property in Horseman Close, are ongoing.

The normal monthly reports are not being supplied as the volunteers who prepare them are laid off due to Covid-19.

Police are apparently enforcing the no right turn restriction onto Manor Heath for traffic leaving the westbound carriageway of the A64. However members are not convinced that the signage is adequate as drivers are continuing to turn right instead of proceeding to the roundabout, and advice will be sought from Highways England as to how this might be improved.

**6. ACTION REVIEW**

The request for a “No Through Road” sign at the junction of Farmers Way and Sawyers Crescent has been submitted to CYC, but no action as yet.

Cllr Duffy will contact Network Rail about the overgrowing vegetation alongside the railway line at Sawyers Crescent. Cllr Duffy

Cllr Auton will investigate better signage for the Ebor Way. Cllr Auton

The Clerk has written to the School Governors about the Sink or Swim project.

The Clerk has purchased hand sanitiser for the recycling volunteer group.

**7. RAILWAY BRIDGE – Proposals for art work**

The Clerk has contacted Network Rail who are supportive in principle of this project. Cllrs Mrs Taylor, Mrs Magson and Mr Jarrett will meet to discuss how best to progress this. Ward funding may be available. Cllrs Taylor/Magson/Jarrett

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

The monthly report has been circulated.

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

The Clerk has written to owners of a number of properties where vegetation is overhanging the footpath. There have been a number of comments on social media about this issue of late.

There has been a complaint about dog-fouling on Pike Hills Mount. The Volunteer Group will re-do the dog stencils around the village.

**c) Finance**

The dual authorisation of BACS payments is now set up. Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED a maximum limit of £3,000 on payments of this kind. SECONDED by Cllr Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

No meeting has been held, but the budget sheets have been updated.

A request has been received for a grant of £45 to pay for a meal at the Royal Oak for war veterans living in the village. Payment of this grant was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Jarrett. AGREED.

**9. DEFIBRILATOR**

Cllr Whitfield has received a quote of no more than £250 for the glazing work to the kiosk.

**10. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

Regional devolution is now very much on the agenda of local authorities. CYC wishes to remain a unitary authority as this current arrangement works very well.

There have been no meetings this year to progress the Draft Local Plan, but Cllr Carr will circulate any information as he receives it.

Hallcroft Lane has been resurfaced and is now much improved. Cllrs Carr and Auton will press CYC for similar improvements to other streets in the village, such as Wilstrop Farm Road where there are 8 significant potholes. Cllrs Carr/  
Auton

Despite requests for its removal, the portaloo is still on the verge at Hallcroft Lane/Colton Lane crossroads

Cllr Carr has earmarked funds for smaller remedial works such as the Wilstrop Farm estate sign and the ramp at Station Cottages. He has also ring fenced £5,000 for the Scouts minibus subject to the scouts securing the remaining funding.

**11. PARKED VEHICLES IN MAIN STREET**

The Clerk has written to Copmanthorpe Motors about this, but no reply has been

received, and the problem seems to be ongoing. Cllr Carr suggested that we defer any further action until the impact of Covid-19 upon local businesses during the winter becomes clearer. He will respond to the complainant. Cllr Carr

## **12. TREE PLANTING SCHEME – Update on proposals**

Cllr Kramm is still awaiting feedback from the CYC officer, and so no consultation letters have yet been sent out. Hopefully this will happen in time for this year's planting season.

## **13. LAND SURROUNDING THE BALANCING POND**

CYC have acknowledged that they are responsible for this area, but they do not have a management plan. Cllr Kramm has produced a basic management plan based on the report from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, with a view to maintaining the area as a nature reserve and increasing biodiversity, as well as keeping a green space to be enjoyed by residents.

## **14. LAND AT FARMERS WAY**

The area in the Parish Council's ownership is now being maintained, monthly, by our contractor.

## **15. CHRISTMAS EVENT 2020**

Meetings of the organising group have been deferred until the end of October, by which time it should be possible to know whether or not the event can go ahead.

## **16. ACCOUNTS**

### **Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	38,335.91
Business Money Manager Account		21,978.96
	£	60,314.87

Credits to the Account this Month

Allotment rents	£	102.00
Interest on Business Money Manager a/c		.55
Re: Anita Deblasio		375.00
Re: Nigel and Collettte Kendall		50.00
	£	527.55

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens	£	1,300.00
Business Stream – allotments		24.93
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		21.86
P D Greenwell – hand sanitisers		43.45
P D Greenwell – salary		389.02
	£	1,779.26

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

**17.ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Photographic competition
- Electronic communications

**18.DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> September, depending upon applications received.

These meetings will all take place remotely via Zoom unless advised otherwise.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed..... Date .....

