

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
13th OCTOBER 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 JARRETT
 COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

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

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Tim Duffy
Councillor Lars Kramm
Councillor Melissa Magson

2. CO-OPTION

Mr David Smith signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which will be counter-signed by the Clerk in due course.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 13th SEPTEMBER 2020 and the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING held on 29th SEPTEMBER, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Graham Auton as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr David Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

No monthly report received.

6. ACTION REVIEW

Cllr Auton has investigated the lack of signage for the Ebor Way pointed out by Mr Keith Tyreman. The fingerpost sign on Wheelwright Close is missing, and two additional signs are required. Cllr Auton will progress this. Cllr Auton

7. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the central bench seat in the burial ground is in need of re-varnishing, and the flower beds on either side need to be replanted as the existing rose bushes are well past their best. She will liaise with Mr David Whiteman on these matters. Clerk

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

b) Roads and Footpaths

A dozen areas of road or footpath needing attention have been reported to CYC. They would like to carry out a joint inspection with the Parish Council, but this will not be until December.

Cllr Auton is awaiting area reports from members, and Cllr West pointed out that the corner of Main Street/Station Road is still in need of attention. Cllrs

c) Finance

No report, and Cllr Duffy not present.

9. RAILWAY BRIDGE – Proposals for artwork

Cllrs Whitfield, Jarrett, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Magson have met to discuss this. They believe that a series of panels may be better than painting the bridge itself, but will need to know the length and height of the bridge. It is hoped that the School will become involved in the project, and Cllr Mrs Taylor is trying to contact the Head Teacher to discuss this. Cllr Mrs Magson is working on a design, and Cllr Jarrett will draft some words to bring everything together. It may be possible to display the designs at the Carnival next year.

10. DEFIBRILATOR

Cllr Duffy is seeking a better price for the required Perspex panels.

Cllr
Duffy

11. COPMANTHORPE WARD

CYC will discuss the devolution proposals at a meeting of the Full Council on 29th October.

Changes to planning law are being proposed by Government, but hopefully these will not impact on the Draft Local Plan.

Road traffic arrangements for cyclists at the entrance to the Park & Ride site, and Dringhouses cemetery, are not good and will be reviewed.

A grant of £1,000 has been awarded to support bringing a travelling pantomime to Copmanthorpe at Christmas.

12. GREEN HOMES GRANTS

Cllr Jarrett believes that these grants will be very useful for people on lower incomes living in older properties, as well as being beneficial to the environment.

He would support any campaign to raise awareness of these grants and will liaise with Cllr Kramm. There is a lot of information on the CYC website, and links to this will be added to the Parish Council site.

Cllrs
Jarrett/
Whitfield

13. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MAIN STREET

Mr Richard Blues has again raised concerns about the difficulties in crossing Main Street by the shops. Many surveys, both official by CYC, and informally by Mr Blues and Cllr Carr together, have been carried out to measure both speed and volume of traffic, and pattern of use of the road. The CYC surveys and calculations show that the average speed of traffic passing the Royal Oak is between 17 and 18 miles per hour. No “near misses” have been recorded at the location, and they are 80% away from the threshold at which action, in the form of a pedestrian crossing, would be taken.

It was AGREED that we would ask CYC to review the situation when there is additional traffic coming from the extra houses which are to be built at the top of Moor Lane.

Cllr
Carr

14. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it is clear that the normal Service on Memorial Green and parade of the uniformed organisations down Main Street, cannot this year take place. Instead, a wreath laying ceremony will take place, and be filmed, at 11.00 am the previous Sunday (1st November), and the video will be available via YouTube at 11.00 am on 8th November. In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr David Carr will lay the Parish Council wreath on behalf of the village residents.

Cllr
Carr

In addition, pictures of poppies drawn by the children, and small pebbles decorated by them, will be placed around the memorial. These will later be removed to a safe place, yet to be decided.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing which is not covered elsewhere.

16. TREE PLANTING SCHEME

No report, and Cllr Kramm not present.

17. YORKFIELD LANE

We are informed by the Planning Inspectorate that in order to consider, and determine, the Modification Order, a Hearing will take place at CYC West Offices on 19th January 2021, commencing at 10.00 am. Cllrs Carr and Auton will work on our submission, which must be lodged within a short time frame.

Cllrs
Carr/
Auton

The Clerk will respond to a letter from Network Rail, stating that we are considering the options which they have put forward for access across the railway.

Clerk

18. CHRISTMAS EVENT

Plans for this are still being made, although it looks increasingly unlikely to go ahead.

However it is hoped that four performances of a pantomime, over two days, put on by York Theatre Royal, will take place in the Sports Hall at the Recreation Centre. This will be for Copmanthorpe residents only.

19. ACCOOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	53,403.98
Business Money Manager Account		21,978.96

£ 75,382.84

Credits to the Account this Month

CYC – ½ year Precept	£	17,470.00
Re: Josephine Ann Smith		125.00
Allotment		31.75

£ 17,626.75

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens	£	960.00
CYC – ½ year allotment rent		523.50
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services		320.00
CPI Corporate Solutions Ltd – re Copmanthorpe Volunteers		51.00
Cllr M Taylor – expenses		45.00
YLCA – 2 x training		20.00
P D Greenwell – Remembrance Day wreath		19.99
P D Greenwell – salary		461.20
HMRC – PAYE		291.80
Petty Cash		60.00

£ 2,752.49

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

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Photographic competition.
Travelling pantomime
Online storage of information.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10th November 2020 at 7.30 pm, via Zoom,

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, 24th November at 7.30 pm, via Zoom.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee will be necessary, to discuss any grant applications received. Suggested date is Tuesday, 1st December. To be agreed.

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

Signed Date