

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
9th FEBRUARY 2021 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 TIM JARRETT
COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH
COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

**Mrs P Diane Greenwell Clerk
Three members of the public**

Before the business of the Meeting began Mr Richard Blues outlined his ongoing concerns regarding pedestrian safety on Main Street. Surveys carried out by CYC in March 2017 found that there was insufficient traffic to require a formal crossing point. Documents supporting their recommendations had since been requested by Mr Blues but not yet received. He has investigated the possibility of an independent survey, which would cost £695 plus VAT. Before considering this, it was agreed that Cllr Carr, with the support of the Parish Council, would ask CYC to look into other solutions, such as improved signage and reinforcement of the painted lines on the speed tables.

One of the Leaders from Copmanthorpe Scout Group outlined that group's wish to inspire the whole village community to become involved in making improvements to the environment. They have been communicating this via the Village Newsletter and social media platforms and are liaising with other village groups – the WI, the School, Sprouts, Girl Guides and Brownies. They are currently focussing on recycling, with facilities for various materials at the Recreation Centre. They are also happy to help with the Parish Council's tree planting scheme.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 12th JANUARY 2021**, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Duffy as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Auton.. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. YORKFIELD LANE

Following the site visit by the Inspector, an interim decision has been received. The Inspector is minded to grant the Public Right of Way only from Merchant Way to Farmers Way. He does not wish to include either the middle section, or the final section which leads from Ploughmans Close to Becketts Crossing. Parish Council members are not convinced that the Inspector has fully understood the history of this land since the Barratt estate was built, and we believe that his report is therefore compromised and not acceptable. A response from the Parish Council will be drafted.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report has been circulated. Cllr Duffy has enquired about progress re the recent burglaries, and enquiries are ongoing.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing which does not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

7. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk has written to the young lady who instigated the railway bridge painting project.
The next Parish Council News includes a reminder to residents to keep their boundary hedges and trees in check.

8. RECREATION CENTRE

Cllr Whitfield is happy to continue as the Parish Council's representative on the Management Committee, following its restructuring.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

b)Roads and Footpaths

Reports from 3 members are still awaited.

c) Finance

A meeting will be arranged to discuss the Internal Auditor's report.

Clerk/
Cllr Duffy

10. TREE PLANTING

Cllr Kramm PROPOSES a budget of £500 to purchase 3 trees and some hedging.
SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

11. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr West PROPOSED that the annual provision of the skip at the allotments should cease. This service is being abused by certain plot holders using it to dispose of items from home, which should be going to Hazel Court or in their own black bins.
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

12. COPMANTHORPE WARD

For the benefit of new members Cllr Carr gave a history of attempts to formalise the Green Belt around York since 2015, and the progress so far of the Draft Local Plan. The latest version calls for 822 new houses per annum to be built in York, a total of approx. 16,500 over the 20-year life of the Plan. The examination in public of the proposals, currently in abeyance due to Covid-19, seeks to define the boundaries and then deal with site specific matters. For Copmanthorpe, the two sites are ST31 (Tadcaster Road) and H29 (Old Moor Lane), giving a total of 250 new homes in the village. Two sites which were originally included, land to the west of Manor Heath and Wilstrop Farm, were removed and will sit in the Green Belt.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Some damage to a grave in the burial ground has been reported this afternoon.
The Clerk will investigate.

Clerk

14. COVID-19

It is noted that Copmanthorpe Post Office is currently closed due to staff illness.
We hope that those suffering will soon be recovered.

15. RAILWAY CROSSING

Cllrs Carr, Whitfield, Kramm, Mrs Taylor and the Clerk had met via Zoom with Officers from Network Rail, which seeks to make changes to Becketts Crossing to facilitate trains travelling at 125 mph (currently 100 mph) on that stretch of track, as part of an upgrade of the line from Manchester to York. They are consulting with the wider community, as well as with bodies representing the disabled, and all options, which include an underpass, a bridge at Becketts Crossing or elsewhere, or modifications to the railway bridge on Temple Lane, are available for discussion.

16. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Twenty photos have been received. It was AGREED that Howell Hall could be made available for Members to view the photos one at a time to comply with social distancing rules, possibly on a Saturday morning

Cllrs
Auton/
Mrs Taylor

17. GARDEN COMPETITION

It was AGREED that this will probably not be possible in June, but could perhaps take place later in the summer. Decision deferred until May.

18. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This is normally held in March. It can however take place any time before 1st June, so a decision as to how to deal with this is deferred.

19. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	35,771.62
Business Money Manager Account		21,979.51
	£	57,751.13
Credits to the Account this Month		
City of York Council – grass cutting grant	£	363.31

Accounts to be Paid this Month

YLCA – training	£	45.00
P D Greenwell – salary		430.00
Natural Signs – for Ebor Way		67.00
	£	542.00

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

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Photographic competition

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9th March 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom and 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, 23rd March at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed Date