

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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 LARS KRAMM  
COUNCILLOR MELISSA MAGSON  
COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH  
COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

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

Before the business of the Meeting began, a resident whose property backs onto the Top Lane/Low Green footpath outlined his concerns about anti-social and illegal behaviour on that path. Youths are congregating there at various times during the day and quite late into the evening, using drugs, littering and generally making a noise. This has been reported to the police, using the 101 phone number, several times, and many times over the past ten days. Cllr Duffy asked that the resident log all calls to the police, and he will chase this up with them. The Clerk has already forwarded his concerns to the police and asked for increased patrols along the footpath.

The Parish Council was asked to consider the provision of one or more benches in the village. This will be considered, and could be a memorial to those who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Tim Jarrett

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

#### 4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report has been circulated.

It is noted that a lot of rubbish has been strewn around at the Recreation Centre, and the glass in a bus shelter has been smashed. Police presence and patrols in the village have been increased.

#### 5. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk has inspected the reported damage to a grave in the burial ground, and, whilst noting that the waterlogged nature of the ground at present is a factor, has asked the grave digger to make good.

#### 6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

##### a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

Vehicles have been parking on the verge at the top of Manor Heath, where works are taking place on the driveway. It is unclear whether this land belongs to CYC or Highways England.

Cllr Carr/  
Clerk

##### b) Roads and Footpaths

All Members' reports, apart from one, have now been collated and summarised. However it is noted that budgets for pothole repairs are very tight at present.

Wheelie bins, which had been left on the footpath outside the old butcher's shop on Church Street, are now on the footpath outside the Co-op. The planning consent requires that these be kept at the rear of the building.

There has been an increase in parking on footpaths along Top Lane, but this is thought to be associated with building works at two properties, and so will hopefully only be temporary. There are also many cars parking on the advisory foot and cycle path close to Smithson Court, and better road markings are needed.

After some discussion it was AGREED that some form of deterrent is needed on the Top Lane/Low Green footpath. Some form of lighting or CCTV are possible options to consider.

It was reported that some sort of motorcycle scrambling track has appeared in the copse at the top of Manor Heath.

##### c) Finance

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February had been circulated. The main purpose of this was to discuss the report from the Internal Auditor and the matters raised therein are being addressed.

A new, more comprehensive Grants Policy has been drafted.  
A payment limit for electronic payments has been established.

**7. YORKFIELD LANE**

It was AGREED that legal advice should be sought in relation to this matter.

**8. STANDING ORDERS and FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

These will be reviewed by Cllr Duffy and the Clerk.

Cllr Duffy/  
Clerk

**9. RISK ASSESSMENT**

This will be reviewed by Cllr Whitfield.

Cllr  
Whitfield

**10. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

Re-painting of the road markings on the speed tables on Horseman Lane and Main Street has been requested.

The cost of taking action on the entire list of 12 items identified by the Parish Council and CYC Highways last December would be in the region of £200k. There is only £43k in the Ward budget, so we need to prioritise four or five items for attention.

A meeting of the Local Plan Working Group will take place next week, and progress will be reported to next month's meeting.

**11. TREE PLANTING**

All necessary surveys have been carried out to enable the planting of trees in the Horseman Lane triangle. All that remains is for a Visible Impairment Assessment to be carried out, so planting will take place before the end of the planting season.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

Information has been received about grants available for the purchase of trees. Cllrs Kramm and Smith will liaise.

Cllrs  
Kramm/  
Smith

**13. COVID-19**

The new trees, and possible bench, could be dedicated to residents lost in the Covid-19 pandemic. It is possible that CYC will be arranging some form of commemoration.

**14. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

For reasons which are unclear, the green insert Parish Council News had not been included in the March edition. It was AGREED that this should now be left until June, where it is suggested that comprehensive information on recycling should feature.

**15. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

It has not yet been possible to get prints made for the judging. Other options for doing this will be explored.

**16. GARDEN COMPETITION**

It was AGREED that we should now try to hold this in mid-July, and a notice to that effect will go in the April Newsletter, with the entry form being included in the May edition.

**17. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Subject to whatever Covid restrictions are in place at the time, we will aim to hold this in the latter half of May. It must be held before 1<sup>st</sup> June. Options for a larger venue than the Howell Hall, to accommodate social distancing, will be investigated. It may be that the Meeting will have to be held remotely.

**18. ACCOUNTS****Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	35,099.62
Business Money Manager Account		21,979.51
	£	57,079.13

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Ronald Stanley Coulson	£	125.00
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

Business Stream – allotments	£	67.71
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		24.36
P D Greenwell – Register of Burials		28.88
P D Greenwell – salary		430.20
	£	551.15

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

**19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Copmanthorpe Youth Club

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 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, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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