

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE,  
COPMANTHORPE  
at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST                      Chairman  
COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON  
COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR  
COUNCILLOR TIM DUFFY  
COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM  
COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH  
COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

**Mrs P Diane Greenwell                                      Clerk**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Melissa Magson  
Cllr Tim Jarrett

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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

**4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The monthly report has been circulated.  
There is little of serious concern.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT**

An email has been received from Cundalls, agents for Mr David Brewster, outlining his concerns about Network Rail's proposals for a new railway crossing at the Recreation Centre, which he feels would adversely impact upon vehicular access to his farming business. The Parish Council notes these comments.

Gladmans seek a meeting with the Parish Council to further discuss their plans for the triangular site at Tadcaster Road. The Clerk will seek to arrange a meeting, either next

week, or early in the New Year. Members of the Neighbourhood Plan group will also be invited.

Clerk

## 6. ACTION REVIEW

Cllr Whitfield and the Clerk have attended a meeting at Askham Bryan College, jointly with Askham Richard and Askham Bryan Parish Councils, where various matters of concern were raised, and opportunities in the villages for the students were discussed. All those present believe the meeting to have been useful.

It is noted that some repairs are needed to the sextant's hut in the burial ground. To be discussed next month.

Clerk

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

An application for a large extension at 6 Wheelwright Close has been refused.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

The resurfacing work at the junction of St Giles Way and Station Road will be done soon, and the work on the footway ramp at Station Road is complete.

The tarmac surface on part of Main Street is breaking up, and the movements of buses and other heavy vehicles are causing damage to a number of the main routes through the village.

Many drivers entering the village at the top of Manor Heath, coming from the east, are still turning right into Manor Heath instead of crossing the flyover, going round the roundabout and then turning left. The signage appears to be inadequate, and it was AGREED that we should request some words "No Right Turn" or similar, actually on the road. The Clerk to contact Highways England.

Clerk

Parking is causing damage to a number of grass verges.

### c) Finance

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 had been previously circulated. Cllr Duffy PROPOSED that grants totalling £5,770 to a total of nine village groups/organisations, detailed in those Minutes, be RATIFIED for approval by the full Parish Council. Certain of these groups have been urged to apply to the Ward Committee for match funding. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## **8. YORKFIELD LANE**

On 16 November 2021 the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State brought into effect the Order to record Yorkfield Lane as a public restricted byway. This means that a public right of way for people on foot, horse and bicycle now is now recorded on the definitive map from the primary school eastwards to, but not over, Beckett's Crossing beside the railway. The definitive map is legally conclusive proof that anyone has a right to walk or ride this route.

Following the Inspector's decision, City of York Council is advertising the statutory 42 day period during which anyone who believes the Inspector erred in law in reaching his decision may apply to the High Court to have the Order examined and possibly overturned. Once this period has expired, assuming no application is made to the High Court, City of York Council will arrange for the route to be sign posted and begin the process of removing any obstructions that may exist on the route.

Cllr Smith will draft an appropriate notice to go in the Village Newsletter.

Cllr  
Smith

The Working Group has met to discuss how best to proceed. Maintenance of the Lane will be needed once planning and planting is agreed in consultation with CYC.

## **9. TREE PLANTING**

Approval of the chosen species will be needed from the Highways Department.

## **10. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

The Local Plan hearings will resume in February 2022. Phase 1 was held in December 2019, to discuss site selection, extent of the Green Belt etc., Phase 2 will consider housing allocations. Phase 3, which will start in April 2022, will look at a reassessment of the Green Belt boundaries. Phase 4, starting in May 2022, will consider housing policies and matters such as heritage and design. These sessions will all be hybrid – remote as well as face to face.

## **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The map is still awaited.

## **12. RAILWAY CROSSING**

Officers from the Recreation Centre and Network Rail had met at the Recreation Centre and it had been agreed that Network Rail would produce a scoping document

which will explain why a crossing at that location would be untenable, and that a new ramped crossing at the site of Becketts Crossing would be preferable. This could include a cycle path to Bishopthorpe, Cllr Carr will write to Network Rail urging them to support this suggestion, with a copy to Julian Sturdy, MP. Cllr Carr

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

See Item 8.

### 14. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

There are now a further 8 volunteers, making a total of 14. Unfortunately, we cannot get the equipment back from Bishopthorpe until the end of January.

It is noted that recently there has been some monitoring of traffic speeds on Manor Heath by CYC Highways.

### 15. CHRISTMAS EVENT

This had been well received by residents, with approximately 200 children coming forward to see Father Christmas. The total cost had been approx. £1,700. A feedback meeting will take place tomorrow.

### 16. ACCOUNTS

#### Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	56,793.33
Business Money Manager Account		21,981.71

£ 78,775.04

#### Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Peter and Kay Eady	£	375.00
Interest on Business Money Manager a/c		55

£ 375.55

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	£	1,865.00
Electrotest – tree lights on St Giles Way		838.00
Steel & Maw Woodlands & Grounds Management – tree lights		445.00
Sports Turf Services (York) Ltd – Rec Centre		420.00
NYCSC Activities Schemes (Scouts) – marquee for Xmas event		387.00
York RI Band – Xmas event		350.00
Graham Auton – Xmas event expenses		312.32
P D Greenwell – cable for tree lights on St Giles Way		302.92
Peter Whitfield – Xmas event expenses		222.30
Tim Duffy – Xmas event expenses		153.88
Foss Feeds – 3 pot grown Xmas trees		134.97
SLCC – subscription		134.00
P D Greenwell – ink cartridges		52.77
Megan Taylor – batteries for Xmas event		64.66
The Little Celebration Company Limited – Xmas event		33.60
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		22.28
P D Greenwell – salary		490.00
	£	6,228.70

ACCEPTANCE of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Duffy.  
SECONDED by Cllr Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Sextant’s hut in the burial ground
- Tree planting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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