

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
10th JANUARY 2023 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE
at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST Chairman
COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON
COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR
COUNCILLOR JOHN DOBSON
COUNCILLOR TIM JARRETT
COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH
COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

**Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk
Two members of the public**

Before the business of the Meeting began Mr and Mrs Colbeck, of St Giles Way, expressed some concerns about the proposal to plant two oak trees on the grassed area in front of their property. Cllr Mrs Taylor explained that the Parish Council has consulted, as it is obliged to do since they own the land, with City of York Council and that an appropriate species of oak, the Irish oak which will grow very slowly and not reach such a great height as the English oak, is recommended. No definite decision has yet been taken as we are still awaiting information on underground utilities, which is needed before CYC will grant a licence to plant any tree. It is also acknowledged that this whole area could be better managed.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr T Duffy

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 13th December 2022,** had been previously circulated. Cllr Carr asked that it be noted that, whilst he had given no separate report, he had reported on various Ward issues elsewhere in the Agenda. The minutes were then PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Smith. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

No report has been received from the police this month.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly Report had been circulated.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The footpath signage for Yorkfield Lane is still outstanding

Cllr
West

A significant amount of hedging along Colton Lane has been removed by the farmer, but this has not been acknowledged in the recent survey report.

When the Christmas tree lights were disconnected it was noted that the cable from one of the trees to the light box had been cut.

The illuminated bollard at the junction of Manor Heath and Hallcroft Lane has been hit, probably by a large vehicle turning the corner, and is now out of its socket.

c) Finance and Risk Management

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on 3rd January had been circulated. The recommendations of the Committee in respect of grant applications are RATIFIED.

d) Allotments and Green Spaces

Eight cherry trees have been delivered, and the Scouts will be asked to assist with planting these trees.

Allotment holders will be invited to next week's Committee meeting. Clerk

6. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Cllr Carr is receiving many complaints about potholes in the roads.

The Draft Local Plan is likely to receive government approval this summer.

Grant applications for Ward funding are being processed.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The document will be presented to City of York Council tomorrow.

8. YORKFIELD LANE and RAILWAY CROSSING

The survey of Yorkfield Lane has been undertaken.

Cllr Smith has been in contact with the various cycling organisations who are all supportive of a cycle path between Copmanthorpe and Bishopthorpe and into York.

Cllr West has earlier this evening had a phone conversation with James Gilchrist, CYC, who informed him that in 2015 CYC granted planning permission for a similar footbridge, with no ramps, to that currently being proposed by Network Rail. A year ago, Network Rail made a similar application, which was refused due to the lack of disabled access. Network Rail have not responded to this refusal, and have not prepared an Equality Impact Assessment.

The current pedestrian crossing is acknowledged to be dangerous and would become more so with increased speed and frequency of trains (up to 125 mph). In our forthcoming meeting with Cllr d'Agorne we should stress the opportunity which a ramped bridge would give to create a cycleway between Bishopthorpe and Copmanthorpe, and the health benefits which that would bring – especially bearing in mind the imminent closure of Bishopthorpe surgery, which will necessitate patients from there having to come to Copmanthorpe. There is no bus service between the two villages, and extremely limited car parking space both at the Copmanthorpe surgery and the surrounding area.

Cllr West expressed concerns about the size and consequently the visual impact of ramps. After some lengthy discussion it was AGREED that we should await the outcome of the meeting with Cllr d'Agorne, and also the views of residents attending the exhibition which is being put on by Network Rail on 23rd January (and also Bishopthorpe Parish Council who will be attending), before deciding how best to proceed.

9. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH and VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGNS

Tadcaster Road has been approved by the police for Speedwatch deployment.

Before any VAS signs can be installed we will need a traffic survey from CYC. at a cost of £200. Ward funding is available to pay for this.

10. OLD SCHOOL MEDICAL PRACTICE

An application for an extension to the Old School Medical Practice had been considered by the Planning Committee, and an objection will be lodged on the basis of resultant loss of parking spaces on the premises. This is particularly relevant in light of the imminent closure of the Bishopthorpe Practice; most patients from there will be coming by car as there is no bus service. On street parking will only exacerbate the problems around this difficult junction.

11. HOWELL HALL

Wood chippings will be spread across the garden area at the front of the building.

12. NOTICEBOARDS

Following an enquiry by Cllr Kramm, we are informed that Advertisement Consent will be required as we are hoping to erect 2 notice boards – one will be a replacement for the current notice board, and the other an information board for the Heritage Trail. The Clerk will submit the application.

Clerk

13. CORRESPONDENCE

A resident of Temple Lane has written about the danger to pedestrians using the road where there is no footpath. Possible ways of alleviating this are being discussed. There is also a recent problem of increased littering along this stretch.

A resident of Sawyers Crescent has written about inconsiderate parking on that road. Regrettably the Parish Council has no powers in this respect, and the police can only act if vehicles are parked illegally, rather than inconsiderately.

14. TO SET THE PRECEPT for 2023-24

The Finance Committee, at its meeting last week, RECOMMENDED an increase of 3% to £37,070. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that this recommendation be RATIFIED. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

15. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	49,199.22
Business Money Manager Account		22,013.64
	£	71,212.86
Credits to the Account this Month		
Re: John Robert Hewson	£	30.00
	£	30.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

D-Tail Plants – trees	£	547.20
CYC – ½ year allotment rent		523.50
Allsigns – for Community Speedwatch		309.96
B L Taylor Developments – burial ground gate post repair		283.00
Electrotest – Christmas lights		228.00
CPRE – membership subscription		60.00
P D Greenwell – salary		474.60
HMRC – PAYE		198.18
	£	2,624.44

Bank charges for month to 24 November 2022 - £12.00

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

16. BANK ACCOUNT

It was noted that there is now a substantial balance in our main account and that, in view of the recent increase in interest rates, perhaps some of this could be moved to our interest bearing account. To be discussed by the Finance Committee and Clerk

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The Coronation of King Charles III

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th February 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, School Lane at 7.30 pm. This will be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 p.m

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm .

Signed Date