# A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 at 7.30 PM in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON Chairman

COUNCILLOR OLIVER KNEEN
COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD
COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Mrs P Diane Greenwell Clerk

Cllr Chris Steward City of York Council

Two members of the public

Before the business of the Meeting began, Dr Glenis Wedzicha updated members on the project to re-build the under elevens playground at the Recreation Centre. An application for funding has been submitted to the Lottery Community Fund, for the full amount required to complete the project - £227,000. If this application is not successful, or the full amount is not granted, alternative sources of funding are known and will be sought. On 18th January 2024 the Trustees are holding an event in the Club house at the Recreation Centre, between 3 and 4 pm, to update residents as to what the Trustees are proposing and especially to show the children what the new playground will look like. The Chairman thanked Dr Wedzicha for this update and welcomed her invitation to members to the event on the 18th January.

A resident of Moor Lane expressed his concerns about cold calling in the village, which is especially distressing for elderly and more vulnerable residents. This problem has been flagged up by the Clerk in her email to the police (see item 4 below). Whilst setting up an official No Cold Calling Zone is not easy, it may be possible to source some stickers for residents to use by their front doors, which could be distributed along with the information sheet on how to report incidents of various kinds of anti-social behaviour which had been published by the Parish Council some months ago.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mike Birtill Councillor Will Gowland Councillor David Smith

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2023, having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## 4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report had been circulated. No serious issues had been reported. The Clerk had invited the police to attend this evening, but no-one was available. However in their response to the invitation the police had addressed the issues raised by the Clerk, and this information had been circulated to members.

## 5. ACTION REVIEW

Nothing which does not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

## 6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

# a) Planning

The monthly Report had been circulated.

# b) Roads and Footpaths

A considerable number of comments/complaints from residents have been noted in respect of the increasing numbers of large vehicles coming through the village since the weight restriction on the bridge at Appleton Road, Bishopthorpe, was put in place. There are particular concerns about the number of Celkom vehicles now coming through Copmanthorpe from Acaster Airfield. Earlier today, the Parish Council was made aware of an arrangement which Celkom has come to with Appleton Roebuck and Acaster Selby Parish Councils whereby their vehicles will not travel through those villages during school drop-off and pick-up times. We believe that these vehicles will of necessity come through Copmanthorpe, thus making a bad situation even worse. It was AGREED that we would write to the Traffic Commissioner and CYC's Executive Member for Economy and Transport to seek some intervention to protect the safety and amenity of our residents and prevent further Cllr damage to our highway infrastructure. Kramm

A public meeting will be held in the Methodist Church Hall tomorrow evening, from 5.30pm, as part of the consultation on the Local Transport Plan. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, which is part of this consultation, will cover Yorkfield Lane.

It is noted that Murphy's vehicles, from the railway compound, are parking on the footpath outside the Royal Oak when drivers are visiting Little Acorns.

The Clerk will ask that they use the car park.

Clerk

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# c) Finance

The minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held last Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, had been circulated. It should be noted that Cllr Smith had sent his apologies.

All recommendations for grants to village organisations were RATIFIED, and a grant of £4,000 to the Scout Group was AGREED, following clarification on the arrangement they have with the children's nursery for the use of the Scouts premises. The grants policy and application form should make it clear that grant monies cannot be used for the benefit of commercial organisations when they are using premises/services provided by a grant applicant.

It was AGREED that organisations in receipt of grant aid should be required to report back to the Parish Council on the use of these monies in time for the Annual Parish Meeting in March of the following year.

Full details of grant applications will be circulated to Committee members prior to the December Finance Meeting.

# d) Allotments and Green Spaces

Councillor Kneen reported back on a webinar he had attended last month on Local Nature Recovery. Data on wildlife and nature in North Yorkshire is being collected in order to better plan for its conservation.

# 7. COPMANTHORPE WARD

A meeting to encourage residents to take part in the Local Transport Plan consultation will be held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Our concerns over the increased number of Celkom vehicles will be raised at this meeting.

The consultation into transport to school for pupils attending Tadcaster Grammar School is ongoing.

#### 8. AIR POLLUTION MONITOR

More information is needed in order to ensure that the correct type of monitor Cllrs is purchased and that it is sited in the best location. Noise pollution, from Kramm/larger vehicles, is also a problem. Defer to next meeting.

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#### 9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No progress has been made.

## 10. YORKFIELD LANE and TADCASTER ROAD SITE

Cllr Smith will report back next month.

#### 11. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF BECKETTS CROSSING

Network Rail have withdrawn the application made under the Transport and Works Act 1992. The Parish Council will meet with representatives of Network Rail on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to hear their proposals to enable all members of the public to safely cross the railway once the existing crossing has been closed.

#### 12. EVENTS

The Christmas event had been very well received and more children had attended than in previous years. The event had cost less to stage than had been anticipated. There will be an opportunity next year to improve the layout in the Hall.

Plans for the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration next year will be discussed by the Events Group early next year, and the piper has already been booked for the event.

#### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

A number of residents have commented on the increasing number of large HGVs coming through the village following the weight limit imposed on the bridge on Appleton Road, Bishopthorpe.

#### 14. ACCOUNTS

# **Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	21,712.91
Business Money Manager Account		47,627.22

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Credits to the Account this Month		
Interest on Business Money Manager a/c Allotments	£	228.58 50.00
	£	278.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Branches Out – burial groundand footpath Wetherby Steel Band – Xmas Grotto Graham Auton – Xmas Grotto expenses Peter Whitfield – Xmas Grotto expenses CPRE – subscription Yorkshire Water – burial ground P D Greenwell – salary Petty Cash	£	800.00 450.00 445.12 188.43 60.00 19.78 509.60 60.00
	£	2,532.13

Bank charges for month to 24 October 2023 - £16.00

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

# 15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

HGVs coming through Copmanthorpe Photographic competition

# **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

A Meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

The next meeting of the full Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. This will be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

An Interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will precede the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, if required.

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Signed	Date