

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
10 APRIL 2007 in the YOUTH CLUB, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT:

**COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN
COUNCILLOR B BELL
COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
COUNCILLOR G WAITE
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD
COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER**

Chairman

**Mrs P D Greenwell
Councillor G Bradley
Councillor Q Macdonald
Sgt Andy Haigh
Sgt Neil Wood
Mr Stephen Stericker
Mrs Pearl Stericker**

**Clerk
City of York Council
City of York Council
N Yorkshire Police
N Yorkshire Police
Election candidate**

The two police officers outlined new arrangements for policing Copmanthorpe. Sgt Haigh took over from Sgt Wood on 15 January, and has two PCs and four PSCOs working for him, who will patrol the village between 8.00 and 11.00 pm as frequently as possible. This will be a high visibility patrol to deal with incidents in the community.

The Alcohol Exclusion Zone is now in force and will be policed. However there will not be a regular Friday and Saturday night patrol since, whilst Copmanthorpe is a priority due to the events of last summer, they do have other areas for which they are responsible. Patrols will be on foot, by bicycle and in a car.

They acknowledged that the police phone response is still not good enough, and its improvement is a priority.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 13th March**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr. Mrs Townsend. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. **CLERK'S REPORT**

The next SLCC Regional Conference is to be in Wakefield on Tuesday, 15th May. The Clerk to attend, at a cost of £40. The Lord Mayor is inviting members of parish councils in the Ward to an evening at the Mansion House on 15th May. Two new members are needed to help the Clerk in editing the Parish Council News. Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Winter agreed to do this.

Clerk

Copmanthorpe Primary School has asked if any councillor would like to join the Governing Body. The Clerk has contact details. A seminar on Community Land Trusts is to take place in Knaresborough on 15 May. No interest, since we have no land. An email is received asking for a "kissing gate" at the path linking Loriners Drive to Farmers Way to prevent cyclists using it. This was not thought to be necessary. The writer is also concerned about children playing in the cul-de-sac opposite Loriners Drive. This was not felt to be especially dangerous. The Clerk to respond.

Clerk

5. **NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

Nothing to add to the above. The Clerk to obtain a copy of the AEZ Order. It was noted that the signs are in place, but are not very large.

Clerk

6. **RECREATION CENTRE**

Cllr Waite had to leave the meeting early, but reported that Tony McGale from the Social Club is in touch with Cllr Mrs Taylor about our website, and the Football Club, who have their own, would like a link to the Parish Council site.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

North Yorkshire County Council, Business and Environment Services send their Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

No comment.

CYC are establishing **Neighbourhood Action Plans** and ask what we would like them to do. Circulated for comments to be returned to **CYC** by 27th April.

Mr Michael Higgins suggests that we ask **CYC** for a copy of the Risk Assessment carried out in relation to the removal of the School Bus Stop to the opposite side of St Giles Way.

Clerk

Mr Brian Ledger thanks Cllrs Mrs Stones and Mrs Winter for their work in relation to the Residents Association.

Country Air is received and passed to Cllr Bowen.

CYC inform us that the recently granted Noise Abatement Notice against Elvington Airfield is suspended in light of their Appeal.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**a) Planning**

Approvals have been granted for 29 Station Road, 27 Moor Lane, 6 Wainers Close, 66 Top Lane and 10 Hatters Close.

The application at Faith Cottage, 3 Low Green, is refused.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Three Vehicle Activated Speed Signs are to be sited, two on Temple Lane (one each way, by the bus stop and the phone box) and one on Manor Heath (just past the junction with The Link) As part of this Scheme, the Clerk to request better and more visible signs on Temple Lane, and the replacement of signs knocked down in the recent accident at Colton Lane crossroads.

Clerk

The Clerk has requested a price to replace the dead trees on the new link road, since **CYC** seem to have no money to do this.

Clerk

It is confirmed that the four new street lights for Main Street will start from outside the Royal Oak.

A number of suggestions for improvements to road surfacing have been noted. The Clerk to request attention to these.

Clerk

The surface of the footpath Low Green/Wheelwrights Close is in a poor condition, and nettles are growing.

The advertised Litter Pick took place on 31 March. Thanks to Cllrs Bowen, Whitfield and Mrs Whitfield, Cllr Mrs Winter and Mr Winter and Mr Higgins, who helped with this. Ten bags of rubbish were collected.

Brambles are overgrown alongside the railway line.

The Clerk to again ask CYC about moving the gate at the allotments. Clerk

The Clerk to ascertain the legal position re the surface of the shopping centre car park. Clerk

The new safety barrier on the footpath at the railway bridge will be changed to accommodate wheelchair, pushchairs etc.

c) Finance

Nothing to report.

9. WEBPAGE

No reply has been received to the Clerk's letter to Redblack. Cllr Whitfield to draft a further letter severing our ties with them. Cllr Whitfield

10. STREET FAIR

A Rota for the day was established. Cllrs Bowen, Whitfield and Mrs Taylor to discuss what is to go on the stall. Suggestions include information about York Rotters, water butts, green and blue recycling bags, energy saving.

11. GARDENING COMPETITION

A larger notice, and the Entry Form, will appear in the May Newsletter. There will also be a stall at the Street Fair to promote the competition.

12. BUS SERVICES

Cllr Mrs Townsend has contacted Terry Walker at CYC. Coastliner and First say that a 3 day a week service along Temple Lane is all that CYC will fund. There is no money available to allow improvements to the existing service, and this is unlikely to change.

A possibility would be to change the days of service. Would a Wednesday or a Saturday be more useful than the existing service? It was RESOLVED to leaflet residents in Drome Road, Temple Lane and Temple Garth to seek their views, and to put up posters asking the question. Cllr Bell to do posters.

Cllrs
Bell &
Mrs
Townsend

13. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are 12 candidates for the election on 3rd May, to fill 11 seats, therefore there will be a Parish Council election in Copmanthorpe for the first time in 16 years. A new Chairman will be elected at our Annual General Meeting on 8th May.

14. WARD COMMITTEE

Cllrs Bradley and Macdonald have enjoyed working with the Parish Council and hope to continue doing so after 3rd May.

15. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

This year there may not be refuse skips for use by residents because of the Waste Strategy. Instead, a vehicle will be sent round to collect non-recyclable goods. Speakers at future meetings will include the Police, York Rotters, the Mediation Liaison Officer from CYC and the Fire Service.

16. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Treasurer's Account	£	323.21
Business Money Manager Account		32,020.28
		32,343.49

Accounts to be Paid this Month

CYC – ½ year allotment rent	£	371.50
Copmanthorpe Village Magazine		257.60
Caroline Anderson – replacement for Sept 06 PC News		50.00
Copmanthorpe & Appleton Roebuck Drainage Board		2.73
P D Greenwell – expenses		92.27
P D Greenwell – salary		447.85
	£	1,221.95

The acceptance of these Accounts, and the transfer of £1,000 from the Business Money Manager to the Treasurer’s Account was PROPOSED by Cllr Bowen. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Street Fair
- Carnival
- Webpage

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed Date