

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY  
11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2007 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLOR D BOWEN  
COUNCILLOR B BELL  
COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN  
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER  
COUNCILLOR S STERICKER  
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 P Healey  
Mrs Carolyn Vaughan-Downes**

**Clerk  
City of York Council  
YRCC**

**1. APOLOGIES**

None.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007,**  
having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of  
that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs  
Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT**

A request has been received from a gentleman, currently living in Newcastle  
but with strong family links to Copmanthorpe, for a plot in the burial ground.  
Now that we have additional space, Councillors are happy that his request be  
granted. The Clerk to reply.  
Work has finally commenced to improve the Manor Heath/Hallcroft  
Lane/Colton Lane junction.

The Clerk and Cllr Stericker have met with Mr Gospel to finalise plans for the resiting of the gate at the allotments. This work should be completed before Christmas.

Two allotment have been reallocated following the inspection in October. Satisfactory responses have been received from all but one of the remainder of those written to by the Clerk.

Clerk

SLCC are holding a one day Regional Conference in Harrogate in June. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend, at a cost of £45.00. Information has been received about the Small Grants Scheme for Access to Services. This is in relation to Street Sport.

Clerk

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The Clerk has received a number of tickets for the school Christmas Concert, a number of councillors will attend.

## 5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Carolyn Vaughan-Downes, who is employed by YRCC and funded by DEFRA and others, is investigating Affordable Housing Schemes for parishes outside the York Ring Road. If we decide to pursue this, the first task would be to ascertain if there is a lack of affordable housing in Copmanthorpe, and whether local young people can afford to buy or rent in the village. This would be done by means of a Housing Needs Survey, the cost of which would be borne by CYC, to ascertain need and find out whether those in need are interested in buying outright, in shared ownership or renting. If a need is shown, the next stage is to look for a site suitable for 6-10 houses. This is called an Exception Site. The houses will be for local people, in perpetuity, at affordable levels. The site would be chosen by the parish council in discussion with city planners. Housing Associations would own and manage the properties, and local people could purchase up to a maximum of 80% interest in a property.

It is acknowledged that keeping it affordable is difficult. A Section 106 Agreement would ensure that the property only goes to local people. If ever there was no local need (very unlikely) we could take people from a neighbouring parish, but not from the City's housing waiting list.

Carolyn will send a sample survey, and the Parish Council will discuss further in January.

All  
Cllrs

## 6. SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK

We have now had advice from YLCA. We can do nothing without the agreement of the owners, but under the Road Traffic Regulation Act we



can take responsibility for repairs and maintenance whilst they retain ownership. Cllr Mrs Winter PROPOSED that the Clerk seek an exploratory meeting with the owners for Cllrs Bowen and Stericker and, if they are agreeable to further investigations, work with Cllr Healey and CYC to investigate costs and all other aspects. Cllr Whitfield AGAINST. Cllr Waite ABSTAINED. All others IN FAVOUR. Clerk

#### 7. STREET LIGHTING

Residents who attended the public meeting believe that the level of lighting between Wilstrop Farm Road and the Royal Oak is poor and pedestrians feel unsafe. Ricky Watson is providing further information on the proposed lanterns which will be given to Main Street residents. The Parish Council must take a decision at its January meeting whether to use the £4,000 which we currently have, or to abandon the scheme. Clerk

#### 8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The bus timetable will not change as any change would mean that there would be insufficient time to turn around at Monks Cross. The 9.00 am start for using the Bus Pass will not change, but from April Passes will be valid anywhere in the country.

#### 9. WARD COMMITTEE

The Schemes to receive Ward funding have been decided and will be announced in January. Copmanthorpe may do better this year because we have some capital funding. The URBIE bus will start in January.

#### 10. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

There have been a number of incidents in recent weeks including: burglary from a shed, window broken at the school, an assault in Drome Road, a wallet taken from a coat pocket in the Royal Oak, criminal damage to a wall in Low Green, paint splashed over a vehicle in Flaxman Croft.

Regular street patrols are still ongoing.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**a) Planning**

Approval is given at 62 Top Lane.

It is noted that there is no turning circle at the new bungalow to the rear of 1 Farriers Croft. This was part of the consent.

Cllr Mrs Stones to ask the Enforcement Officer to visit again.

Cllr Mrs  
Stones

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

Litter bins have been provided at the bus stop at the top of Manor Heath and at the balancing pond.

The dog bin at the Low Green/Recreation Centre footpath has been replaced.

Persimmons have provided new signs for Learmans Way and Whistlers Close and reassured CYC that the drainage problems there have been addressed.

York Pride will fund the resiting of the gates at the allotments.

The hedge at the corner of Merchant Way/Flaxman Croft has been trimmed following the letter from CYC.

Snowdrop, daffodil and bluebell bulbs have been planted on the new road. York Pride is to contribute up to £1,000 towards the replacement of the dead and vandalised trees there.

York Pride are to refurbish the bench at the top of Manor Heath and provide a new "Copmanthorpe" sign.

There has been a further report of dog fouling on Main Street and Moor Lane. The Dog Warden, John Reed, is prepared to follow up a statement by a witness and instigate legal proceedings that could result in a fine of up to £50. He will carry out patrols, and York Pride is to provide two A4 aluminium signs for these roads.

Cllr Stericker to write a piece for the newsletter reminding dog owners of their responsibilities in this respect.

Cllr  
Stericker

**c) Finance**

The Clerk's subscription for membership of the SLCC is due at a cost of £91.00. It was agreed that this be paid. The Clerk's annual appraisal has taken place and the Finance Committee will discuss her salary in January. Cllr Parker

**13. CLERK'S POSITION**

Cllr Mrs Stones PROPOSED that Council reaffirm the Clerk's position as Clerk to Askham Richard Parish Council. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**14. WEBPAGE**

There had been 5,000 visitors to the site in August, 3,340 in September 2,382 in October and 2,258 in November. Cllr Whitfield to ask, through the Newsletter, for items of news and links to other organisations. Cllr Whitfield  
He acknowledged that it is proving difficult to show the minutes of past meetings on the website.

**15. PARISH COUNCIL PROFILE**

Any other inserts for the newsletter to be sent to the Clerk. All Cllrs

**16. RECREATION CENTRE**

White lining of the car park is to be done, and liability notices erected. Some trees have been cut down and others made safe – this is ongoing. The garage has been moved to the other side of the field.

**17. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The meeting was addressed by Richard Handley from the Fire Service who gave advice on fire prevention in the home. Mrs Janet Hopton,



Rosalind Woods (Estate Manager) and 9 residents were also present.  
Various maintenance issues were noted.

**18. ACCOUNTS**

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	6,628.27
Business Money Manager Account		30,722.04

£ 37,350.31

Credits to the Account this Month

H M Revenue & Customs	£	392.33
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

Dean Landscapes Ltd	£	312.55
Npower – burial ground		70.13
P D Greenwell – expenses		44.26
P D Greenwell – salary		400.20

£ 827.14

Therefore no transfer is necessary this month.

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Irwin.  
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Street lighting scheme – Main Street  
Affordable Housing

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20.

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