

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
12th FEBRUARY 2008 in the HOWELL HALL, COPMANTHORPE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR B BELL
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
 COUNCILLOR G WAITE
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD
 COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Councillor P Healey **City of York Council**
 Mrs Craven **Resident**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor M J Irwin
Councillor Mrs M Taylor

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday, 8th January 2008, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk and Cllr Stericker have inspected the allotments as arranged, and everything is in order.

Letters re the car park have been sent to Cllr Healey, Mrs Spence and the other two owners.

The surfacing at the parking area at the burial ground has been carried out but is not satisfactory.

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Stones attended the recent YLCA meeting and heard a presentation on the Calor Village of the Year competition. There was also a

discussion about parish membership of the Standards Committee.
Cllr Whitfield expressed an interest in sitting on this Committee.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

The past month has been fairly quiet, with only 5 incidences of anti-social behaviour. Rocks have been thrown at properties in Top Lane and Flaxman Croft and there has been one theft of a bicycle.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of thanks for the recently agreed grant aid are received from the **Occasion Choir** and **Panda Playgroup**.

St Giles Church seeks permission to once again hold the Street Fair on Low Green on 5th May. AGREED. The Clerk to respond.

Clerk

A copy of a letter from **Mrs Janet Hopton** to **Mr David Carr** re the York Design Awards 2007 is received. Mr Carr's house was nominated for recognition by the Parish Council.

Letters of objection to the street lighting scheme in Main Street are received from Mr Edwin Knighton and Mr Peter Drury.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The application at 20 Horseman Lane has been withdrawn.

An application by the School to extend the IT suite and provide a library was considered earlier this evening. The Parish Council has no objections but will ask CYC to ensure that the contractors make good Yorkfield Lane once the works are complete.

Approvals are received for Faith Cottage and 21 College Road.

The application at 3 St Nicholas Road is refused.

Cllr Mrs Taylor to ask the manager of the Fox and Hounds what is to be done about the lack of fencing between the playground and Top Lane and Tadcaster Road. Cllr Healey will ask who is responsible at CYC for this and ask them to write also, on the grounds of health and safety.

CllrMrs
Taylor
Cllr
Healey

b) Roads and Footpaths

The minutes of a meeting held on 30th January have been previously circulated.

The patch of bare earth in Horseman Close has been reported.

The bent pole at the junction of St Giles Way and Main Street has been reported and is straighter.

York Pride are to consider reinforcing the grass verge on the corner of Manor Heath/School Lane. This will come from next year's budget.

The car parking area at the burial ground is to be relaid.

Landscaping on the new road should begin very soon.

The provision of 'Ducks crossing' signs on the new road is under consideration.

The company which owns the bus which has been seen parking on the new road will instruct the driver to park at the racecourse.

Steps are being taken to consider the designation of the path from the Burial Ground to Back Lane as a public footpath.

Dog fouling notices have been erected on Main Street, but further instances have occurred.

York Pride are to provide a replacement tree on Low Green next year.

c) Finance

A quote of £1,000 is received from Dean Landscapes Limited for works to remove 4 trees at the burial ground, trim other trees and cut the hedge.

Cllr Stericker PROPOSED that this be accepted. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

Cllr Bell PROPOSED that the £3,000 from the General Reserve for the Scout Group be paid this month. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Copies of a consultation document on Ward Committee funding were circulated. Our comments are required by 14th March.

All
Cllrs**8. SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK**

Mr David Carter, CYC, is looking into the legislation and will advise us as to what we can do in conjunction with CYC. CYC have never before used this particular legislation for this purpose.

9. STREET LIGHTING SCHEME FOR MAIN STREET

We now have almost £15,000 for this scheme. Three residents of Main Street have objected to the scheme in writing to Damon Copperthwaite, CYC. This means that he now has to write to them and then report to the Executive and the Director. There has been at least two years of consultation on this. The scheme will go ahead, but it will take a little longer to achieve.

10. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Cllr Healey clarified the position on use of bus passes – by law they have to start by 9.30 am but it is possible to start at 9.00 am, which is what happens in York. Information about these has been put on the notice board and will go on the website.

Cllr
Whitfield

If the requested new bus shelter at Horseman Lane goes ahead it will cost £3,000. Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that this should be funded by CYC. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR. The Clerk to write to Terry Walker and Mrs Newsome (the resident who requested the shelter).

Clerk

Cllr Mrs Winter reported that she had experienced noisy and abusive behaviour from students of the college when travelling recently on the Park and Ride bus. She has written a letter of complaint to the Principal of the College and the Director of the Bus Company. The Clerk to write similarly on behalf of the Parish Council, with a copy to Cllr Mrs Anne Reid, CYC.

Clerk

11. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllrs Bell, Whitfield and Mrs Stones have met and formulated a draft questionnaire which Cllr Bell will circulate, with a view to a discussion at next month's meeting.

Cllr
Bell**12. YORK DESIGN AWARDS 2008**

The Clerk to ask Mrs Janet Hopton for a list of the criteria for these before we approach any resident.

Clerk

13. URBIE BUS

Cllr Mrs Stones has investigated this. The police believe it works and is worthwhile, and the team have visited Copmanthorpe. The cost of a weekly visit for 48 weeks will be £4,620. Cllr Mrs Stones PROPOSED that we ask the URBIE people to investigate whether they feel there is a need for the URBIE bus here throughout the summer, and to set aside £4,000 to fund this. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. We also need to investigate whether there are any CYC Cllr funds available – we get very little funding for youth activities. Mrs Stones

14. PARISH COUNCIL PROFILE

A short item on the URBIE bus to go in the Newsletter Cllr Mrs Stones

15. WEBPAGE

There were 1,457 hits during January. The “Quackers” playgroup is to be included. Posting archived minutes is still proving difficult.

16. DISPLAY EQUIPMENT

A 6 ft x 2 ft banner will cost £89.00. Pull-up display units are £150.00 each. Gazebos and larger stands to be investigated in the future. Cllr. Bell PROPOSED that we agree a budget of £500 for these items. Cllrs SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. Cllr Whitfield to discuss further Whitfield/ with Cllr Mrs Townsend. Townsend

17. WARD COMMITTEE

Cllr Healey agreed to get details of the voting for the Ward funding, and forward to the Clerk. Cllr Healey
There is £4,000 available from the CYC Youth Fund for the Youth Club.

18. RECREATION CENTRE

The lining of the car park is now complete. The fence between the car park and the field is being replaced at a cost of £1,000.

The Carnival will be on 5th July. Help is always needed, and any suggestions will be welcomed. CYC Youth Fund will pay for the skateboarding for this year.

19. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Various matters were raised by residents. Modernisation of houses in Horseman Close will be carried out in 2009/10.

Next meeting – 4th March.

20. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	8,127.56
Business Money Manager Account		30,974.68
	£	39,102.24

Credits to the Account this Month

Sec. 106 monies re 41 Temple Lane	£	1,321.00
CYC – allotments gate		750.00
Re: Maurice Smith and Nancy Piercy		455.00
Interest on Money Master Account		252.64
	£	2,778.64

Accounts to be Paid this Month

John Gospel – gate at allotments	£	750.00
SLCC Enterprises – Regional Conference		52.88
Yorkshire Water – allotments		40.52
St Giles Church – stalls for Street Fair		30.00
CPRE – subscription		28.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		18.08
P D Greenwell – expenses		42.76
P D Greenwell – salary including 10 months back pay		674.43
	£	1,636.67

The acceptance of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Winter. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

21. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Agenda – how can we better organise our meetings?
Can Copmanthorpe become a plastic bag free zone?
Affordable Housing.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11th March 2008 at 7.30 pm.
Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday, 18th March 2008 at 7.30 pm
Intermediate Planning Committee meeting – Wednesday, 27th February 2008 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Signed Date