

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
8th JANUARY 2008 in the HOWELL HALL at 7.30 pm.**

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

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Councillor Paul Healey **City of York Council**
 Councillor Ian Gillies **City of York Council**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor M J Irwin
Councillor Mrs A Winter

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 11th December 2007**, 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

Work to resite the gate at the allotments in almost complete.
An inspection of the allotments will take place later in January. A response has now been received from the last of those allotment holders to whom the Clerk had written last year. This allotment will be reallocated soon.
A meeting has taken place with Mrs Sue Spence re the car park at the shops. The occupant of the new bungalow at Farriers Croft/Flaxman Croft has experienced problems with anti-social behaviour and vandalism in and around the bus shelter between Christmas and New Year.

5. SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK

Cllrs Bowen, Stericker and the Clerk have met with Mrs Sue Spence, Company Secretary of Croft Developments Ltd., owners of the major part of the car park. Cllr Bowen had explained to Mrs Spence what powers the Parish Council has to assist those who provide public car parks, and that we need to explore the options through CYC. Mrs Spence is happy for us to do this. Cllr Bowen has drafted a letter for Cllr Healey setting out the background and how we might proceed. Healey Letters are to be sent to the other parties having an interest in the car park.

Clerk

6. STREET LIGHTING SCHEME FOR MAIN STREET

Copies of a report prepared by Cllr Bowen had been previously circulated. Cllr Mrs Stones PROPOSED that we agree to a proceed with the scheme as proposed, using the £4,000 already allocated, subject to checking details with Ricky Watson, CYC Street Lighting Engineer. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. The Clerk to request details to be given to Main Street residents and placed in the library. There may be more funding next year for additional lighting columns.

Clerk

7. WARD COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on 29th January in Copmanthorpe School, commencing at 7.30 pm.

8. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

No monthly crime figures available. There are no large scale problems that we are aware of, but there is a feeling that there are pockets of potential trouble. Cllr Mrs Taylor reported problems at the rear of the doctor's surgery where staff regularly have to clear up litter, empty bottles, vomit etc.

The problem at Farriers/Flaxman Croft raised above has been referred to the police.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Elvington Airfield Appeal against the noise abatement notice served by CYC will take place later this month.
Work on the parking area at the burial ground is to start this week.
A resident has asked CYC for a bus shelter on Horseman Lane at the stop near to the doctors' surgery. We should be consulted by them about this.

Cllr
Townsend

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals have been received for 8 Wainers Close, 15 Temple Lane, 21 Tadcaster Road and 15 Main Street (trees). The application at 59 Temple Lane has been refused.
A further application to extend Faith Cottage, Low Green is received. Also, an application at 20 Horseman Lane to erect a dwelling on the footprint of the existing garage.

b) Roads and Footpaths

A new village name sign has been provided at Manor Heath.
Aluminium A4 "Dog Fouling" signs are to be placed in Main Street and Moor Lane, and dog warden patrols are ongoing.
Works at Colton Lane junction are almost complete.
Replacement tree planting on the new road will take place next month.

c) Finance

The Finance Committee had met on Monday 7th January.

Grant applications were discussed and the following recommendations made:

Copmanthorpe Good Companions - £300

The Occasion Choir - £400

Copmanthorpe branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen - £100

Copmanthorpe Scout Group - £3,000, and a further £3,000 to come from the General Reserve

These recommendations were RAFTIFIED by the full Parish Council.

A Precept of £17,700 is PROPOSED by Cllr Parker, made up as follows:

Grass cutting - £3,800

General account - £4,500

Grants - £3,800

Clerk's salary and training - £5,300

Petty Cash - £300

SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

This amount equates to £10.57 per Band D property.

We have an application form for funding for the URBIE bus.

Cllr Mrs Stones PROPOSED that we ask a representative of CYC to our next meeting to explain the facilities provided by the bus.

Cllr Mrs
Stones

by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

11. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

An example of the Housing Needs Survey had been previously distributed. After a lengthy discussion Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that we carry out such a survey in Copmanthorpe. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. 6 IN FAVOUR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTENTION.

Cllrs Bell, Whitfield and Mrs Stones will draw up a list of conditions under which the survey will take place and circulate prior to any further action.

Cllrs
Whitfield/
Bell/MrsStones

12. WEBPAGE

In December there were 1597 visits to the site, but more subjects viewed per visit.

13. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

It has been noted that on several days a coach has been parked opposite the balancing pond. Ducks have also been seen crossing the road. Cllr Stericker to investigate the possibility of a "Ducks Crossing" sign and a "No Parking" sign.

Cllr
Stericker

14. PROFILE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Items already submitted for the February newsletter.

We need to further investigate the purchase of display boards etc.
- next month.

Cllr
Whitfield

15. RECREATION CENTRE

No report.

16. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

No report.

17. GARDEN COMPETITION

The first meeting to discuss this year's competition will take place later this month. Cllrs Bell and Mrs Townsend, and the Clerk, will remain on the Committee.

Cllr
Mrs Winter

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	6,229.35
Business Money Master Account		30,722.04

	£	36,951.39
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Credits to the Account this Month

CYC – grass cutting	£	428.22
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

James N Boldry – Christmas tree	£	95.00
Dean Landscapes – light bulbs		26.60
P D Greenwell – expenses		105.99
P D Greenwell – salary		400.20
	£	627.79

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

The Clerk to purchase replacement lights for the Christmas Tree,
at an approximate cost of £100. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Display equipment
- Affordable Housing
- Good Design Awards 2008

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12th February 2008 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a meeting
of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
Planning Committee – Wednesday, 23rd January at 7.15 pm in the
Methodist Church Hall.
Roads and Footpaths Committee – Tuesday, 29th January at 7.30 pm
in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed Date