

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007 in the YOUTH CLUB, COPMANTHORPE at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLOR D BOWEN  
COUNCILLOR B BELL  
COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN  
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER  
COUNCILLOR S STERICKER  
COUNCILLOR MRS S STONES  
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND  
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD**

**Chairman**

**Mrs P D Greenwell  
Councillor P Healey  
Mr Andrew Sharp**

**Clerk  
City of York Council**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor G Waite  
Councillor Mrs A Winter

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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  
Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. MILLERS CROFT PLAY AREA**

Copies of a summary of a survey of affected residents carried out by Cllr  
Stericker were circulated. This showed a majority of residents in  
favour of leaving the area as it is, with only five stating positively that  
they wanted the proposed planting. It was therefore RESOLVED to take  
no further action. The residents to be informed of the outcome.

Clerk

**5. CLERK'S REPORT**

CYC are pressing us for a decision on the School Bus Stop at **St Giles Way**. It was felt that to resite it to the opposite side of the road would be more dangerous, due to the narrowness of the footpath. Cllr Irwin PROPOSED that it remain where it is. SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR. The Clerk to inform CYC.

Clerk

The Vicar of St Giles has reported that, following the introduction of the smoking ban in the pub, smokers using the shelter outside the pub are climbing over the wall and using the churchyard as a urinal. The Clerk has suggested that he approach the landlord and ask him to put up a suitable notice.

The Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Mrs Winter had attended the Ward Summer Event at Poppleton. A number of matters were raised with Angus Young, CYC Street Environment Officer – gully sweeping in Temple Lane/Drome Road, possible York Pride money to maintain landscaping/trees on the new road, and additional dog and litter bins. Caroline Vaughan, CYC Rural Housing Enabler, had also been present and would like to address the Parish Council – passed to Planning Committee.

Cllr Mrs  
Taylor

Cllrs Whitfield, Mrs Stones and the Clerk attended the CPRE Summer Outing to Askham Bog.

**6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

Nothing to report – all is quiet.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**John Hodgson Charitable Trust** ask if we can suggest possible recipients of grant aid from the Trust. Pass to Good Companions, WI, Yorkshire Countrywomen.

Clerk

**St Giles Church** thanks the Parish Council for its grant of £517, being half the cost of the recent external electrical work.

**Mrs Margaret Irwin** thanks Councillors for the flowers given to her following Cllr Irwin's retirement as Chairman.

A reply is received to our letter re the Shopping Centre Car Park. CYC who hold a Lease of the library pays the Landlord, by way of service charge, a certain amount towards maintenance of the car park. We still await a reply to our query re the legal position.

Clerk/  
Cllr  
Bowen

## 8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

### a) Planning

Notice of Refusal is received for 59 Temple Lane.

The application for a 2 storey dwelling to the rear of the Old Post Office has been withdrawn.

Approvals are received for School House Farm, 8 Coopers Drive, 14 Lynwood Avenue, 27 Temple Lane (resubmission) and 23 St Giles Way (fence)

### b) Roads and Footpaths

A meeting will be arranged before the end of July. It is intended to allocate a section of the village to each member to monitor.

Cllr Stericker had met with Angus Young, CYC Street Environment Officer and discussed various outstanding matters, and has also spoken with Network Rail re overgrown vegetation on their land bordering the Cllr railway. They will attend to this. Stericker

There had been some blockage of drains following the exceptionally heavy rains in June.

Money is at long last available for improvements at Colton Lane/Manor Heath/Hallcroft Lane. CYC have consulted with residents and sent fresh Plans, which appear unchanged from what we had previously agreed.

There will be new "Give Way" signs, "Slow" markings on the road will be replaced by "Slow" signs on a red textured background, the anti-skid surface to be repaired and extended, and the post box to be relocated further back along Hallcroft Lane away from the junction.

The Parish Council is happy with the Scheme, but still concerned about sight lines when leaving Colton Lane. The Clerk to respond. Clerk



**c) Finance**

Nothing to report.

**9. CODE OF CONDUCT**

Cllr Stericker PROPOSED that we adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils drawn up by the Standards Board for England. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. RESOLVED that the parish council adopts the Standard Board's Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils 2007,

**10. STREET LIGHTING ON MAIN STREET**

A meeting with Ricky Watson, CYC Street Lighting Engineer last Friday evening had been attended by 8 residents of Main Street representing 5 households, the conclusion of which was that rather than the proposed new scheme, they would like to see lighting columns replaced on a like-for-like basis as and when they fail. Concrete columns will be replaced with black painted steel. Any new scheme would have to comply with the design standards laid down, and those residents present did not want this.

There still remains £4,000 from the Ward Committee allocated for street lighting. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that we hold a public meeting in September to discuss how best to spend this money. SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. Notice for the Newsletter to be drafted by the Clerk, Cllrs Bowen and Whitfield.

Clerk/Cllr  
Bowen/  
Whitfield

**11. PROPOSED PARKING AREA AT THE BURIAL GROUND**

CYC inform us that the estimated cost of site investigations and design is £1,000. An estimate for construction would be given after these investigations. CYC can do both of these things "in-house" but the total cost, probably in the region of £4,000, would be borne by the Parish Council, hopefully with some Ward funding if an application is successful. Cllr Bell PROPOSED that we ask them to proceed with investigation and design with a further decision to be made whether or not to proceed with the Scheme upon receipt of the estimate of construction costs. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor.

ALL IN FAVOUR.

**12. ECOPARK**

Speaking to residents it appears that there is concern about access, traffic, security etc. Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that a public meeting be held next Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, to allow resident to discuss the proposal with representatives from Askham Bryan College. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR. All Clerk/  
properties in the Pike Hills area to be leafleted, and posters to be Cllr Mrs  
displayed around the village. The Planning Committee is to meet on Taylor  
Monday to formulate a response.

**13. WEBSITE**

This is still progressing, and improvements are being made all the time.

**14. GARDENING COMPETITION**

Following some rearrangements due to the weather, judging has now taken place and we await hearing from the judge with the results. Cllr Mrs Stones PROPOSED that up to £300 be allowed for prizes and ancillary expenses. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**15. WARD FUNDING**

Suggestions for Schemes to be funded by the Ward need to be received by CYC by 3<sup>rd</sup> August. It was RESOLVED to ask for a further three Vehicle Activated Signs, and for ongoing funding for improvements to street lighting.

**16. PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

There has been no formal written request for a bus shelter in the centre of the village. Certain councillors are concerned at the attitude of certain bus drivers towards holders of Bus Passes. They are leaving the bus stop early –

before 9.00 am - and refusing to allow these older citizens the use of bus passes.

**17. PROFILE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Various suggestions have been put forward, and these will be discussed by the Parish Council News group. It was agreed that some kind of permanent banner should be acquired for use on occasions such as the Street Fair. PC News Group

**18. CARNIVAL**

It was agreed that it is probably not necessary for us to have a stall at the Carnival, but this would form part of discussions under Minute 17.

**19. WARD COMMITTEE**

Cllr Healey is looking for items for the next meeting which would be of interest to the whole of the Ward area. In the light of possible financial constraints he advised careful consideration of projects put forward. Clerk/ All Cllrs

**20. YLCA – PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Cllr Mrs Stones and the Clerk had attended the recent YLCA meeting at which Cllr Mrs Stones had been elected to serve on the Liaison Group. The purpose of this group is to encourage good relations between CYC and the YLCA and its members. The group has agreed to ask CYC to appoint a leading councillor to have responsibility for parish councils. Bill Woolley and Damon Copperthwaite are to attend the next meeting of the Liaison Group in September.

Other parishes share our concerns about delays in response times to letters written to CYC.

The Parish Council Charter is due for renewal, and parish councillors are asked to look at this on the CYC website. All Cllrs



**21. RECREATION CENTRE**

Cllr Whitfield had attended the last meeting. A "NO DOGS" sign has been erected at the entrance by the Tennis Courts. Drainage of the field could still be improved. A post carrying one of the CCTV cameras has been bent.

**22. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Only three residents plus Cllr Mrs Winter had attended the last Meeting. A number of matters were raised which Mr Ledger will report to Rosalind Woods, CYC.

**23. LENGTH OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

It was suggested that Reports be issued via email prior to meetings. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk and Chairmen of committees to meet to discuss.

**24. ACCOUNTS**

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	3,069.70
Business Money Manager Account		31,237.03
	£	34,306.73

Credits to the Account this Month

RedBlack Software – refund	£	235.00
Sec. 106 – re 41 Temple Lane		1,326.50
Re: Henry John William Howe		125.00
Re: Caroline Anderson lost cheque		50.00
	£	1,736.50

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Dean Landscapes Ltd	£	692.08
Jenson Studio Colour Ltd – printing Post Office leaflets		320.00
Yorkshire Audit		250.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		73.75
P D Greenwell – salary		400.20
Petty Cash		30.00
	£	1,766.03

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

**25. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Profile of the Parish Council

**26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a meeting  
of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm  
Public meeting re Ecopark – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the  
Youth Club.  
Planning Committee – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15 pm in the  
Methodist Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00 pm

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