

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY  
12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2007 in the YOUTH CLUB, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:**

<b>COUNCILLOR D BOWEN</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR B BELL</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR S STERICKER</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR G WAITE</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER</b>	
<b>Mrs P D Greenwell</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Councillor Ian Gillies</b>	<b>City of York Council</b>
<b>Councillor Paul Healey</b>	<b>City of York Council</b>

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor D F Parker

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Waite declared an interest in Item 16. His wife works for a pharmacy in a neighbouring parish.

**3. ECOPARK**

A second presentation on the proposed Ecopark on land owned by Askham Bryan College. Following our earlier concerns, a different access is proposed. Widespread consultation will take place, and councillors suggested that they take a stall at the Carnival to explain the proposals to residents. The Clerk to provide them with a list of contacts for village organisations.

Clerk

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 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 Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

The Chairman PROPOSED a Vote of Thanks to Cllr Irwin for his ten years of service as Chairman, and the Vice-Chairman presented him with a Certificate to mark the occasion. by the Vice-Chairman

#### 5. CLERK'S REPORT

A request to install a flat stone on an Ashes Plot in the Burial Ground has been received. The stone is 12" x 18", not our normal 18" square. Clerk/  
The Clerk and Cllr Bell to look at the stone and take a decision on Cllr  
whether to allow it. Bell

We are notified of training for new councillors. Cllrs Whitfield and Stericker will attend at a cost of £25 plus VAT each. Clerk

Information is received on a new Councillors Commission.

A further complaint has been received about vehicles in Coopers Drive. The Clerk has spoken with the Enforcement Officer who is aware of the situation, has spoken to the man concerned and will continue to monitor.

Further correspondence is received on the proposal to move the Tadcaster School Bus stop to the opposite side of St Giles Way. Passed to Cllr Mrs Cllr  
Townsend. Defer to Roads and Footpaths Committee Bell

#### 6. AUDIT 2006-07

The Annual Return is completed, and the Internal Auditor has signed it off. Following signature by the Chairman it will go to the External Auditor. Copies of the Receipts and Payments Summary and Bank Reconciliation were distributed to members. The Notice as required by the Audit Commission Act 1998 has been displayed in the Parish Council notice board.

#### 7. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

Low Green is quiet.  
The drugs problem in Whistlers Close is being addressed.  
The working procedures of the Police mean that there should be a settled team of officers policing the village.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**CPRE** inform us of their Summer Visit which this year is to be to Askham Bog on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Anyone wishing to go please inform the Clerk before 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Clerk

Letters of thanks for grant monies are received from the Recreation Centre, Good Companions and The Occasion Choir.

Information is received about Cancer and Palliative Care –on the notice board.

The Evening Press has published an article about the police blitz on Copmanthorpe.

CYC wish to carry out a botanical survey on various fields within the Cllr Parish and ask for assistance in identifying the landowners. Mrs Taylor

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

**a) Planning**

The proposal for 19 Horseman Avenue has gone to Appeal, and will be decided on the basis of a site visit and exchange of written statements. Approvals have been received for 1 St Nicholas Close, 10 Manor Heath, 22 Barons Crescent and 2 Top Lane. Refusals have been received for 22 Drome Road and 32 Wilstrop Farm Road.

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

The outgoing Chairman and new Chairman have met and walked round the village. A Committee meeting is needed soon to prioritise several issues which are taking a long time to resolve. Cllr Bell

A meeting with Angus Young, new officer at York Pride, to be arranged.

A meeting with John Grogan, MP has been arranged for July to discuss the noise from the A64. Cllrs Bowen and Stericker



**c) Finance**

A quote is received from Reed and Allan for revarnishing the eight seats in the Village - £318.68. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that this be accepted. SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Internal Auditor's report is received. We need to review and assess our internal audit plan. Finance Committee

**10. PARKING PROBLEM IN ST GILES WAY**

A resident of Deacons Court is concerned about vehicles parking on St Giles Way, from the end of Deacons Court up to the junction with Main Street, and suggests double yellow lines. It was agreed that we refer this to the police to monitor, but councillors feel that it may be a temporary problem, being vehicles belonging to contractors working on property in Main Street. Cllrs Waite and Bell

The Parish Council remains opposed to double yellow lines in the village.

**11. GATE AT THE ALLOTMENTS**

Following an enquiry by the Clerk we are informed that responsibility for boundaries and entrances to the site rests with the Parish Council. We could fund the required work by increasing rents or borrowing the money. Cllr Grants may be available. Defer to Roads and Footpaths Committee. Bell

**12. WEBPAGE**

All the information needed to transfer the webpage to the new server is now to hand. There is still a little work to be done, but the site should go live by the end of June.

Haxby Town Council have sought our advice in building a website of their own.

Cllr Stericker PROPOSED that we accept the £235 rebate received from RedBlack Software. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**13. STREET LIGHTING IN MAIN STREET**

A Meeting is being arranged in July between those who signed the petition and officers of CYC, together with any parish councillors who wish to attend. Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that we need to meet with CYC to try to find a better way to fund this Scheme. SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Finance  
Committee**14. GARDENING COMPETITION**

The closing date has been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> June. So far we have 10 adult entrants and 11 children, so only two nights of judging will be needed.

**15. BUS SERVICES**

The results of our survey have been sent to Terry Walker, CYC, who has responded quickly, but essentially nothing can change. However, the bus shelter on Temple Lane has been cleaned. In order to consider a bus shelter by the surgery on Horseman Lane, a formal request must be made.

**16. WARD COMMITTEE**

It is the intention that Cllr Healey will look after Copmanthorpe, and there will be a Ward Newsletter specifically for our village. The next Ward meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> July at the Community Centre in Poppleton. £120,000 is available for schemes for younger people.

**17. FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE CHEMIST**

Councillors felt that the Chemist must provide a service to the village if it is to compete with the proposed pharmacy with Tesco. Cllrs declined to send a letter of objection to Tesco, but Cllr Mrs Winter PROPOSED that the Clerk write to the chemist suggesting that they should offer better opening hours in a bid to retain custom. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. Cllr Irwin OPPOSED. All others in FAVOUR. Clerk

**18. PROFILE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillors are asked to think of ways in which we can raise the Profile of the Parish Council and give their suggestions in writing to the Clerk. These will then be discussed by Cllrs Irwin, Mrs Stones, members of the PC News editorial group and the Clerk.

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Cllrs**19. CARNIVAL**

We are informed that Parish Council funding of the skateboarding at the Carnival will not be necessary.  
The Clerk to send round a rota for stall duty on the day, including help sweeping the area before the event.  
Volunteers are also needed to sell programmes and raffle tickets round the houses.

Clerk

**20. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Complaints are received that CYC vans are parking on the footpaths. Grass cutting is not felt to be satisfactory. A number of other items were raised which will be investigated by the Tenancy Manager.

Residents are unclear about exactly what can be put in the recycling bins. Notice in the Newsletter explaining this.

Clerk

**21. RECREATION CENTRE**

Only six people attended the AGM. The next meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**22. ACCOUNTS****Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	5,654.10
Business Money Manager Account		31,237.03
	£	36,891.13



## Credits to the Account this Month

Allotment Receipts 82-88	£	218.25
Re: W and I Sanderson		75.00
Re: P Ratcliffe-Springall		50.00
Allotment Receipts 89-92		74.50
Bank Interest		.40
	£	418.15

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

Copmanthorpe Youth Club – 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of CYC grant	£	1,220.00
St Giles Church – grant for electrics		517.00
Dean Landscapes		468.83
Zurich Insurance Company		668.30
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – subscription		557.00
Fulprint – for June PC News		95.00
Caroline Anderson – for June PC News		50.00
CPI Officepoint – printing post office leaflets		35.25
P D Greenwell – expenses		170.75
P D Greenwell – salary		457.38
Npower – for Burial Ground		81.92
	£	4,321.43

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor.  
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Shopping Centre Car Park  
Code of Conduct

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 in the Youth Club, to be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Planning Committee – Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

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