

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
13 MARCH 2007 in the YOUTH CLUB, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:

**COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN
COUNCILLOR B BELL
COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD
COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER**

Chairman

**Mrs P D Greenwell
Cllr Glen Bradley
Mr Michael Higgins
Mr John Sheridan
Mr Bill Marsh**

**Clerk
City of York Council**

Before the business of the Meeting began Mr Higgins, of 2 Deacons Court, expressed his concern for pupils' safety, following the proposed new siting of the school bus stop to the opposite side of St Giles Way. He is not convinced that enough investigations have been made or that the right decision has been taken. He feels that the consultation undertaken by CYC is inadequate, and wonders whether the childrens' parents were consulted. The Parish Council is awaiting plans of the proposed new arrangements.

Mr Bill Marsh thanked the Parish Council for its continuing support in efforts to solve the problems on Low Green, and reported that recently all has been fairly quiet.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Greg Waite
Councillor Mrs M Taylor

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 13 February 2007, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that meeting. PROPOSED by Councillor Whitfield. SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

It is possible that there will be only one place available on the SLCC training day next Monday. The Clerk only to attend if this is the case. A stall has been booked for the Parish Council at the Street Fair on May Day. The Gardening Competition committee would like a separate stall this year. APPROVED. Cllr Mrs Winter will speak to the organisers with regard to the position of the stall. Cllr Mrs Winter
The document re the Revised Code of Conduct has been circulated – only one comment received, from Cllr Bowen.
The Statement of Community Involvement is still circulating.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

The Alcohol Exclusion Zone Order was granted on 9 March, and advertised in the Press at a cost of £388.79. Six signs have been ordered, the costs of which are not yet to hand.

Cllr Parker had attended the police meeting on Monday. It is possible that the mobile police station will be at the Street Fair and Carnival.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The **Recreation Centre** thanks the Parish Council for the grant of £4,000 towards the building of the new store room. Planning consent has been given and Building Regulations approval is being sought. Work should commence in the late summer.

YRCC informs us of the Village Ventures Competition which this year is being run in this area. Entries to be received by 25 May.

Councillor The Reverend Dr Maurice Staton writes with regret to inform us of his resignation on grounds of ill health from the Parish Council. We are grateful for all his work, and wish him a speedy recovery.

The Lord Mayor of York, Cllr Mrs Janet Hopton, informs us of a new award to encourage good design, and asks us for suggestions in the village of new build, built between 2004 and 2006, residential or

commercial, which we consider to be examples of good design. The closing date is 1st April. One property on Top Lane was suggested. The Clerk to ask the owner if he is happy for this house to be put forward.

Clerk

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

No report

b) Roads and Footpaths

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 28 March at 7.45 pm. Andy Williams, CYC, is still pursuing the costings for the shops car park. The Scouts planting at Gardeners Close will take place on Saturday, 17 March. The cost will be £700, but no cost to the Parish Council. The budget for bins is overspent. Andy Williams has promised that his Department will provide a bin for Horseman Drive/Lane, and a green dog bin to replace the one in the Horseman Lane/Close footpath. A replacement for the missing bin at the balancing pond is on order, and the missing one at Wheelwrights Close has been replaced. There will be a new bin by the sub-station on Low Green.

Cllr Mrs Stones PROPOSED that we reimburse a resident with £60 which he has spent on hedging along the public footpath to Bishopthorpe. There are Section 106 monies available. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. APPROVED.

It is noted that a Copmanthorpe girl, Rachel Higgins aged 11, has received the first CYC Caring For Your Environment Award. The Clerk to send her a letter of congratulation.

Clerk

Unused charity bags which have been left out for collection are causing a litter problem. The Clerk to ask, through the Newsletter, that residents ensure that bags left out are secured.

c) Finance

Only one Tender for the grass cutting has been returned – Dean Landscapes at £3,730. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that this be accepted. SECONDED by Cllr Bowen. ALL IN FAVOUR.

7. WEBPAGE

Many of the suggested amendments have been made. No change as regards the layout of the site. It was suggested that we place the hosting of the site with a company in Tadcaster who will host and maintain it for £100 per annum. Cllr Whitfield to draft a letter to RedBlack Software terminating our arrangement with them, and will then transfer to the new company.

Cllr
Whitfield**8. STREET FAIR AND CARNIVAL**

Councillors are asked to make a note of the dates for these two events, Monday 7th May and Saturday 7th July. The Clerk will circulate lists with a view to putting together a rota for covering the stall.

Clerk

9. SKATEBOARDING AT CARNIVAL

Cllr Irwin and Mr Martin Pickard have met with CYC with a view to arranging for skateboarding to be available on the Recreation Centre car park. CYC will make no charge for this but the Parish Council/Recreation Centre can ask for donations. The car park will need to be swept prior to use. CYC will man, supervise and insure this activity, and will supply everything needed apart from knee pads.

It was noted that last year four dogs were admitted on to the field. The Clerk to request that permanent NO DOGS sign be erected at both entrances to the car park.

Clerk

10. GARDENING COMPETITION

This year's Judge, Mrs Susan Woods, had attended the last meeting together with last year's winner, Mr Trevor Walton. The judge suggested two new categories – Best Newcomer to Gardening and Best Wildlife Friendly Garden. Other categories to be as last year. Judging will take place on 25 and 26 June. There will be a piece in the April edition of the Local Link, and in the Newsletter, with an Entry Form in the May newsletter. The next meeting to be on 27

March.

Yorkshire in Bloom was again discussed, but Copmanthorpe is too big for the village category, and too small to be a town. Cllr Bradley noted that we could link in with York in Bloom if we wished.

11. SIGNAGE AT MOOR LANE

The occupants of the cottage by the railway line have been advised of the proposed new signs, but no comment has been received from them. The Clerk to ask Ian Symonds, CYC, whether these are to be erected soon, or not until after the Inquest into the death of the driver involved in the recent accident.

Clerk

12. SCHOOL BUS STOP AT ST GILES WAY

See notes on Sheet 1.

13. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination forms have been received. The Clerk will bring the update Register of Electors to the Annual Parish Meeting next week to provide electoral numbers, will collect completed forms and arrange for their delivery to the Guildhall for checking.

Clerk

14. ANNUAL MEETING

The Clerk to ask Martin Pickard to speak about the Recreation Centre, and John Lacey to speak about the Alcohol Exclusion Zone.

Clerk

15. COPMANTHORPE POST OFFICE

Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED retrospective approval for the expenditure of £329 for the leaflets in support of the post office. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Irwin will take surplus leaflets to the Ainsty Group meeting on

28 March, for distribution in the surrounding villages whose residents use our post office.

16. WARD COMMITTEE

£1,000 will be available from the Ward Committee towards the cost of the Alcohol Exclusion Zone.

There is £1,000 in the budget for the Vehicle Activated Speed Signs. This will only pay for one sign on Manor Heath and one on Temple Lane – Roads and Footpaths Committee to discuss.

Cllr Bradley will try again to see if we can carry forward money for street lights in order that the scheme is not done piecemeal.

17. RECREATION CENTRE

No report, as Cllr Waite is absent. Cllr Irwin has attended the Carnival meetings.

18. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Constitution is still to be signed and authorised by CYC.

There is still a hole outside 18/19 Horseman Close.

Andy Williams is to organise the removal of dog fouling in the Horseman Lane/Close footpath.

Some roads are in need of repair, this will be done in due course.

The annual grant will be used to provide skips in Gardeners Close and Horseman Close.

It is still unclear whether the fire hydrants in Horseman Drive/Close are in use.

19. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

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| Treasurer's Account | £ | 1,191.92 |
| Business Money Manager Account | | 32,020.28 |
| | £ | 33,212.20 |

Accounts to be Paid this Month

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| Npower - burial ground | £ | 116.11 |
| CYC – burial ground rates | | 113.42 |
| Fulprint – March PC News | | 90.00 |
| Caroline Anderson – March PC News | | 50.00 |
| P D Greenwell – expenses | | 68.98 |
| P D Greenwell – salary | | 400.20 |
| Petty Cash | | 30.00 |
| | £ | 868.71 |

Therefore no transfer is necessary this month.

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

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Street Fair Rota

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10 April 2007 at 7.30 pm.
Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday, 20 March 2007 at 7.30 pm
Planning Meeting – Wednesday, 28 March at 7.15 pm
Roads and Footpaths Meeting – Wednesday, 28 March at 7.4 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed Date