

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH  
COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007 in the YOUTH CLUB, SCHOOL  
LANE at 7.30 pm.**

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

**Mrs P D Greenwell**  
**Mr Julian Sturdy**

**Clerk**  
**Parliamentary Candidate**

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**Cllr D Bowen** was NOMINATED by Cllr Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Each member present signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office. These were then countersigned by the Clerk.

**3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

**Cllr Mrs M Stones** was NOMINATED by Cllr Mrs Winter. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR CHAIRMEN,  
SUBCOMMITTEES, AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER  
ORGANISATIONS**

**Chairman of Finance Committee** **Cllr D Parker** was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllrs Bell, Stericker, Mrs Taylor and Waite offered to serve and were PROPOSED en bloc by Cllr Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**Chairman of Planning Committee** Cllr Mrs Taylor was PROPOSED by Cllr Parker. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllrs Parker, Mrs Townsend and Whitfield offered to serve and were PROPOSED en bloc by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**Chairman of Roads and Footpaths Committee** Cllr Bell was PROPOSED by Cllr Bowen. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. Cllr Stericker to be Vice-Chairman and attend daytime meetings as necessary. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllrs Mrs Townsend, Waite, Whitfield and Mrs Winter were PROPOSED en bloc by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman automatically serve on all Committees. Councillor Irwin has expressed a wish to serve on Finance and Roads and Footpaths Committees.

**Police Liaison** Cllr Waite was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**Bus Services** Cllr Mrs Townsend was PROPOSED by Cllr Bell. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**Recreation Centre** Cllr Mrs Winter was PROPOSED by Cllr Waite. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**Residents Association** Cllr Mrs Winter was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**Gardening Competition** Cllr Mrs Winter was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR. This to be for one more year only.

**Parish Council Website** Cllr Whitfield was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**Parish Council News** Cllrs Whitfield, Mrs Winter and the Clerk were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## 5. APOLOGIES

Councillor M J Irwin

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 10<sup>th</sup> April 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 Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Mrs Stones asked that it be noted that we had not formally thanked our three Ward Councillors for their work over the past four years. The Clerk to write to them, and to the three new councillors. A vote of thanks also to retiring Chairman, Mike Irwin, for ten years service to the Parish Council.

Clerk

**8. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS**

The Model Code of Conduct is received and has been circulated. YLCA recommend that Parish Councils adopt the Model which they are proposing specifically for Parishes. We need to do one or the other before October. The Chairman therefore PROPOSED that we defer a decision until July/August to allow Councillors to study both versions. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk/  
Cllr  
Bowen

**9. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

For the benefit of newer members the Clerk outlined the arrangements for our audit. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that we appoint Yorkshire Audit as our Internal Auditors for the forthcoming year. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

**10. CLERK'S REPORT**

Replies are awaited to the Clerk's letters about the gate at the allotment, and the legal situation regarding the shopping centre car park. The Risk Assessment for the re-location of the school bus stop on St Giles Way is received and will be considered by the Roads and Footpaths Committee, as is a copy of the Alcohol Exclusion Zone Order.

Cllr  
Bell



A price for the replacement of the dead/damaged trees on the new road has been requested.

Repairs to road surfacing at the various locations as agreed have been requested.

A number of responses to the letter about the Temple Lane area bus service have been received. Cllr Mrs Townsend to collate. Cllr Mrs Townsend

#### 11. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE LIAISON

The newly planted trees on Low Green have been vandalised.

It is suggested that photographs of the damage be published in the Newsletter with a request for information to help find the culprits.

The Police have responded and are determined that there will not be a repeat of last summer's problems in that area. It is suggested that we give serious thought to the installation of CCTV. We need to find out if this is what residents want. An alternative would be the so-called "mosquito alarms". Mr Sturdy agreed to investigate these.

Julian  
Sturdy

#### 12. CORRESPONDENCE

York CVS inform us of grants of £10,000–250,000 to provide play equipment for children. The Clerk to pass on to Recreation Centre and other interested organisations in the village.

Clerk

The **Army Presentation Team** invite us to an evening reception at the Yorkshire Museum on 13<sup>th</sup> June to update us on recent changes in the Army.

#### 13. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

##### a) Planning

Approvals are received for 27 College Road, 141 Temple Lane, 2 Wainers Close, 6 Hallcroft Lane, 3 Pike Hills Mount and 50 Top Lane. The Recreation Centre is to appeal against the refusal for the Sports Hall extension.

The Clerk has received a request from the owner of Faith Cottage that this application should be determined by CYC Planning Committee. Clerk

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

Replies still awaited to various questions. No further report.

**b) Finance and General Purposes**

YLCA inform us that our membership subscription for next year will be £557. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that we renew this. SECONDED by Cllr. Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

A quotation is received from Cooper Woods Electrical Contractors for re-wiring for outside lights and floodlights at St Giles Church, for which the church has requested a contribution. Since we use the church's electricity for the Christmas Tree, Cllr Parker PROPOSED that we pay one half of the anticipated cost of £1,034. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

**14. WEPAGE**

The transfer is proceeding. Redblack have sent a cheque for £235.00 by way of recompense. Cllr Whitfield to consider whether this is adequate.

Cllr  
Whitfield**15. STREET LIGHTING IN MAIN STREET**

Copies of a Report by Cllr Bowen had been circulated. He PROPOSED that we offer to arrange a meeting with the complainants and CYC officers to find a way forward. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR. It was noted that 79 people had voted for the lights in Main Street when projects were put forward for Ward Committee funding. Clerk

(This experience suggests that residents are not as aware as they should be of what the Parish Council is doing. Could this be improved by taking a full page in the Newsletter each month? Discuss at a future meeting.)

**16. STREET FAIR AND CARNIVAL**

Cllr Bowen PROPOSED a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs Taylor for

organising the PC stall for the Street Fair, and to Cllr Mrs Winter for organising the Gardening Competition stall. Thanks also to Mr Colin Perrott for his help with transport to and from Low Green. A number of residents had raised issues with councillors at the Fair, which have been dealt with or will be considered by the relevant committee.

#### 17. ELECTIONS

Councillors and the Clerk were very disappointed by CYC's failure to publish the results of the Parish Council elections on the website. Results from the CYC elections were regularly updated throughout the day. Councillors were also concerned that Poll Clerks had asked them if they wanted to vote in one or both elections. There was also concern that the information on the ballot paper was insufficient to enable voters to identify candidates for the Parish Council who are not supported by any particular political party. The Clerk to write on these matters. Clerk

#### 18. GARDENING COMPETITION

Posters have been displayed around the village, and there had been a good response at the Street Fair.

#### 19. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	2,537.74
Business Money Manager Account		31,237.03
	£	33,774.77

## Credits to the Account this Month

Interest on Business Money Master Account	£	216.75
HM Customs & Excise – VAT refund		1,046.73
Re: Sanderson		75.00
Re: Kenneth Deane		375.00
Allotments Receipts 50-60		226.25
Allotments Receipts 61-68		173.00
Allotments Receipts 69-81		240.50
Re: H and M Martindale		250.00
	£	2,603.23

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

Copmanthorpe Recreation Centre	£	4,000.00
Copmanthorpe Bowls Club		800.00
The Occasion Choir		400.00
Copmanthorpe Good Companions		300.00
Andrew Northfield – for Cricket Club		340.50
SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield) Ltd – for Cricket Club		160.96
Copmanthorpe Horticultural Show		100.00
Copmanthorpe Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association		100.00
Grimston Park Nurseries		60.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		14.64
Yorkshire Water – allotments		12.75
P D Greenwell – expenses		32.74
P D Greenwell – salary		400.20
Petty Cash		30.00
	£	6,751.79

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



**20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Transport – bus services
- Carnival
- Profile of Parish Council
- Bus shelter – request for centre of the village
- Future of village chemist

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 in the Youth Club, to be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.  
Planning Committee – Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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