

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
13th NOVEMBER 2007 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

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

Mrs P D Greenwell
Inspector Colin Moreton
PC Andy Haigh

Clerk
North Yorkshire Police
North Yorkshire Police

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr D Bowen

2. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

There has been a slight but noticeable increase in the level of anti-social behaviour in the village in recent weeks. The police are aware of this and are taking steps to quash it. There are five main suspects and an action plan is being developed to deal with them. Letters have been sent to the parents and the police will be speaking to them. One has already been arrested. Thirteen hundred letters have been delivered to residents in the worst affected areas to try to give reassurance and encourage residents to come forward with information. The complainants have also been contacted wherever possible. Most of the youths are from Tadcaster Grammar School. The weekend before last there were 20-40 youths roaming the village, and there was one assault. Last Friday night ten officers had patrolled the village and the mobile police station had been sited at the Recreation Centre, but the evening had been quiet. Similarly, on Mischief Night and Bonfire Night, there had been a big police presence.

During the last 6 weeks crime has reduced by 49%, violence by 50% and burglary by 33%. Since 1st April crime has reduced by 20%.

It is thought that the impact of the Alcohol Exclusion Zone has perhaps lessened. The URBIE Bus, which is free, could be useful and PC Haigh promised to get further details. We will also investigate Street Sport York.

Cllr
Mrs Stones

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 9th October**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

After last month's meeting the Clerk and Cllr Stericker had inspected the allotments, and letters have been written to those whose allotments appear not to be being fully worked. One has so far been reallocated. Work has not yet started at Colton Lane junction, but Cllr Stericker is informed that this will start early December.

A second quote has been received to re-site the gate at the allotments. The tree overhanging the footpath at Horseman Close has been lopped. The Clerk presented Cllr Whitfield with a certificate to mark his training.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTER

An anonymous letter concerning anti-social behaviour has been received and passed to the police. A resident of Hallcroft Lane is also having problems from youths waiting in the bus shelter late at night at the weekends.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

CYC acknowledge receipt of our letter about the cycle path on the new road. They hope to improve the clarity of signage.

NYCC send 2 consultation documents – Mineral Site Allocations

Preferred Options, and Waste Site Allocations Preferred Options. No comments

CYC send consultation document on proposal for York North West and York Central sites. No comments.

CYC send information on Street Sport York, a mobile service providing sport, play and exercise for young people in a safe environment. Cllr Mrs Stones to seek further information on available funding for this.

Cllr
Mrs Stones

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals are received for 57 Temple Lane, The Stables – Orchard Garth (trees), 2 Croft Farm Close, 43 Drome Road and 22 Bellmans Croft. Refusal is received for 13 Horseman Lane.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Arrangements are in hand to provide new litter bins at the bus stop on Manor Heath and by the balancing pond. The dog bin on the footpath Low Green/Recreation Centre is still to be replaced. Daffodils and other bulbs will be planted over the next few weeks. At Manor Heath, a replacement village name sign will be in place soon, together with a restriction sign on the back of the 30 mph sign leaving the village and a replacement street name sign on the left coming in.

A maximum of £1,000 is available to us from York Pride.

Cllr Stericker to ask if we could use this to fund the re-siting of the gate at the allotments.

Cllr
Stericker

CYC has written to the owner of the large hedge at the corner of Flaxman Croft/Merchant Way, and will follow up if he gets no reply.

c) Finance

A second quote of £750 is received from John Gospel to re-site the gate at the allotments, without providing hardcore. We already have a quote of £650. Mr Gospel's work is known to us, and Cllr Irwin PROPOSED that the Parish Council accepts his quote. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

9. WORLD HERITAGE SITE STATUS FOR YORK

The document had been circulated, and votes were almost evenly Divided, with a slight preference for OptionC. The Clerk to respond. Clerk

10. WEBPAGE

No statistics available for this month, but August and September show an average of 100-110 hits per day.

A discussion took place on whether or not to allow a link to a ceramicist offering after school activities for children. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that an entry be allowed under "Activities", but with no link to the individual's commercial website. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. 5 in favour, 5 against. The Chairman exercised her casting vote, and the proposal was defeated.

Clerk

11. PARISH COUNCIL COMPUTER

The computer is now five years old, and should be replaced as the software is outdated and technical support for it has been withdrawn. The Clerk to seek prices, and the Chairman to ask the Chairman of Askham Richard PC if they will contribute to the cost.

Clerk/
Chairman

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Nothing to report.

13. PROFILE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Mrs Taylor will write an article on the outcome of the street lighting public meeting for the January Newsletter.

Cllr
Mrs Taylor

14. WARD COMMITTEE

No Ward Councillor present. No report.

15. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting had been held.

16. RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The meeting had been attended by the Neighbourhood Policing Team. It was agreed that the contact phone number, 0845 6060247 should go in the Newsletter.

Some of the money left from the £1,000 grant will be spent on flower beds in Gardeners Close.

There is also £2,226 left in the budget which will be used for security lighting.

Council properties will be updated in 2010, with new kitchens, bathrooms, central heating and rewiring.

Clerk

17. ACCOUNTS

Community Account	£	7,244.73
Business Money Manager Account		30,722.04
	£	37,966.77
Credits to the Account this Month		
Interest on Business Money Manager account	£	262.99
	£	262.99

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Dean Landscapes Ltd	£	312.55
Fulprint – for December PC News		95.00
Caroline Anderson – for December PC News		50.00
David Steel – installation of dog bin by balancing pond		40.00
Yorkshire Water – allotments		36.24
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		19.81
P D Greenwell –expenses		24.99
P D Greenwell – salary		400.20
Petty Cash		30.00
	£	1,008.79

The acceptance of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Irwin.
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Shopping Centre Car Park
Street Lights in Main Street
Litter in Shopping Centre Car Park

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11th December at 7.30 pm to be preceded by a meeting of
the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
Planning Committee – Wednesday, 28th November at 7.15 pm in
the Methodist Hall.

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

Signed..... Date

