

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
9th OCTOBER 2007 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT:	COUNCILLOR D BOWEN	Chairman
	COUNCILLOR B BELL	
	COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN	
	COUNCILLOR S STERICKER	
	COUNCILLOR MRS S STONES	
	COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND	
	COUNCILLOR G WAITE	
	COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER	
	Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
	Councillor P Healey	City of York Council
	Mr Dick Clarke	Resident
	Mr Stan Cockerham	Resident
	Mr Arthur Richmond	Resident

Before the meeting began Mr Cockerham explained that six or seven allotments are not being tended, resulting in weeds spreading to neighbouring plots. One of these has had his plot for 2 years, but he is now working abroad and the plot is covered in black plastic. The Clerk has already inspected the allotments and noted where there is a problem. Cllr Stericker and the Clerk to walk round with Mr Cockerham. It is suggested that regular inspections take place in May and August, rather than spring and autumn as is currently the case.

Mr Dick Clarke, a resident of Drome Road, outlined his concerns about the large number of temporary buildings in the back garden of the property to the rear of his own. These are apparently being used for the storage of the owner's furniture whilst he carries out repairs and work to his house, but there seems to be a far larger number of these temporary buildings than would seem necessary for this purpose. There is concern that in fact a business is being run from these premises, as there are also 6 or 7 cars there and immigrant workers have been seen at the house. The garden is a mess, and the buildings and vehicles an eyesore, but there is no noise nuisance. Mr Clarke and Cllr Healey have both spoken with CYC's Enforcement Officer, and Parish Councillors are asked to keep a watching brief.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr D F Parker
Cllr Mrs M Taylor
Cllr P Whitfield

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 11th September 2007**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that meeting. The Clerk pointed out that the public meeting to discuss street lighting will now be on 15th November, not 6th. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Townsend. **SECONDED** by Cllr Irwin. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

4. CLERK'S REPORT

Posters to advertise the Street Lighting meeting will be displayed in the post office, newsagents and on the notice boards.

Clerk

The Clerk will order a wreath for the Remembrance Day Service, and a Christmas Tree.

Clerk

The Clerk present Cllr Stericker with a certificate to mark his training.

5. RURAL WEST WARD

Due to the increased level of traffic on Tadcaster Road following the opening of the new College, it has not been possible to change the time of the 8.57 bus to 9.03. Cllr Healey will ensure that this goes in the Newsletter.

Cllr
Healey

There have been no capital expenditure items received for the Ward Budget apart from Copmanthorpe's street lighting. Therefore it is possible that we may get the entire £11,000, but only if we do not take anything from revenue, and nothing from capital funding next year. We cannot make any decision on this until after the public meeting on 15th November.

An item has appeared in the Evening Press about the Temple Lane footpath.

There is again concern about leaflets from commercial companies in the guise of a charity collecting clothing for third world countries.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

In the past month one ornamental chimney pot and one motorbike have been stolen, and there have been two domestic incidents reported to the police. There has been very little anti-social behaviour reported, but we understand that a fence and gate on the Low Green/Wheelwrights Close footpath have been damaged by three youths from Tadcaster. Cllr Mrs Townsend also reported that there had been trouble with youths in Malbys Grove. The visibility of the police, both on bikes and in cars, has been much better.

It was PROPOSED that a letter of appreciation be sent to Chief Supt Spittal.

Clerk

PCSO Louise Scott has been asked to keep an eye on disabled access to the footpath at the Co-op as it is being obstructed by vehicles parking.

The police say that parked cars on pavements and grass verges are a matter for the Council, but they will take action if these are causing a nuisance or obstruction.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

York CVS are holding a conference on Ethnic Minorities in York starting at 9.30 am on 22 October at their Priory Street premises.

The first edition of the **Town and Parish Standard** is received.

Mr Stan Cockerham writes about the allotments (see above).

Mr Scruton writes about the marking of the cycle path on Tadcaster Road. The Clerk to pass this to CYC Highways and ask them to alter if they think necessary.

Clerk/Cllr
Stericker**8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN****a) Planning**

The application at 62 Top Lane has been withdrawn.

Refusals are received for 3 Low Green and 35 Drome Road.

Approvals have been given for 20 School Lane, 21 Drome Road (Sec. 106 Agreement), and the Eco-park, with many conditions.

It is suggested that we ask the College to work with us to put some kind of display about the Eco-park in the library to enable residents to see what is going to happen.

Clerk/
Cllr Mrs
Taylor

b) Roads and Footpaths

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September have been circulated.

Angus Young and Baz Buchanan, CYC, have looked at the hedge at the corner of Flaxman Croft/Merchant Way. A notice regarding overhanging vegetation has been placed in the Newsletter, and CYC have assured us they will follow up if we get no response to our letters asking people to cut back.

There is nothing in the plans for the Eco-park that will materially change what CYC are planning to do at Colton Lane crossroads, so this work will carry on as programmed at the beginning of November.

Persimmon have acknowledged that they will resolve the drainage problems at the Ploughmans development, and CYC will replace the road signs. Once all this is of an acceptable standard CYC will adopt the roads.

Russell Stone still cannot say whether or not CYC will replace the failed/ vandalised trees on the new road. However, bulbs will be planted there. Dog bins are in stock and litter bins will be ordered. The dog bin purchased by the Parish Council will go to the left of the lamppost by the pond. CYC's litter bin will be to the right.

Cllr Stericker to ask if CYC will put a new seat by the Manor Heath sign. Cllr Stericker

A tree at 3 Horseman Close is obscuring the light in the footpath. Cllrs Cllr Mrs Winter to ask the resident if we can prune it as necessary. Mrs Winter Cllr Stericker will carry out this work. /Stericker

c) Finance

No report.

9. BURIAL GROUND PARKING

Cllr Stericker PROPOSED that we ask for the reinforced grass at £3,018 as this is the cheaper and more aesthetically pleasing option. SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. ALL IN FAVOUR

Clerk

10. ALLOTMENTS GATE

A second quote has been received, £650, to move the gate but not lay any hardcore. Cllr Waite PROPOSED that the Clerk ask Mr Gospel for a price with no hardcore. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Parker and the Clerk will then consider both quotes.

Clerk/

Cllr Parker

11. CYC CHARTER

The YLCA Liaison Group are still working on a revised Charter but, as CYC now has a new Chief Executive, nothing will change until next year.

12. AINSTY GROUP MEETING and YLCA LIAISON

There is to be a six week consultation period on proposed post office closures commencing in November. Those with more than two counters are more likely to remain.

A discussion on Affordable Housing took place at the Ainsty meeting. Cllr Mrs Stones has asked Caroline Vaughan-Downes to address the Parish Council next month.

It appears that some parishes have their own Emergency Plan. We will receive information on this from YLCA.

13. WEBPAGE

We have been contacted by a ceramicist in Drome Road who holds after school activities which she would like to promote on our website. As this could in part be deemed to be a commercial, as well as a community, enterprise, it was agreed to defer a decision until next month and discuss with Cllr Whitfield.

Cllr
Whitfield

14. STREET LIGHTING SCHEME

Ricky Watson, CYC, will attend the public meeting on 15th November.

15. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

A revised bus timetable has been received from Cllr Healey. However, buses at around 8.30 – 9.00 am are now further delayed due to increased traffic on Tadcaster Road following the opening of the new college.

15. PROFILE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Mrs Taylor to be asked to write a short piece for the Newsletter about the outcome of the planning application for the Ecopark. Cllr Mrs Taylor

16. WARD COMMITTEE

The Ward meeting will be held on 17th October in Askham Bryan Village Hall.

17. RECREATION CENTRE

Work is needed to some trees which are getting to the end of their lives.

Work will start on the new building in April/May next year.

18. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Paving slabs in Horseman Close are being replaced with tarmac, and residents have requested dropped kerbs.

Money not being used this year will be use for extra work in Gardeners Close.

Residents were informed that the disabled signing at the car park and the Co-op is not possible.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	8,724.54
Business Money Manager Account		30,459.05
	£	39,183.59

Credits to the Account this Month

CYC – 2 nd ½ year precept	£	9,500.00
	£	9,500.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

City of York Council – ½ year allotment rent	£	371.50
Mazars – audit fee		334.88
Glasdon UK Ltd – dog bin		212.75
Fulprint – for PC News		95.00
John Gospel – repairs to burial ground fence		40.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		25.48
P D Greenwell – salary		400.20
	£	1,479.81

No transfer is necessary this month.

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13th November 2007 at 7.30 pm, to a meeting of the
Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Planning Committee – Wednesday, 24th October 2007 at
7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Public meeting re Street Lighting – Thursday, 15th November
2007 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Signed Date