

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
11th SEPTEMBER 2007 in the YOUTH CLUB, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:

**COUNCILLOR D BOWEN
COUNCILLOR B BELL
COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD**

Chairman

**Mrs P D Greenwell
Councillor P Healey**

**Clerk
City of York Council**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs M Stones
Councillor G Waite
Councillor Mrs A Winter

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 14th August 2007**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

Maintenance work on the landscaping on the new road does not appear to have begun, although the grass has been cut.

The replacement tree on Low Green has been planted.

Cllr Stericker and the Clerk had met to discuss the trees in the burial ground.

Unfortunately Mr Dean did not attend, and the Clerk is trying to rearrange.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

There have been three thefts from vehicles. The Chairman has a copy of a letter sent to a resident of Loriners Drive advising them to be aware of possible thefts, and take the necessary preventative measures.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Suzanne Hemingway, Monitoring Officer, CYC advises us that she is leaving to work in Bradford. Her interim successor will be Colin Langley. She also informs us of training for Councillors on the new Code of Conduct, which will take place in the Guildhall on 31 October. Cllrs Bowen, Parker, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Townsend will attend the morning session. The Clerk to book.

Cllrs/
Clerk

YLCA White Rose Update is received and will be circulated.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**a) Planning**

Approvals are received for 12 Millers Croft, 43 Barbers Drive and 31 Merchant Way. The application at 23 Temple Lane has been refused. The Report on the Ecopark should be ready by now, and will go to Committee on 27th September.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Cllr Stericker has had a further meeting with Angus Young. The dog bin at the end of the footpath Low Green/Recreation Centre is missing and will be replaced. The dog bin purchased by the Parish Council is to go at the balancing pond. CYC will not charge us for emptying this. The Manor Heath sign is being repaired and we have asked that the refuse bin and footpath/cycle path sign be replaced. The No Through Road sign on Station Road is back in place. Graffiti has been removed from a number of signs. A notice regarding overgrowth will appear in the Newsletter. Network Rail have cut back overgrowth along the railway line. The Clerk has cut back overgrowth on the railway bridge.

Bishopthorpe Crossing at Ploughmans Close has been fitted with bollards to prevent vehicles from going on to the railway line. Blocked gulleys on Station Road, Moor Lane and School Lane have been cleared.

The Link will have to be properly surveyed to ascertain the cause of the drainage problem.

York Pride will plant 500 daffodil bulbs. Cllr Stericker to speak to Cllr Mrs Winter about this.

Cllr
Stericker

A quote has been received to provide a parking area at the burial ground. To be discussed at Roads and Footpaths meeting on 25th September.

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A letter is received from residents of 2 and 4 Sutor Close and 10 and 12 Merchant Way, asking that the decision on the Millers Croft play area be reconsidered. However, Cllr Stericker PROPOSED that the earlier decision to leave the area as it is be reaffirmed. SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. ALL IN FAVOUR. The Clerk to respond. Clerk

c) Finance

Quote re burial ground parking referred to Roads and Footpaths Committee.

A quote is received for replacement of dead and vandalised trees on the new road. Before proceeding further Cllr Stericker will ask if CYC will pay for or contribute to this.

Cllr
Stericker

8. GATE AT ALLOTMENTS

There is little enthusiasm amongst allotment holders for contributing to the cost of this. It was RESOLVED to seek further quotes.

Clerk

9. CYC CHARTER

No further comments from Cllrs. The Clerk to reply on the basis of her own and the Chairman's views.

Clerk

10. WEBSITE

Cllr Whitfield reported that hits on the website in August ranged from 73 in one day to a high of 226. The highest days are Thursdays and Fridays with an average of 200. Most of these are coming via Google.

11. STREET LIGHTING

It was RESOLVED to hold a public meeting in the Youth Club at 7.00 pm on 6th November, to discuss the Main Street/Moor Lane Scheme. Ricky Watson, CYC, to be invited to explain the proposals to residents. Cllr Healey will attend to explain the funding arrangements.

Cllr Bowen
Cllr Healey

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The assessment re the 8.57 am bus is awaited.
From April next year, Senior Citizens bus passes will not be valid until 9.30 am (9.00 am at present), and cannot be used after 11.30 pm.

There had been spillages of diesel by the school bus on the road in St Giles Way and School Lane yesterday morning. When reported to CYC these had been regarded as an emergency and quickly cleaned up. The Clerk to write to the bus company concerned.

Clerk

We are informed that the “bus stop” in St Giles Way is not in fact a recognised stop.

13. PROFILE OF THE PARISH COUNCL

It was agreed that this be an agenda item each month, and that Councillors would suggest subjects for for articles for the following month’s Newsletter. The November edition will include a piece on the Memorial Green and Remembrance Day Service, and a notice re the Street Lights meeting.

Clerk

Cllrs Irwin and Whitfield will meet to discuss the purchase of display stands for use at public events.

14. WARD COMMITTEE

Cllrs Bowen and Mrs Stones had attended the Team Planning Meeting where the list of proposed Schemes was discussed. The parking area at the burial ground, street lights, additional VAS signs, youth work and

skateboard park were all accepted.
Rejected suggestions were the A64 sound barrier/fence, litter and graffiti (responsibility of York Pride), pavements at Low Green, Temple Lane footpath (feasibility study to be produced by the planning department – Cllr Healey will progress this)

Cllr
Healey

The next Ward Meeting will be in Copmanthorpe School on 17th October – 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

15. RECREATION CENTRE

No report.

16. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A number of domestic matters had been discussed at the meeting on 4th September. There had been a complaint about disabled access to the pavement at the Co-op and other shops. This is due to abuse of double yellow lines. Cllr Stericker will investigate.

Cllr
Stericker

17. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	827.22
Business Money Manager Account		30,459.05
	£	31,286.27

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Eileen Allan	£	80.00
	£	80.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Panda Playgroup – grant	£	750.00
Dean Landscapes		312.55
Npower – burial ground		49.52
Caroline Anderson – PC News		50.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		40.41
P D Greenwell – salary		400.20
	£	1,602.68

No transfer is necessary this month.
The acceptance of these Accounts was PROPOSED by
Cllr Irwin. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Parish Council Profile
Gate at Allotments
Parking at Burial Ground

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 9th October 2007 at 7.30 pm to be preceded by a meeting of
the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm
Roads and Footpaths Committee – Tuesday, 25th September 2007 at 7.30 pm
in the Howell Hall (Youth Club).
Planning Committee – Wednesday, 26th September 2007 at 7.15 pm in the
Methodist Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Date