

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY
8th APRIL 2008 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN
 COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD
 COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Councillor I Gillies **City of York Council**

Before the business of the meeting began Mr Peter Golightly from Yorkshire Water spoke about sewerage and drainage in relation to planning applications. Yorkshire Water are not Statutory Consultees, but in reality are consulted on all commercial development applications and those for “significant” residential developments.

Within Yorkshire Water there is a specific team to deal with planning matters. Yorkshire Water has to protect the public sewer from adverse effects and anything which could cause regular flooding. When looking at planning applications the size and depth of the sewer is considered in respect of both foul and surface water. There are standard rules and calculations to determine how much sewerage a development will produce. Foul water is very rarely a problem, it is the surface water that can cause difficulties.

On a brownfield site there should be no increase in the amount of discharge. On a greenfield site soakaways should be used to control the flow on site so not too much water enters the receiving sewer. These matters should form part of the planning conditions.

Under the Local Development Framework Yorkshire Water are consulted. The Parish Council can request, via CYC, that Yorkshire Water are consulted on an application.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr B Bell
Cllr D F Parker
Cllr G Waite
Cllr P Healey

City of York Council

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 11th March 2008**, 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.**

4. **CLERK'S REPORT**

The hedge at the allotments should be attended to in the next two weeks, and the trees at the burial ground sometime thereafter.

5. **NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

Cllr Waite not present, therefore no report. However Cllr Mrs Stones has spoken to PC Louise Scott who reports that things are generally quiet.

6. **WARD COMMITTEE**

The next meeting is tomorrow evening at Rufforth, commencing 7.00 pm

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

CYC, Directorate of City Strategy have replied to the Clerk's letter re "encroachment". It would seem that their original reply went astray, and they enclose a copy. The current Household Design Guide does not **require** that a gap be left to the boundary, although this is clearly desirable. They are currently reviewing the 2001 Guide and this aspect will be revised. A residential layout design guide is also being drawn up which will give guidance on the distance of new properties from boundaries. A revised application form will be issued this month.

Sue Gill, CYC Traffic Technician informs us that the requested "ducks" signs will be erected on the new road later this month.

The **RAF Presentation Team** invite us to an evening at the Railway Museum on 29th May. Anyone wishing to go should speak to the Clerk. Clerk

Cllr David Scott, Leader of the Labour Group in the CYC, asks Parish Councillors to sign a petition objecting to the reduction in the level of OAPs Transport Tokens from £40 to £20.

Zurich Insurance Company inform us of the new legislation on Corporate Manslaughter. Cllr Mrs Winter **PROPOSED** that the Finance Committee meet to discuss our Risk Assessment in light of this. Cllr
Parker
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

A request has been received for additional taps at the Allotments. Cllr Mrs Taylor **PROPOSED** that the Clerk should speak in the first instance to CYC about this and then discuss with Cllr Stericker. Clerk
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The application at 25 St Nicholas Road is refused.
The application at 30 Wilstrop Farm Road is approved.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The Open Space Study has been updated and returned to Cllr Gillies.
The "Copmanthorpe" sign on Manor Heath has been replaced.
The Pedestrian and Cycleway sign has been located at the top of Manor Heath and will be reinstated. The 30 mph sign at the junction of School Lane/Horseman Lane is loose and noisy and is being investigated by Highways Department.
A replacement rowan tree has been planted on Low Green.
The plastic reinforcing on the verge at the burial ground has been relaid.
A more robust litter bin has been ordered for the bus shelter at the top of Manor Heath.
Areas of Church Street are to be repaired once the parking issues have been clarified and redesignated.
The Merchant Way/Top Lane junction is to be repaired, but

St Giles Way/Main Street is not deemed by CYC to be bad enough to require work.

York Pride are to look at the overgrown hedge at Drome Road to see what needs to be done.

CYC have allocated £200k to tackle drainage problems citywide.

It was suggested that we ask for work to The Link, the corner of Main Street opposite the shops, and the road in front of Station Cottages.

Cllr
Stericker

c) Finance

No report.

9. MAY DAY STREET FAIR

Will take place on 5th April. A rota was agreed and will be circulated separately.

Clerk

10. RECREATION CENTRE

Work on the new storage block, costing £30,000, will begin on 16th April. John Brewster is the contractor.

The rolling development plan is being redrawn.

The next meeting will be on 15th May, followed by the AGM on 22nd May.

11. SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK

Cllrs Bowen, Mrs Stones, Stericker and Mrs Winter, and the Clerk, are to meet on Thursday morning to discuss how best to proceed.

Clerk/
Cllrs

12. STREET LIGHTING

An update on this by Cllr Bowen had been circulated previously.

The scheme is to go ahead, and the preliminary surveys are in hand.

CYC will inform the Parish Council of the cost of works so that we can consider making a contribution from Reserves towards any balance over and above Ward funding.

13. URBIE BUS

It appears that the bus is not being used, and so will not be visiting Copmanthorpe again for another two or three months. Cllr Whitfield suggested that the Bus should visit the Carnival. Cllr Mrs Stones to request this.

Cllr Mrs
Stones

14. BECOMING AN ETHICAL TOWN

Cllr Mrs Stones reported that there is much information available about this. She feels it is worth looking into further, but we would have to work in conjunction with CYC.

15. DISPLAY EQUIPMENT

The banner has been purchased and will be used at the Street Fair. Thanks to Cllr Mrs Townsend for arranging this.

16. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	2,728.55
Business Money Manager Account		30,974.68

£ 33,703.23

Credits to the Account this Month

Allotments Receipts 93-03	£	269.00
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

City of York Council – ½ year allotment rent	£	411.00
Npower – burial ground		111.47
Cllr Mrs Stones – expenses		87.65
Local Government Information Unity		117.50
Sign-A-Rama (York) Ltd – banner		57.58
P D Greenwell – expenses		38.43
P D Greenwell – salary		471.33
Petty Cash		30.00
	£	1,324.96

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by
Cllr Irwin. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Webpage
- Shopping Centre Car Park

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, 13th May at 7.30 pm. This meeting
will be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee.
Intermediate Planning Committee – Wednesday 23rd April 2008.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed Date