

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Mrs P D Greenwell**  
**Cllr I Gillies**

**Clerk**  
**City of York Council**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs M Taylor – attending a Planning seminar on behalf of the Parish Council.  
Cllr P Healey – CYC

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 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 Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT**

Mr Dean has been instructed to carry out the works to trees in the burial ground, as agreed last month.  
Mr Gospel has been asked to attend to the fence at the allotments.

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

A vehicle has been stolen from the Fox and Hounds car park. A number of bicycles have been stolen. A quantity of alcohol has been taken from youths on Back Lane, and Cllr Parker has seen evidence of drinking on Colton Lane.

**6. WARD COMMITTEE**

Cllr Healey is away on holiday. Cllr Gillies had nothing specific to report but left a plan showing the "Open Spaces" within the village for verification and return.

Cllr  
Stericker

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters of thanks have been received from the Yorkshire Countrywomen and Copmanthorpe Scout Group for the recently allocated grant money. The YCA have increased their annual subscription to £10 per member.

Mr Terry Walker, CYC, informs us that there are no plans for a bus shelter on Horseman Lane.

The College apologises for the behaviour of certain of their students on the bus, stating that it believes this to be the first incidence of its kind. The bus company, First, also apologises and informs us that there is CCTV on the buses, but this is wiped after two weeks. However they will put an Inspector on the bus and see if this helps.

**8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**Planning**

The application at 3 Horseman Avenue has been withdrawn. The application for change of use at the Newsagents from Retail (A1) to Retail/Café (A3) has been approved.



**Roads and Footpaths**

A formal request for a "Ducks" sign has been made, and York Pride will fund this.

The "Copmanthorpe" sign at the top of Manor Heath has been removed, and a new one ordered.

The 30 mph sign at the bottom of School Lane is loose.

CYC are to look again at the cycle way sign at the top of Manor Heath.

Twenty new trees and 80 metres of hedging have been planted on the new road, and a replacement rowan tree has been ordered for Low Green - (we still have the guard).

The dog bin on Flaxman Croft is now being emptied.

Road surface repairs are to be carried out at the junction of Merchant Way and Top Lane, and the footpath along Church Street is to be inspected.

The bollard at the shops has been damaged.

The request for the path from the burial ground to Back Lane to be designated a Public Right of Way is to be taken up by Alison Newbould at CYC.

**Finance**

Two tenders have been received for grass cutting, as follows:

Dean Landscapes Ltd - £3,916.50. Jim's Mowing - £6,740.00.

Cllr Parker PROPOSED that the quote from Deans be accepted.

SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. ALL IN FAVOUR.

CLERK

**8. RECREATION CENTRE**

No report.

**9. SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK**

Cllr Bowen had circulated a report on progress so far.

Advice has been received from CYC that it is not a requirement under the Road Traffic Regulation Act for CYC to be involved in this project. The Parish Council has the power, under Section 60, to use its money for provision of car parking. Cllr Mrs Winter

PROPOSED that Cllrs Bowen, Mrs Stones, Stericker and herself Cllrs Bowen, Irwin, Stericker, Mrs Stones and Mrs Winter form a Sub-Committee to research the matter and possibly meet with the owners, then report back to the Parish Council. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

### 9. STREET LIGHTING IN MAIN STREET

Cllr Bowen had circulated a report on progress so far.  
We are now awaiting Report by Damon Copperthwaite, CYC, to  
CYC members.

### 10. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable Housing Schemes have to be a mix of rented and part  
purchase accommodation. It was agreed that we should only decide  
whether or not to carry out a survey once we have the answers to our  
questions to Carolyn Vaughan-Downes.

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Stones are to attend a Workshop on Affordable  
Housing next Monday. Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that we  
should delay a decision until we have any new information from this.  
SECONDED by Cllr Waite. Seven IN FAVOUR. One AGAINST.  
ONE abstained.

Clerk/  
Cllr Mrs  
Stones

### 11. PLASTIC BAGS IN COPMANTHORPE

A number of residents have formed an informal group to try to make  
Copmanthorpe a plastic bag-free village. Cllr Mrs Stones has agreed to  
represent the Parish Council on this group.

Cllr  
Mrs Stones

### 12. URBIE BUS

The Co-ordinator is currently on holiday, therefore no progress report is  
available. The Bus is currently being trialled in Copmanthorpe for five  
weeks. At the end of that period the Parish Council will have to decide  
whether or not to continue with it, and pay the costs.

Cllr  
Mrs Stones

**13. DISPLAY EQUIPMENT**

Cllrs Whitfield, Irwin and Mrs Winter have met, and proposed designs for two banners have been circulated. Following a lengthy discussion, Cllrs a revised form of wording was agreed. The total cost of two banners, Whitfield/ plus a gazebo, will be approx. £400. It was RESOLVED to Mrs Townsend proceed with these purchases.

**14. ACCOUNTS**

## Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	3,865.89
Business Money Manager Account		30,974.68
	£	34,840.57

## Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Christopher Ambler	£	375.00
	£	375.00

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

Copmanthorpe Scout Group – grant	£	3,000.00
Middleton Motor Hire – re Recreation Centre		459.00
Cockey Hill Lawnmowers – re Recreation Centre		212.67
CYC – Burial Ground rates		127.05
Fulprint – March PC News		95.00
Caroline Anderson – March PC News		50.00
York Open Planning Forum		20.00
YLCA – Allotment Agreement		2.50
P D Greenwell – expenses		14.99
P D Greenwell – salary		425.13
	£	4,406.34

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



**15. AGENDA**

Cllr Bowen had circulated a document drawn up by himself, the Clerk and Cllr Mrs Stones, the object of which is to try to make Meetings of the Parish Council more efficient. Cllr Irwin PROPOSED that we adopt this way or working. SECONDED by Cllr Waite. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Affordable Housing  
Urbie Bus  
Shopping Centre Car Park  
Street Lighting in Main Street

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm  
Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in the Howell Hall.  
Intermediate Planning Meeting – Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.15 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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