

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
10th JUNE 2008 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLOR D BOWEN	Chairman
COUNCILLOR B BELL	
COUNCILLOR M J IRWIN	
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER	
COUNCILLOR S STERICKER	
COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES	
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR	
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND	
COUNCILLOR G WAITE	
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD	
Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
Councillor P Healey	City of York Council
Mr S Cockerham	
Mr D Whiteman	

Before the Meeting began, Mr Cockerham expressed his concerns about security at the allotments. There is a gap in the hedge, and the fence at the corner by the phone box is broken. Children and their parents are walking through the allotments on their way home from school. There is also concern about road safety due to the height and width of the hedge. Since the re-siting of the gate, more vehicles are now driving onto the allotments. It was agreed that the height and width of the hedge be reduced. The re-siting of the gate is already in hand, and any spare wood from that will be used to make good the gaps in the boundary elsewhere.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs A Winter

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING held on Tuesday, 13th May 2008, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The YLCA White Rose update now comes as an email attachment. Clerk
 It was agreed that the Clerk will forward this to councillors. Clerk
 The faulty banners used at the Street Fair have been sent back to the
 manufacturer. They can find no fault with them, but Cllr Whitfield
 PROPOSED that they be replaced at a cost of £74.00. SECONDED Cllr
 by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR. Whitfield

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the recent YLCA meeting.
 No decision has yet been reached on the Charter.
 A quote of £58.00 has been received for the repainting of the burial
 ground gates. It was agreed that this work should proceed. Clerk
 We are informed of the procedure to be used for Ward funding. The
 Clerk to send for an information pack. Clerk
 Enquiries have been made to CYC re additional taps at the allotments. Clerk

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

A few minor incidents this month, including theft of drain covers
 and lead, and one smashed window in a domestic property, but
 generally quiet.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of thanks is received from the Good Companions for the
 grant of £300.
 CYC inform us that a bus shelter is to be installed at the bus stop on
 Top Lane.

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

A refusal is received for 3 St Nicholas Road.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Minutes of the meeting held 3rd June had been previously circulated.

New planting on the new road is surviving.

Weeds in the Low Green/Reygate Grove footpath have been sprayed and the hedge trimmed.

CYC feel that overgrowing hedges in College Road and St Nicholas Road are not bad enough to warrant any action. The Clerk to insert a notice in the newsletter about overgrowing vegetation.

Clerk

There is a raised manhole cover in the Low Green/Wheelwright Close footpath, but this is due for resurfacing by CYC.

Following a report that a dog had been seen being walked off its lead, it was noted that there is no Byelaw or Dog Control Order prohibiting this in Copmanthorpe. Dog Control Orders can relate to individual dogs, roads or areas and CYC have a record of these. Dog fouling is also controlled under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

CYC Public Rights of Way Officer, Alison Newbould, informs us that our request that the path from the burial ground to Back Lane be registered as a Right of Way cannot be pursued at this time.

c) Finance

No meeting has been held.

8. RECREATION CENTRE

The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Winter had attended the AGM. Work has started on the new storage building. Cllr Mrs Winter was elected as Vice-Chairman following the resignation of Mr Harold Wood.

Cllrs Bell, Bowen, Mrs Stones, Mrs Taylor offered to help Cllr Mrs Winter sell Carnival programmes. Cllr Mrs Stones to get information Cllr on the programme to Cllr Whitfield to put on our website. Whitfield

9. GARDEN COMPETITION

A record number of entries, 33, have been received. The Clerk has drawn up a timetable for judging and written letters for delivery to all entrants.

Cllr Bell expressed concern that there may be insufficient space at the prizegiving. The Clerk to discuss with Mr David Whiteman.

Clerk

10. WARD COMMITTEE

No meeting had been held. It was noted that no notification had been received of the last Team Meeting.

No news on the progress of the Eco-park.

Cllr Healey to enquire about fencing at the Fox and Hounds.

Cllr
Healey

11. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The bus stop on Top Lane is still showing the incorrect bus number.

12. RURAL ARTS PROJECT

A presentation will take place on 22 July. Cllr Mrs Townsend has prepared a notice for the Newsletter, and drafted a letter to be sent to representatives of village organisations.

Clerk

13. TOWN TWINNING

Cllr Mrs Taylor reported that EU money is available for this from 2007-13, but only for those who match all the criteria. The purpose is to promote cultural links and racial harmony. Cllr Mrs Taylor will continue her investigations.

Cllr Mrs
Taylor

14. CARNIVAL

A rota for Carnival Day was agreed and will be circulated by the Clerk.

Clerk

15. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	2,710.28
Business Money Manager Account		31,216.16
	£	33,926.44

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Zurich Insurance Company – premium	£	671.07
Cllr Peter Whitfield – gazebo		97.08
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – training		70.50
Mike Round Plumbing and Heating – taps at allotments		54.00
Copmanthorpe Carnival – stall		15.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		47.89
P D Greenwell – salary		425.13
Re: error in allotment receipts last month		20.00
	£	1,400.67

The approval of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker.
SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cold Calling Zones
Town Twinning
Transport
Coronation Cup
Rural Arts Project

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8th July 2008 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
Intermediate Planning Committee – Wednesday 25th June 2008 in the Methodist Church Hall.

Before the close of the Meeting, the Chairman read a letter of resignation from Cllr M J Irwin, who has decided to stand down after 13 years service. His letter records his thanks to fellow councillors for their support and the Clerk for her advice and hard work over the ten years of his Chairmanship. The thanks of the Council for Cllr Irwin's work over many years are gratefully recorded.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed Date