

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held
on TUESDAY, 13th MAY 2008 in the HOWELL HALL, 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 STONES
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD
COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER

Mrs P D Greenwell

Clerk

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The election of Cllr D Bowen was PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield.
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The election of Cllr Mrs M Stones was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Winter.
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

3. APOLOGIES

Cllr G Waite
Cllr P Healey

City of York Council

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR CHAIRMEN

Roads and Footpaths The election of Cllr S Stericker as Chairman
was PROPOSED by Cllr Bowen. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

Finance The election of Cllr D F Parker as Chairman was
PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

Planning The election of Cllr Mrs M Taylor as Chairman was PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

All Committee membership to remain unaltered. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Police Liaison Cllr G Waite was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Public Transport Liaison Cllr Mrs C Townsend was PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Recreation Centre Representative Cllr Mrs A Winter was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Residents Association Liaison Cllr Mrs A Winter was PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Gardening Competition Committee Chairperson Cllr Mrs C Townsend was PROPOSED by Cllr Bell. SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Webpage Cllr P Whitfield was PROPOSED by Cllr Parker. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Parish Council News Cllrs Whitfield, Mrs Winter and the Clerk. PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 8th April, 2008**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

7. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Cllr Irwin PROPOSED that Yorkshire Audit be appointed as our Internal Auditors for the forthcoming year. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

8. CLERK'S REPORT

The "Ducks" sign on the new road is still awaited.

Two replacement taps have been fitted at the allotments. The two additional taps are yet to be agreed.

Clerk

We are informed of the AGM of the Appleton Roebuck and Copmanthorpe Drainage Board.

Our subscription to the YLCA is now due. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that we renew this. SECONDED by Cllr Irwin. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

9. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE LIAISON

A report from Cllr Waite is received. A large number of drain covers have been stolen from New Moor Lane, presumably to sell as scrap.

10. WARD COMMITTEE

No Ward Councillor present. At the last meeting on 9 April, attended by the Chairman and the Clerk, the police had reported that crime in the Ward is down by 14% over the previous year. There had been 20 reported instances of anti-social behaviour in Copmanthorpe in the months February to April. Speeding vehicles, anti-social behaviour and damage to property (especially schools) are the main problems. There is a "blue box" in the library and the Co-op, which enables residents to write down their concerns and leave them in the boxes for the police. These boxes are emptied weekly. We need to publicise this in the Newsletter.

Clerk

There is funding available for youth activities from Yorkcash.

The lack of planning enforcement officers is being investigated.

The next meeting will be on 2nd July.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

There is to be a site meeting at 20 Horseman Lane on Wednesday 14th May. Cllrs Mrs Taylor and Mrs Stones will attend. Refusals are received for 55 Temple Lane and 1 Top Lane.

The Local Development Framework document is being circulated. Any comments should be submitted by 16th May.

b) Roads and Footpaths

“Cycleway” sign at the top of Manor Heath is still to be erected. Replacement litter bin at Manor Heath bus stop, and replacement dog bin for damaged one on Back Lane, are awaited. Repairs at Merchant Way/Top Lane junction, and at Church Street, will begin soon.

York Pride are again trying to trace the owner of land by the bend in Drome Road, where the hedge regularly overhangs the footpath. Drainage problems in Paddock Close have been added to the list given to Cllr Paul Healey for attention by CYC.

The top of the new tree on Low Green has been broken off. A rest room accommodation unit has been left on the grassed area at the junction of Horseman Drive/Lane and will be there for the duration of the council housing refurbishment programme (5 weeks).

Car park sub-committee has met, and agreed to consult with York Pride re services of landscape architect and possible financial help.

Date of next committee meeting – Tuesday, 3rd June 2008 in the Howell Hall.

Clerk

c) Finance

The Clerk is to seek a quote for repainting and adjusting the gates at the Burial Ground.

Clerk

13. WEBPAGE

Website statistics have been circulated. Recent additions to the webpage include more information on village nurseries and a link to the Copmanthorpe Football Club website. The archive is now working well and minutes and agenda for previous meetings are available. The Bowls Club would like to include their upcoming fixtures on the website. The front page is now taking the form of a local news page. Cllr Mrs Taylor is taking more photographs to add to the site.

14. STREET FAIR

The gazebo and banners worked well, and a number of residents had raised issues of concern to them, although nothing of which we were not already aware.

15. RECREATION CENTRE

No report. The AGM will be on 22 May at 8.00 pm. Cllrs Bowen and Mrs Winter will attend.

The URBIE bus will be at the Carnival. Cllr Bell PROPOSED that if necessary the Parish Council pay the £20 fee. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Recreation Centre is still keen to provide equipment for older children.

16. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Information has been previously circulated. The key point is that the Parish Council cannot prohibit accommodation to rent. Councillors feel that there is an acceptable mix of housing in the village already, and they are very concerned about the ability of any Housing Association to manage this kind of development properly. Only green field land is available. In light of all this, it was agreed not to proceed and to cite these reasons in our response to CYC.

Clerk

17. RURAL ARTS PROJECT

Cllr Mrs Townsend has received information. The project can be for art of any kind – visual, performing etc., for people of any age. Funding can be available. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that we invite the leaders of the various village organisations to a presentation which will explain how the project would work. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. Townsend

18. ETHICAL TOWNS

After some discussion it was agreed that if people want to behave in an environmentally friendly way, and reduce their carbon footprint, they will do so without any formal structure.

19. PLASTIC BAGS

The group in the village is now being guided by Rachel Buxton, CYC. Cllr Mrs Stones will continue to attend their meetings and keep a watching brief.

20. COLD CALLING ZONES

Cllr Mrs Winter PROPOSED that we ask Cllr Paul Healey for further information on these. How do they work, and how are they policed? SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Mrs Winter

21. ACCOUNTS

The first half of the Precept, £9,500, is received.

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	10,952.91
Business Money Manager Account		31,216.16
	£	42,169.07

Credits to the Account this Month

Allotments Receipts 04-10	£	133.00
Allotments Receipts 11-18		182.00
Allotments Receipts 19-22,24-29 and 31		244.00
HM Revenue & Customs – VAT refund		140.32
Interest on Business Money Manager account		241.48
	£	940.80

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Copmanthorpe Scout Group – grant	£	3,000.00
The Occasion Choir – grant		400.00
Copmanthorpe Good Companions – grant		300.00
Copmanthorpe branch Yorkshire Countrywomen - grant		100.00
City of York Council – burial ground parking		3,679.29
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – subscription		581.00
Copmanthorpe Village Magazine		212.88
Fulprint – June PC News		95.00
Caroline Anderson – June PC News		50.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		15.79
Appleton Roebuck & Copmanthorpe Drainage Board		2.73
P D Greenwell – expenses		36.35
P D Greenwell – salary		425.13
	£	8,898.17

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Winter. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Town twinning
Coronation Cup
Cold Calling Zones
Transport
Rural Arts Project
Carnival

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10 June 2008 at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Intermediate Planning meeting – Wednesday, 28th May 2008 in the Methodist Church at 7.15 pm.

Roads and Footpaths Committee – Tuesday, 3rd June 2008 at 7.30 pm - to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed Date