

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 12  
AUGUST 2008 in the HOWELL HALL, COPMANTHORPE at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:**                    **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN**                    **Chairman**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR B BELL**  
                                 **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**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER**

**Mrs P D Greenwell**                    **Clerk**

**1. APOLOGIES**

None.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. NEW COUNCILLOR**

The Clerk has contacted Mr Alan Travena, the unsuccessful candidate at the last election. He is willing to be co-opted onto the Parish Council and will attend the September meeting.

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held Tuesday, 8 July 2008.** Cllr Mrs Winter asked that the reference to the possible youth shelter at the Recreation Centre be deleted as this has not yet been discussed by the Recreation Centre management committee. The approval of these Minutes, subject to the said deletion, was PROPOSED by Cllr. Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT**

The report of the External Auditor is awaited, following submission of the Annual Return.

We await hearing further about the proposed Memorial to the victims of the Copmanthorpe Air Crash in 1948.

Letters of thanks for their prizes have been received from Mr Lawrence Cornhill (Best Plants Person) and Mrs Ann Frankish (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Best Garden Competition).

A sample promotional pen is received, but Councillors did not wish to purchase any of these.

**6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

Very little youth trouble to report, despite school holidays. A car stolen from Temple Lane was found burned out in Clifton. A shed in Bellmans Croft has been broken into and a bike stolen. Graffiti has appeared in Low Green.

**7. WARD COMMITTEE**

No Ward Councillor present. No report.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

The **John Hodgson Charitable Trust** has monies for people in need. Cllr Mrs Stones to take to the Good Companions. The organisers of the **Arts Exhibition** at the Carnival thanks the Parish Council for sponsoring two exhibition boards, and informs us that the Exhibition raised £300 for the Recreation Centre.

Cllr  
Mrs Stones

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

Approvals are received for 16 Learmans Way, 6 College Road, 9a Flaxman Croft, 39 Temple Lane and 20 Horseman Avenue (with many conditions). There will be a site meeting tomorrow at the School Bungalow re the proposed After Hours Club.

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

A directional signs for the Recreation Centre is to be provided on Main Street. The 'Cycle way' sign at the top of Manor Heath should be in place soon.

Resurfacing of the Public Right of Way from Wheelwrights Close to Low Green has begun, and will take approx. 6 weeks.

CYC are to ask the contractors to repair the damage to the burial ground parking area, and will also repair the lighting on the pedestrian bridge on the new road.

Bob Williams, architect at CYC, will visit the car park after the holidays to survey and prepare a scheme.

**c) Finance**

Usborne Books Ltd ask us for a donation towards books for local schools. Cllr Parker PROPOSED a donation of £90 which will provide a full-class set of books. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Parker also PROPOSED a payment of £100 to Mr Andrew Wilson for his work in setting up the Parish Council's new computer. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. Seven IN FAVOUR. One AGAINST. Two ABSTENSIONS.

There will be a Meeting of the Finance Committee next Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm in the Youth Club.

#### **10. RECREATION CENTRE**

No report.

#### **11. CODE OF CONDUCT**

New forms for registration of interests and declarations of acceptance of office are received. Councillors are asked to complete these and return to the Clerk for checking against the received Guidance by the end of August. All Cllrs

#### **12. ECO-PARK**

- In response to the Clerk's letter, we are informed that no final decision has yet been taken as to whether or not this will now proceed. An article has also appeared in the Press.

#### **13. YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM**

Information has been received, from which it appears that Copmanthorpe will fall into the Small Country Town category. A range of issues will be considered in the judging, which will take 2 hours, including conservation, recycling, cleanliness, graffiti, litter, community involvement and car parks. It is PROPOSED that we consider this for the year after next, and that the Gardening Competition Committee be expanded to organise. As a first step, Cllr Bell will speak to the contact at Dunnington, who entered this year.

#### **14. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS**

The Clerk reported that almost £6,000 has been received as a result of these Agreements. Whilst some work has been done, eg. planting on Low Green, and works to trees in the burial ground, Councillors are asked to consider other schemes for this money, prior to a discussion next month. All Cllrs



**15. TRANSPORT**

The sign at the bus stop on Top Lane is still incorrect. Cllr Mrs Townsend to contact CYC once again about this.

Cllr Mrs  
Townsend

**16. COLD CALLING ZONES**

Cllr Stericker has obtained 100 "Bogus Caller Packs". Some will go in the Library, some will be kept by the Clerk, and a notice will be placed in the Newsletter advising residents of their availability.

Cllr  
Stericker

**17. RURAL ARTS**

The meeting and presentation arranged for 22 July had been attended by approx. a dozen people. Cllr Mrs Townsend will now write to them, and those who were invited but did not attend, to invite them to a further meeting at the end of September.

Cllr Mrs  
Townsend

**18. TOWN TWINNING**

This would be an enormous project, and much community involvement would be needed. Cllr Mrs Taylor has now found the essential information for councillors to consider whether we should go ahead with this, and will send it to them with a view to discussion next month.

All  
Cllrs

**19. ACCOUNTS**

A new Mandate form has been obtained from the Bank and it was RESOLVED that the Vice-Chairman, and Chairmen of all Committees, should join the Chairman as cheque signatories.

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	957.33
Business Money Manager Account		30,207.85

£ 31,165.18

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Louis M R Ledger	£	75.00
Re: Basil S and Janice D Stuart		250.00
Interest on Business Money Mgr Account		211.69

£ 536.69

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Dean Landscaping Limited	£	797.01
Yorkshire Audit		250.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		19.51
P D Greenwell – expenses		468.89
P D Greenwell – salary		425.13
	£	1,960.54

Therefore please authorise the transfer of £1,000 from the Business Money Manager to the Community Account. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Yorkshire in Bloom  
Section 106 Agreements  
Rural Arts  
Town Twinning

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

An intermediate meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August in the Methodist Hall at 7.15 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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