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

PRESENT:

COUNCILLOR D BOWEN

Chairman

COUNCILLOR B BELL

COUNCILLOR S STERICKER COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER

Mrs P D Greenwell

Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs C Townsend Councillor G Waite Councillor P Healey

City of York Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 10 JUNE 2008,** having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

At the allotments the Clerk has met with a plumber from CYC to discuss possible positions and cost of two additional taps. A written quote will be prepared for our consideration. The hedge will be cut by the end of this week, and Mr Gospel has been contacted again about the fence.

A request has been received for a commemorative vase to an existing memorial, in respect of someone whose remains are elsewhere. Councillors are happy to allow this, but would ask that the wording reflect this. The Clerk will similarly make a note in the appropriate burial ground register.

The casual vacancy brought about by the resignation of Cllr Irwin has been advertised and, if at least ten requests to hold an election have not been received by 10 July we can co-opt a new member.

The Clerk to approach the unsuccessful candidate at the last election, Mr Alan Travena. Councillors are asked to inform the Clerk if they have any further suggestions.

Clerk Cllrs

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

No report.

6. WARD COMMITTEE

No Ward Councillor present. We are informed that Cllr Healey is to be abroad on business for much of the time in the immediate future, but one of the others will attend if they are available.

CYC would like to see lots of the villages taking part in Yorkshire in Bloom. However it is noted that last time this was discussed there was insufficient interest in the village to make it viable. Also, Copmanthorpe falls between categories – we are too large to enter as a village, and too small to be a town.

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It was agreed that the Roads and Footpaths Committee would get further information, with a view to contacting the Horticultural Society Cllr and those who have entered the Garden Competition. Discuss Stericker again in October.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary of the **Yorkshire Countrywomen** in Copmanthorpe thanks the Parish Council for its grant of £100 towards the cost of their rent at the Recreation Centre.

CYC Environmental Protection Manager informs us that Elvington Park Ltd/Elvington Events Ltd intend to appeal in the High Court against the noise abatement notice served in March 2005. In the meantime the notice is still in force and they must comply.

C E Electric UK are establishing a Parish Council Liaison Group with a view to finding vulnerable customers to add to their Register. They are also going to run a consultation with regard to their future business plans.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

A refusal has been received for the bungalows at 55 Temple Lane, but they are going to Appeal.

Approval at 13 Horseman Lane, but with conditions in relation to size and height.

Residents had objected to the proposal for land adjacent to 4 Ostlers Close. The access to the proposed property would be across land in private ownership. Approval has been granted, but with many conditions. There is a Sec. 106 Agreement giving £2,124 for public open space, but there is to be no development until this has been provided. The right of way will then have to be negotiated with the other owners.

b) Roads and Footpaths

CYC currently have no funds to reinforce the grass verge on Manor Heath, but Highways may have.

The depression on the footpath outside the Co-op is to be dealt with in August. Footpath overgrowth on the railway bridge has been cut back.

The cycleway sign at the top of Manor Heath has been recovered, the pole is usable but a new sign is needed. The bent signs near the Fox and Hounds have been surveyed and will be straightened.

Replacement litter and dog bins for Manor Heath and Back Lane have been ordered and programmed.

Bob Williams, Street Architect, will prepare a scheme for the Shopping Centre Car Park when other work allows.

c) Finance

No report.

9. **AUDIT 2007-08**

The Report from the Internal Auditor is received, and there are no causes for concern. The Annual Return is completed and was duly signed by the Clerk and Chairman, for forwarding to the External Auditors, Mazars in Southampton.

10. RECREATION CENTRE

The Committee are hoping to provide facilities for younger teenagers, in the form of a brick wall upon which will be erected a basketball hoop and goal posts and cricket wicket will be painted. The possibility of a Youth Shelter, which would cost in the region of £11,000. is also to be considered. Former Councillor Glen Bradley is helping to get one of these for Poppleton and will send us the information he has.

11. **CORONATION CUP**

This year there were 36 entries, and judging has now taken place. Prizes will be given at the Horticultural Show on 19th July. Letters of invitation will be sent to all entrants.

Clerk

12. WORLD HERITAGE SITE

A letter is received from Janet Hopton asking if we support the view that an application should proceed to have York accredited as a World Heritage Site. Councillors are in support, the Clerk to reply. However Councillors did not feel it necessary that a member of the Steering Group be asked to give a presentation to the Parish Council. Clerk

13. WAR MEMORIALS

It has been suggested that a memorial should be erected to the fourteen victims of the Copmanthorpe Air Crash. Next month marks the 60th anniversary of the accident and Councillors agreed that this would be appropriate. The organising group would purchase and erect any memorial and the Parish Council is empowered to maintain it.

Clerk

14. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

No report.

15. COLD CALLING ZONES

After some discussion as to the need to establish one or more of these it was agreed that for the time being it would be sufficient for us to obtain a supply of the window stickers, and for an article in the Newsletter and on the website to explain their use and availability.

Cllr Stericker

16. RURAL ARTS PROJECT

Letters have been delivered to representatives of village organisations inviting them to the presentation on 22 July. A number of positive replies have been received.

17. TOWN TWINNING

Cllr Mrs Taylor is still seeking information on this. Defer to next meeting.

Clerk

18. CARNIVAL

A few comments/questions had been made to councillors manning our stall, notably with regard to the Ecopark. The Clerk to write to Askham Bryan College asking for an update, with a view to putting Clerk/information in the Newsletter and on the website.

Other subjects were: the road surface on Low Green (in hand), sight lines at Colton Crossroads, type and volume of music at the Carnival.

It was noted that our display material is looking a little tired. It was suggested that some photos from the gardening competition might Cllrs enhance the stall for the future – these could also perhaps go on Townsend/the website. Discuss at a future meeting. Whitfield

19. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	1,511.61 31,216.16
	£	32,727.77
Credits to the Account this Month		
Allotments Receipts Nos. 32-39	£	182.00
	£	182.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
B M Dean Limited R Scott – garden competition judge expenses Npower – burial ground Reed and Allen Ltd – burial ground gates YLCA – books P D Greenwell – expenses, including computer P D Greenwell – salary	£	890.77 141.00 95.81 58.00 24.60 463.97 425.13
	£	2,099.28

The approval of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

It was noted that a new Bank Mandate is needed.

Clerk

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Ecopark Rural Arts Town Twinning Yorkshire in Bloom

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12th August 2008 at 7.30 pm. This will be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 p m. An intermediate meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Wednesday, 23rd July at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed	Date	•••••