

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2008 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR D BOWEN</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>COUNCILLOR B BELL</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR D F PARKER</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR S STERICKER</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR MRS S STONES</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER</b>	
	<b>Mrs P D Greenwell</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
	<b>Mrs M Driver</b>	<b>Resident</b>
	<b>Mr Malcolm Clarke</b>	<b>Resident</b>
	<b>Mrs J Broxham</b>	<b>Resident</b>
	<b>Mr Woodley</b>	<b>Resident</b>
	<b>Mr Alan Travena</b>	<b>Co-optee</b>

Before the business of the meeting began Mr Clarke reported that the incidence of Anti-social Behaviour is increasing in the Low Green area, and also at the bottom of Flaxman Croft. Such behaviour includes urinating in private gardens, under-age drinking of alcohol on Low Green, climbing on the roof of the Co-op and kicking the metal sign outside the shop when the shop is closed. The residents feel that the police are failing to properly respond. Cllr Waite, as police liaison representative, will deal with this.

Mrs Broxham is concerned that the verge by the post box opposite the Fox and Hounds is being damaged by vehicles parking there to use the post box. Cllr Stericker will contact York Pride and ask if rubber reinforcing mesh can be fitted, as they have done outside the burial ground.

Mr Woodley is concerned about rogue traders who advertise in the Newsletter. He has employed a builder whose workmanship was allegedly very bad, and who failed to complete the job. He has spoken to Roy Piercy, and also to the Clerk, and has now taken the matter up with the Trading Standards Department at CYC. If they uphold his allegations the Parish Council will ask that the relevant advertisement be removed from the Newsletter, and in the meantime will suggest that the Newsletter print a general disclaimer concerning the competence or reputation of its advertisers.

Mr Alan Travena was then introduced to councillors and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Waite  
Councillor P Healey

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 12 August 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. Cllr Mrs Stones requested that Risk Assessments be an agenda item for November.

## 4. CLERK'S REPORT

The work to re-site the gate and mend the fence at the allotments is now complete.

It is time to consider what kind of trees to plant in the burial ground to replace the ones recently removed.

Clerk/Cllr  
Stericker

## 5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

Monthly crime figures have already been circulated. Cllr Mrs Winter reported that she had seen youths drinking by a car parked in the Recreation Centre car park at 3.45 am, and had experienced difficulty when trying to report this to the police the following day.

## 6. RURAL WEST WARD

Cllrs Bowen and Mrs Stones had attended the Ward Planning Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, where there had been a discussion on the proposals to extend the Park and Ride car park at Askham Bar. The next Ward meeting for the public will be in Copmanthorpe on 15<sup>th</sup> October, where this Parish Council will report on the Main Street lighting scheme. Cllr Whitfield to take the new banners to the meeting.

Cllr  
Whitfield

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

We are informed that the new **Monitoring Officer for CYC** is Mr Quentin Baker, who is to explore the possibility of training sessions for councillors with a view to reducing the already small number of complaints against Parish Councillors.

Mr Frank Paterson, **Chairman of Askham Bryan Parish Council** and a



Member of the **York and Selby branch of the CPRE**, asks if we would like to be involved in a “litter pick” on the new road, organised by CYC, as part of the CPRE’s national anti-litter campaign. Cllrs Bowen, Stericker and Mrs Taylor will attend any future daytime meeting to discuss, Cllr Bell will go if it is during the evening.

**Mr John Diley, 10 Wilstrop Farm Road**, sends us a copy of his letter to CYC regarding flooding at the junction of Back Lane and Westfield Lane. The Clerk to acknowledge, and ask to be kept informed of any reply. (£200k has been set aside to deal with highway areas known to be at risk of flooding in the Ward).

Clerk

## 8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

No decisions have been received this month.

The footpath from Wainers Close to Wattlers Close still has scaffolding across it, and bricks and metal struts upon it, with no lighting or signage to indicate their presence. Cllr Mrs Taylor to again ask for a visit by the Enforcement Officer. Cllr Mrs Taylor

Two copies of the City Centre Area Action Plan are received.

These do not concern Copmanthorpe, therefore we will not be responding.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

Potholes on Station Road near the bridge have been reported, and CYC have been reminded about road drainage in The Link.

Resurfacing of the Low Green/Wheelwright Close footpath is almost finished. CYC are considering marking the footpath outside the allotments in order to control the manner in which cars are parked on the verge. They are to visit the pedestrian bridge on the new road, where the lights are still not working, this week, and to remove graffiti there.

Signs to the Recreation Centre at the top of St Giles Way are in place, and bent signs at the Fox and Hounds are to be repaired.

Bob Williams, an architect with CYC, is to visit the Shopping Centre and prepare a scheme for improvements for ongoing discussions with the owners and tenants of the shops.

An article about “Bogus Caller” packs has been sent to the Newsletter for inclusion in October.

**c) Finance**

A request from the Brownies for financial help had been previously Circulated, but the amount needed was unspecified. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that he and the Chairman agree a sum, if a decision is needed before our October meeting. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**9. RECREATION CENTRE**

New fencing is needed from the railway line to the gate which will cost approx. £6,500. If necessary we could make a grant towards this using Sec. 106 monies.

**10. YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM**

It is acknowledged that to enter this competition would mean a great deal of work, and would require input from other village organisations and individuals. Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that we use the Newsletter to gauge the amount of interest there might be in entering in 2010. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

**11. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS**

We have received a little under £6,000 in Sec 106 monies. Possible uses for this include the Play Area at the Recreation Centre, planting of bulbs on the verges and in the burial ground, work to the open space at the rear of the WI hall (used by Panda Playgroup), tree planting on the path to the rear of the school, and the Rural Arts Project. The use and expenditure of these monies to be placed on the agenda of the next Finance Committee meeting.

Cllr  
Parker**12. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that we request that Ward Councillors attend these meetings and stay for the whole of the meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Winter. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

**13. RURAL ARTS PROJECT**

There is to be a second meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, to which all those who attended the first meeting, plus those who were informed but did not attend, will be invited. Cllr Mrs Townsend will follow up the letters with a phone call.

Clerk/  
Cllr Mrs  
Townsend

**14. TOWN TWINNING**

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that, in view of the amount of work involved, this project not be pursued for now. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**15. ACCOUNTS**

## Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	76.79
Business Money Manager Account		29,207.85

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## Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Hedley James Charles	£	80.00
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## Accounts to be Paid this Month

B M Dean Limited	£	1,913.26
John Gospel – allotments gate and fence		480.00
CPI Officepoint Limited – banners		350.15
Andrew Wilson – computer set up		100.00
Fulprint – September PC News		95.00
Books for local schools		90.00
Caroline Anderson – September PC News		50.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		55.03
P D Greenwell – salary		425.13
Petty Cash		30.00

	£	3,588.57
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The transfer of £4,000 from the Business Money Manager Account to the Community Account was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.



**16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None noted.

Cllrs Mrs Stones and Mrs Taylor tendered their apologies.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

There will be an interim meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

The second meeting to discuss the Rural Arts Project will be on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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