

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 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 A TRAVENA**  
**COUNCILLOR MRS A WINTER**

**Mrs P D Greenwell                      Clerk**  
**Cllr I Gillies                              City of York Council**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Mrs C Townsend  
Councillor G Waite  
Councillor P Healey

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**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. RURAL WEST WARD**

Cllr Gillies reported that funding for lights on the Wheelwright Close/Low Green footpath had been approved. Apart from this very little had been requested from Copmanthorpe.

However £1,300 has been offered to the Scout Group for the Community Art Project, provided it is spent before the end of March. This offer has been accepted by Nigel White.

Funding of £1 million, to be spent after April, has been offered by the Government for play facilities in areas of deprivation. York will receive some of this, and some could come to Copmanthorpe.

Latest figures show that the Ward has experienced the biggest increase in crime over the entire City, particularly in the Poppletons. There have been thefts of diesel fuel and offices have been broken into, eg. on Northminster Business Park, particularly in the early mornings. Cllr Stericker will alert Richard Collier Plant Hire to these problems.

The next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> February at Poppleton Community Centre, commencing with the usual surgery at 6.30 pm, at which Michelle Watling, CYC and John Miller from Yorwaste will be present, together with representatives from the police.

The CYC budget will be set in March.

Cllr Healey informs us that the fencing at the Fox and Hounds is not the responsibility of the Licensing Department, so he is going to contact the Health and Safety Executive and the company that owns the pub.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Travena. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

#### 5. CLERK'S REPORT

We still have not received plans for the proposed extension to the Park and Ride site at Askham Bar, however there is to be a meeting at the end of this Month and it is hoped that plans will be finalised then.

Clarification of the position regarding signage on Jubilee Walk No. 5 is still awaited. The Clerk to pursue this.

Clerk

The Youth Club Drama Group has now been resurrected and they will be very pleased to receive the £1,220 discussed at our last meeting.

#### 6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

No report. The village seems quiet at the moment. The mobile police station is to visit soon.

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of a letter from **Ed Balls, Secretary of State** to John Greenway, MP is received. This gives details of new funding for certain local authorities to build and renew public play areas and adventure playgrounds (See item 3 above). The Clerk to get further details of this from CYC.

Clerk

**York Open Planning Forum** inform us that the draft Local List for York is now available online. However it is not a complete document,



and has not yet been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by CYC.

**York and North Yorkshire Waste Partnership and North Yorkshire County Council** inform us of free training sessions aimed at reducing the amount of food waste sent to landfill.

A resident of Temple Lane writes to complain that the street lamp at the front of their property is now burning much more brightly than previously and disturbing their sleep. Passed to Cllr Stericker.

Cllr  
Stericker

## 8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

Approval is received for works to trees at Constables, Templars Court.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

CYC Highways are to survey and repair relevant potholes.

Bus shelter seats should be replaced soon.

The grass verge by the post box on Top Lane is again rutted and will be re-inspected.

The footpath by the stile at the allotments is to be marked "Keep Clear" to facilitate use of the dropped kerb there.

New lights in Main Street are still to be connected. The light by the Burial Ground is still missing.

Lights on the pedestrian bridge over the railway are now repaired.

A replacement for the missing litter bin on Memorial Green has been requested. A meeting with CPRE and CYC following the successful litter pick will take place at Hazel Court on 6<sup>th</sup> March. A second litter pick is proposed for 29 March. It is hoped that students from Askham Bryan College will take part.

Cllr Bell has prepared a paper on the allotments for discussion at the next Roads and Footpaths meeting.

Suggested dates for a meeting with Bob Williams to discuss his proposals for the shopping centre car park are 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Cllr Stericker to finalise.

Cllr  
Stericker

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 at 7.30 pm

### c) Finance

Minutes of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were circulated.

Cllr Travena PROPOSED that a Precept of £24,755 be set for the year 2009/10. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR.

This will equate to £14.79 per Band D property.

**9. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

The Clerk described the problems with the new lights this year. Councillors would like to explore the possibility of additional decorations next year, possibly centring on the shopping centre.

**10. RISK ASSESSMENT**

Cllr Travena has prepared a draft document for consideration. The Council is grateful to him for his work on this so far. Cllr Travena and the Clerk to meet to go through the document, and a small working group comprising Cllrs Bowen, Parker, Stericker, Travena and the Clerk will then meet to finalise.

Clerk/Cllr  
Travena

**11. RECREATION CENTRE**

Nothing to report.

**12. RURAL ARTS PROJECT**

The Ward has promised the Scouts £1,300 of the anticipated £2,200 cost of the Project. Nigel White has approached a considerable number of people to ask for help with the project on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, and hopes that there will be approx. 50 people. The mosaic will then be installed on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

An application for funding from Awards for All, part of the National Lottery, has been made but it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would make up the shortfall of £900 if this application should fail.

**13. ACCOUNTS**

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	6,872.39
Business Money Manager Account		26,625.63
	£	33,498.02



Credits to the Account this Month

HM Revenue and Customs – VAT refund	£	1,251.68
Re: Florence Larins		80.00
Re: William Frederick Clarke		30.00
	£	1,361.68

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Copmanthorpe Youth Club – for drama group (replacement for cheque no. 101263)	£	1,220.00
Cockey Hill Lawnmowers		243.34
Aetherweb Limited – website		201.25
J N Boldry – Christmas tree		100.00
Npower – burial ground		96.37
P D Greenwell – expenses		41.20
P D Greenwell – salary (including 9 months back pay)		529.13
	£	2,431.29

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

**14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Broadband Speed in Copmanthorpe  
Carnival and Street Fair 2009

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.  
Interim Planning Committee meeting – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.15 pm.  
Roads and Footpaths Committee – Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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