A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER 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 A TRAVENA

COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

COUNCILLOR G WAITE COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell

Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor D F Parker Councillor Mrs A Winter Councillor P Healey

City of York Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 11th November 2008, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The Annual Return has been send back to us by Mazars, our External Auditors, duly signed off. Copies of the relevant pages have been displayed in the notice board. The Christmas tree has been ordered, and will be put in place on 12th December decorated with replacement lights.

The litter pick organised jointly with CPRE and CYC was successfully completed last month, with help from the Scouts and the other uniformed organisations in the village. On the same day, volunteers from these groups planted 500 daffodil bulbs in the burial ground. We are grateful to them for this community effort. Work has begun on the Main Street lighting scheme.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

Two instances of anti-social behaviour have occurred, on 5th and 8th November. There was a theft from the Co-op on 27th November. Boys have been fighting on Manor Heath. There has been criminal damage to a property on Church Street and graffiti on windows of the Old School surgery and in the car park there.

6. RURAL WEST WARD

No councillor present. We are informed by Paul Thackray, CYC, that revised plans for the proposed extension to the Park and Ride site at Askham Bar will be sent to us following a meeting which is to take place soon.

Cllr Mrs Taylor to ensure that we receive these.

Taylor

7. CORRESPONDENCE

We are informed that the Public Inquiry into the activities of **Elvington**Park Ltd at Elvington Airfield will take place on 11th December. Meanwhile the Noise Abatement Notice remains in force.

The North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service sends a summary of its Annual Accounts.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals are received for 33 Merchant Way, 9A Hallcroft Lane, 6 College Road and 26 Leadley Croft.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Potholes on the bridge at Station Road have been repaired, bus shelter seats are to be replaced next week. On the new road Barrie Jones, CYC, is to examine the tree protection sleeves and remove as necessary.

We are informed by a resident that signs have appeared which prohibit the use of part of Jubilee Walk No.5. We are verifying this with CYC and, if this is found to be correct, the Clerk will put a suitable notice in the Newsletter. Clerk

CYC have examined the verge at the post box on Top Lane and it will be repaired. Unfortunately there is no money to lay the rubber surfacing suggested by the Parish Council. However CYC have marked the footpath

by the stile at the allotment in order to protect the dropped kerb.

Light no.5 on the Low Green/Wheelwright Close footpath has been repaired. A "sky window" platform is needed before the lights on the pedestrian bridge on the new road can be repaired, hopefully before Christmas.

New columns are in place on Main Street but will probably not be connected before Christmas.

A new litter bin is needed for Memorial Green, and the design of a "No Litter" sign for New Moor Lane is under discussion.

Bob Williams, CYC, is arranging a site meeting at the Shopping Centre car park to try to formulate a scheme. Cllrs Bowen, Mrs Stones, Stericker, Mrs Winter and the Clerk will attend.

c) Finance

A meeting of the Finance Committe for a preliminary discussion of the eight grant applications was held on 2nd December. Addition information is being sought from some of these. A further Committee meeting will be held on 8th January at 7.30 pm - venue to be advised.

The Clerk advised members of a sum of £1,220, which we have been holding for the Drama Group Youth Club for some time. This was money granted by CYC to pay for the employment of a Leader for the Drama Group, but this post has not been filled for some months. The Clerk to again contact the Youth Club to ascertain if there is another project for which they could use this money.

Clerk

9. PUBLICATION SCHEME

There is a requirement to draw up a Publication Scheme to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Parish Council did this several years ago when this legislation was first introduced, but we now have to go through this procedure again. Cllrs RESOLVED to adopt the Model Publication Scheme.

10. RECREATION CENTRE

The Bowls Club have applied for a grant to help with the cost of relaying some paving slabs. This is a health and safety issue. The Parish Council will also be giving the Recreation Centre up to £1,000 before the end of the financial year, as usual, to assist with the cost of grass cutting.

11. RURAL ARTS

The brochure is currently being considered by the Scouts and the Historical Society, with a view to putting forward a project. It is suggested that we ask the Rural Arts team to take a stall at the Carnival.

Cllr Mrs
Townsend

12. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank		
Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	6,978.70 26,265.63
	£	33,604.33
Credits to the Account this Month		
Re: Christopher John Ambler	£	75.00
	£	75.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Dean Landscapes Limited Mazars – audit fee Fulprint – December PC News SLCC – Clerk's subscription Caroline Anderson – December PC News Yorkshire Water – allotments Yorkshire Water – burial ground P D Greenwell – expenses P D Greenwell – salary Petty Cash	£	1,513.28 334.88 111.63 94.00 50.00 33.38 19.51 29.98 471.33 30.00
	£	2,687.99

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

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Christmas Lights Risk Assessment

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13th January 2009 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Interim Planning Committee meeting, Wednesday, 28th January at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall.

Finance Meeting – Thursday 8th January at 7.30 pm – venue to be advised.

Clerk

There	being no	further	business,	the	Meeting	closed	at 8.35	pm.

Signed	Date
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